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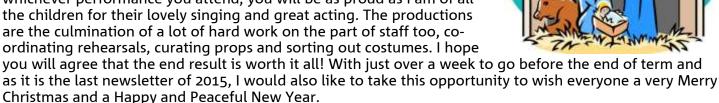
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WRIGGLY-SANTA-SPECIAL-IN-A-BARN

This newsletter goes out at the start of a bumper few days for Christmas performances. Today sees all of

Foundation Stage children performing (for most of them, their first school production) Wriggly Nativity. Following hot on their heels are KS2 with The Santa Special tomorrow evening and Friday afternoon, closely pursued by KS1 performing Born in a Barn on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning next week.

I must say a particularly large thank you too to Crickette Harkness for her wizardry with a needle, having made a whole new set of muchneeded animal costumes for KS2. They are amazing! I hope that, whichever performance you attend, you will be as proud as I am of all the children for their lovely singing and great acting. The productions are the culmination of a lot of hard work on the part of staff too, coordinating rehearsals, curating props and sorting out costumes. I hope



STOP PRESS!

Children can wear their Christmas
Jumpers for School Christmas Dinner
day next Wednesday, for a donation
of 50p to Martin House.



FRIENDS OF WESTGATE



First of all, a huge thank you to Vicky Mirfield, Kevin Jacobs and Jane Barr who masterminded and ran the Friends of Westgate Victorian Fayre Stall. It was a great success, making a whopping £643.90 after expenses - a record! Thanks too, to those who helped out on the stall, who donated chocolate for the chocolate tombola and of course to those of you that came and spent some money with us on Sunday. Earlier this half term, though not primarily a fundraising event, the Beetle Drive was well-attended and made £87.12. Finally, thanks to Liz Bownes who organised the children's Christmas Cards sales. This

made a fantastic £265! Attached to this newsletter is a final chance to order tickets for the pantomime in January - any ticket orders should be sent to the school office by this Friday. I think you will agree that after such a successful term, the Friends have earned a break over Christmas: however never fear as Laurel Chambers is already planning the School Discos for 21/01/16!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Just a reminder in case families are buying school shoes over the Christmas holidays: school shoes should be **black.** There have been a number of children wearing **red** shoes or boots to school in recent weeks and these are *not* part of our uniform guidelines. Thank you for your support in this matter.

SCHOOL SAVINGS CLUB

Karen Mellor has



received her training from Leeds City Credit Union and the Savings Club will begin the second week of next term on Tuesday mornings. If you would like your child to join but haven't yet done so, you can get an application form from the School Office at any point. Children receive an annual dividend payment and collect rewards based on the frequency of their deposits, rather than the size of their deposits, in order to encourage regular saving and good personal finance habits. We are grateful to Karen for volunteering to run this great new initiative on behalf of Friends of Westgate.

FOUNDATION STAGE OUTDOOR AREA

We are delighted that, due to an underspend on the solar panels, we have been able to invest in developing the outdoor area for our youngest pupils. This half term has seen the installation of long planting beds, a textured pathway, a road 'hump' and, most exciting of all, a Mud Kitchen! We are looking forward to the children using the new facilities next term.

WESTGATE WINDFALL

December's winners are:

1st: Mr & Mrs Heath-Walker (£104)

2nd: Mr & Mrs Davies (£26)

3rd: Mrs G Mullens (£13) We currently have 52 members. If you would like to join the monthly draw, please see Mrs Finlay in the office for application details. You can pay by standing order or cash/ cheque in advance. All proceeds go to Westgate School Fund, which is used to purchase resources, to fund visitors to school and to subsidise trips for all pupils.

TOY LIBRARY

Just a reminder that Toy Library is open to families of children in Nursery to Y2, after school on Thursdays in the Y1/2 Shared Area. Come along and see what is on offer to borrow for a small annual subscription of just £1- a bargain! Thanks to Sarah Drake and Helen Jackson for running this on behalf of Friends of Westgate.

DATES FOR THE DIARY



Next term is looking busy already! Once you've caught your breath from Christmas, make sure you put these dates on your family calendar 2016:

04/01/16 Training Day: School closed to pupils

05/01/16 Back to School 16/01/16 FOW Panto Trip

25&26/01/16 Show Racism the Red Card 01/02/16 Y5/6 Scooter & Pedestrian Training

09/02/16 Walk the Walls

12/02/16 Break up for half term

22/02/16 Training Day: School closed to pupils

23/02/16 Back to School

23/02/16 Nursery Induction meeting

25/02/16 Governors Day in School

29/02/16 Nursery to Y4 Pedestrian Training

01/03/16 Parent/ Carer Consultation Evenina

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03&04/16 D:Side Drugs Education Reception to Y6

16/03/16 Y1/2 visit the Mosque 17/03/16 Choir at Chevin Learning

Partnership concert, Yeadon Town Hall

25/03/16 Bank Holiday: School closed 28/03/16 Bank Holiday: School closed

30/03/16 Easter Concert

01/04/16 Break for Easter holiday

18/04/16 Back to School

18/04/16 National Offer day for Reception

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27/04/16 Class Photographs

05/05/16 Local Election Polling Station:

School closed to Nursery only

09/05/16 Y6 SAT test week

18/05/16 Y6 Junior Safemark Training

27/05/16 Break up for half term

06/06/16 Back to School

13/06/16 KS1 Phonics Screening Check week

13-15/06/16 Y6 Robinwood Residential

15/06/16 Y5 Whitby Residential

27/06/16 Y5/6 Visit to the Gurdwara

21/07/16 Last day of school for Nursery 22/07/16 Break up for the Summer Holidays

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE!



The Snow Queen" Pantomime – Leeds 16/01/16

Friends of Westgate are able to offer the opportunity to see this great production at The Carriageworks Theatre in Leeds, including coach transport there and back from Westgate, for just £12 a head, on January 16th 2016. This value for money offer is subject to a minimum of 50 tickets being sold. If fewer than 50 tickets are sold, the offer will be £12 for adults and £8 for children, without transport included.

We will be attending the Matinee performance so departure will be approx. 10:45 for the 12:00 show.

The trip is being organised by Friends of Westgate so will <u>not</u> be escorted. Children will need to be supervised by parents or



Anyone interested in what looks like being a thoroughly enjoyable event and what may be the first opportunity to introduce your child(ren) to the unique experience of live theatre should return the slip below to the school office by 11th December 2015.

