** Westcott Primary School**

**‘Inspiring independence and a love for learning’**

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Christmas at Westcott Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now entering that very busy time of year in the run up to Christmas. In school, as well as at home, it is incredibly busy as we try and make sure the children have as many opportunities as possible to celebrate Christmas. We are also busy in school as we have to ensure all autumn term data is collated and analysed.

At Westcott we have traditionally put on a Foundation Stage Nativity Performance and continue to do this as we feel this is important to our school community. With other activities taking place in school there is increased pressure on the school hall so we decided this year to spread other large performances across the school year.

Years 1 and 2 will put on a performance to parents in the first half of the spring term and Years 3 and 4 in the second half of the spring term (linked to Easter). Our oldest children, in Years 5 and 6, will perform to parents in the summer term (Y6 with their leavers assembly)

Also at the end of each term the children will showcase the work they have produced during the term and parents are invited in to see this.

We are working closely with Hull Truck and are also keen to ensure the children have the opportunity to watch a performance at a theatre. Again pressure on staffing means that this will be spread across the year. Our foundation stage pupils were invited to attend the Pantomime at The Freedom Centre and our years 5 and 6 pupils are going to see Oliver Twist as it fits in with their curriculum theme. Children in years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will have the opportunity to attend a theatre performance in the spring and summer terms.

To help you navigate through the next two weeks please find a list of events and the details overleaf.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our forthcoming Christmas celebrations.

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| Date  | Who? | Event detail |
| Tuesday 11th December  | Whole school  | **Christmas Wrap event** Children wrap a present for a family member.Children not wishing to take part make Crispy Buns**1.00** |
| Wednesday 12th December  | EYFS children  | **Nativity performance** **2.30** for parents in the hall |
| Thursday 13th December  | EYFS children  | Children are watching the **Pantomime** performance at the Freedom Centre **Leaving school 12.30** |
| Thursday 13th December  | KS1 parents  | Mrs Ibrahim is hosting a **phonics information** session in the school hall at **2.45-3.15** |
| Friday 14th December  | Whole School  | **Christmas Jumper Day**Children wear a Christmas jumper or non-uniform and make a donation to  |
| Monday 17th December | School Choir KS2 | **Singing at Asda** **Time tbc** |
| Monday 17th December  | Whole School  | **Art Exhibition**Children’s art work will be on display in the hall from **3.30**All parents invited to look at the art work |
| Monday 17th December  | Whole School  | Autumn term **showcase of work** Parents can visit classrooms to see the work their child has produced this term from **3.30** |
| Tuesday 18th December  | School Choir  | **Singing at Morrison’s** **Time tbc** |
| Tuesday 18th December  | EYFS and Y2 | **Dance performance** to parents Children in these year groups have been working with NAPA and will perform their dances to parents in the hall at **2.30** |
| Wednesday 19th December  | Whole school  | **Carol service at St Columba’s Church 10.00**Children will sing a selection of carols, selected children will perform readings and perform musical exerts.We will be presenting Christingles and Rev. Dave will also address the congregation  |
| Thursday 20th December  | Whole School  | **Christmas Dinner** We would like all children to join us for our Christmas Dinner.This is an opportunity for us to come together and eat the traditional turkey dinner (vegetarian options are available), pull crackers and listen to some festive tunes. Staff serve the children!!!More details to follow in a separate letter. |
| Friday 21st December  | Whole School  | Final day at school **Class party day** |