

Wistaston Weekly

Week 14 Friday 15th December 2023

The Christmas performances are in full swing and I have to say well done to everyone who has performed this week. Our Christmas Choir entertained last Friday night at the Church hall with a selection of festive tunes and will be performing agiain next week at Shavington Academy. The Christmas story was retold by our fabulous EYFS children who looked amazing and sang with such confidence, I have been singing 'Whoops-a Daisy Angel' all week!

Next week it is the turn of the KS1 children who will be putting on our first outdoor carol concert on Tuesday at 5pm. As this is an outdoor event please do wrap up warm and take advantage of the hot chocolate and snacks that will be available before the performance starts. I hope to see some of you there.

Kind regards Mrs Elsley Principal

Useful Dates for Diary

Further details are shared nearer to the time.

Any new dates added to this will be highlighted in green.

Important dates can also be found on the School Calendar at: https://www.wcla.co.uk/108/school-calendar

Week Beginning 18 th December	Monday 18 th	Year 5 Road Safety Presentation
	Tuesday 19 th	KS1 Carol Service (5pm start)
	Wednesday 20 th	Nursery Craft Afternoon with Family 2-3pm
	Wednesday 20 th	Shavington Academy Christmas Concert (6-8pm – Doors open at 5:30)
	Thursday 21st	EYFS Regent Theatre Pantomime
	Friday 22 nd	Last Day of Term
Week Beginning 25 th December	Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th	Christmas Holiday
Week Beginning 1st January	Mon 1 st – Fri 5 th	Christmas Holiday
Week Beginning 8 th January	Monday 8 th	INSET Day
	Tues 9 th – Fri 12 th	Whole School Writing Project – A Zoo in Our School
Week Beginning 15 th January	Monday 15 th	Cheshire East Deadline for Reception September 2024 Applications
	Wed 17 th – Thur 18 th	Y3D Delamere Residential
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	Thursday 18th	Census Day
Week Beginning 22 nd January	Thursday 25 th	Multicultural Children's Book Day

Week Commencing 18th December will be WEEK 2 for lunches

Friday Special Menu for 22nd December 2023 (Gluten free and Dairy free available)

YELLOW	Sausage Roll with Wedges, Peas and	
	Salad Bar	
PINK	Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Rice,	
	Peas and Salad Bar	
BLUE	Jacket Potato served with Cheese,	
	Beans or Tuna	
Dessert	Ice Cream	

What's New!

After School Clubs

Please be aware that no after school or lunchtime clubs will run next week (w/c 18th December).

Christmas

Next week is our last week in school before Christmas. Classes may go off their usual timetable during the week to take part in some Christmas activities but children should attend as usual and wear their normal uniform all week. The last day of term will be Friday 22nd December and school will close as normal at the end of the usual school day.

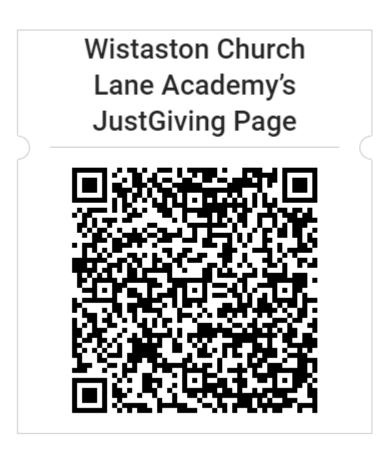
New Menus

**** Awaiting detail of new menus for January ****

Elf Run

Congratulations to everyone who took part in last week's Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice. A big thank you to everyone who has donated online. At the time of this newsletter, we have reached 92% of our target, raising £463. Donations can still be made via our JustGiving page (See the QR Code or link below for details) and would be much appreciated to help us reach our goal of £500:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/cathy-elsley-1699604876956?utm_medium=qrcode&utm_source=offline





Year 2 Nantwich Museum Trip

Year 2 had lots of fun learning about the Great Fire of Nantwich last week.







Fluenz

The Immunisation Team attended school on Wednesday to administer the flu vaccine to all children with consent. For those children who missed this, the Immunisation Team should be sending out a communication in the next few days to explain any alternative arrangements.

After School Clubs - Spring Term

After school and lunchtime clubs for next term are now live on Arbor.

All after school clubs will run weekly (term-time only) from the week beginning 15th January to the week ending 18th March unless otherwise stated below. All after school clubs will end at 4.15pm and children should be collected from the Junior Playground. Please note that no after school clubs will run w/c 12th February due to Parents' Evenings.

Where places are limited, we will be operating on a 'first come, first served' basis. We kindly ask that you initially book only one free after-school club for your child to ensure that everyone has a fair opportunity to take part in the clubs. If there are still places available on Sunday 17th December, additional clubs may then be booked.

Christmas Choir

Congratulations to everyone who performed in the Christmas Choir at the Wistaston Community Christmas Concert last Friday (8th December).

Tickets are still available for the Christmas concert at Shavington Academy where our Christmas Choir will be performing (See below).

Pupils should wear full school uniform along with their Elf hat from last week's Elf Run.

*** Arrangements for drop off and collection ***



Christmas reading recommendations

A message from Mrs Culshaw:

A book was always, and still is, my favourite present to receive at Christmas. Reading takes you to places you may never go, allows you to meet new people and learn so much about the world.



Reading favourite Christmas stories and revisiting old memories and friends between the covers of a book can be magical. If your child receives a book for Christmas and you would recommend it to someone else could you please let us know. We would love to see a picture of your child holding the book they receive at Christmas or even better if they could bring it to class to show their friends. Talking about books encourages children to read and allows them be excited to share their experience with others.

Some Christmas themed books you might want to share as a family over the festive time:

Picture books:







Shortish books:



KS2 novels:



Year 5 Bikeability Level 2

Bikeability Level 2 which will take place on 12th and 13th February 2024. Consent forms have been sent out to Year 5 via Arbor and should be completed in full and returned to the school office by **Friday 12th January 2024**.

A Festive Countdown in 25 Chapters

Staff Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant. If you know anyone who could be interested, please see https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/-1946597 for more details. Please note that all applications need to be submitted online via this link.

Consents on Arbor

If you have not done so already, please log onto your child's Arbor account to confirm consents for the following for this academic year:

- Local Area Visits
- 2023/2024 Photo Permissions
- Mobile Phone (Y5 and Y6 only)
- Walking Home Alone (Y5 and Y6 only)
- Arbor Update (To confirm that you have checked all information shown on Arbor is correct)
- Pupil Self Registration at Swan Stars Breakfast Club (Year 6 only)

Please note that new consents are required for each academic year. Thank you.

Asthma Forms

If your child suffers with asthma and you have not yet done so this academic year, please return completed asthma forms to the School Office at your earliest possible opportunity. Paper copies are available from the Office if required. Thank you.

Sports Coaching Group Winter Games Holiday Clubs

Sports Coaching Group are excited to be running a brand new competition during the Christmas holidays where pupils have the chance to participate in their 'Winter Games'. This is a series of sporting and enrichment activities with a points system that could lead to school having the opportunity to win a £250 PE provision voucher or a new team sports kit. Therefore, the more

children that attend the camps, the better the chances! If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please visit the link below:

Wistaston Church Lane: https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/152

They also have their HAF programme running which provides **free places** for children who receive income-related free school meals. If your child is eligible, please contact school for more details.





Reception Places September 2024

If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, applications are now open for Reception places in September 2024. **Please note that the deadline for applications is 15th January 2024.** Please see below for more details or visit https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx.



Helping Children Deal with Losses of any Kind

Mrs Clifford is offering another 4-session x 1hr weekly programme in conjunction with www.griefrecoverymethod.com to help children deal with losses of any kind - from friendship issues, to the absence, separation or death of a pet, divorce, loss of grandparents right through to everyday experiences such as moving class/school, losing a prized possession or loss of academic hopes, dreams and expectations. This brilliant course delivers top tips and support strategies, designed to give you a helpful toolkit of language choices – including what **not** to say! Loss is an unavoidable part of life and validating emotions, not comparing losses and active listening are just some of the tools that Mrs Clifford will explore with you. For full details and to book a free place please email Nicky Clifford – nclifford@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk.

Location – Wistaston Church Lane Academy Dates:

6th March 2024 – 1:30-3pm 13th March 2024 – 1:30 -3pm 20th March 2024 – 1:30 -3pm 27th March 2024 – 1:30 – 3pm



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Overdue

Year 2 Nantwich Museum - Overdue

Year 1 Arctic Explorers Workshop – Overdue

Reception Pantomime at Regent's Theatre - Overdue

Year 3 Delamere Residential – Final Balance due by 17/12/23

Year 4 Chester Deva – Payment by 12/01/24

Year 1 Chester Zoo – Payment by 26/01/24