

Wistaston Weekly

Week 11 Friday 24th November 2023

The build up to Christmas has now begun with the Christmas Choir practising songs and nativity songs coming from the EYFS! Next week all classes will take part in our Christmas hoop project which will be used to bring some festive cheer to our school corridors. Our tree will also be going up next week and we will be asking the children to decorate this with their Christmas wishes. Please note that Friday 1st December will be a non-uniform day for all children in return for donations for the Winter Fair tombola. The fair will be held on 2nd Dec from 1-3pm so hope to see you there (I hear that Father Christmas will be coming as well).

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 27 th November	Monday 27 th	Year 1 Arctic Explorers and Polar Regions Workshop
	Thursday 30 th	Year 3 Sea Life Manchester
	Friday 1 st	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a tombola item
	Saturday 2 nd	Friends of WCLA Winter Fair
Week Beginning 4 th December	Monday 4 th	Nursery Visit to St Mary's Church 9:45-11:15am
	Monday 4 th	Nursery Craft Afternoon with Family 2-3pm
	Wednesday 6 th	Y2B Nantwich Museum
	Wednesday 6 th	Years 3/4 & Years 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Heat 7 at Shavington Academy 2-5pm (By invitation)
	Thursday 7 th	Y2H Nantwich Museum
	Friday 8 th	Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice
	Friday 8 th	Christmas Choir Performance at5 Wistaston Church Hall 18:30-20:30
Week Beginning 11 th December	Monday 11 th	EYFS Nativity 13:30-14:30
	Tuesday 12 th	EYFS Nativity 9:30-10:30
	Tuesday 12 th	Smart Uniform Click & Collect (3-3.30pm)
	Wednesday 13 th	Flu Nasal Spray
	Friday 15 th	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner (Pupils and Staff)
	Friday 15 th	Year 3 & 4 Virtual Lakeland 100 Schools Challenge
Week Beginning 18 th December	Monday 18 th	KS2 Road Safety Presentation
	Tuesday 19 th	KS1 Carol Service (After school - Time TBC)
	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 8th January	Monday 8 th	INSET Day

Week Commencing 27th November will be WEEK 1 for lunches

Friday Special Menu for 1st December 2023 (Gluten free and Dairy free available)

TBA - Awaiting menu from kitchen

YELLOW	
PINK	
BLUE	Jacket Potato served with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Dessert	

What's New!

Site Safety

For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that speed is kept to a minimum and that you take extra care when approaching and leaving the school site. Thank you.

Flu Nasal Spray

A letter regarding the nasal spray flu vaccine was sent out earlier this week. If you have not already done so, could we please request that parents/carers complete the E-consent form whether they would like their child to have the vaccine or not. Please complete the form via the link below quoting our school code of **WC141568**. Please note, access to the online form will close on **Monday 27**th **November at 9am**.

www.wchcimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

School Entry Assessment - Reception

Information from the School Nurse Screening Team regarding the School Entry Assessment for all Reception pupils was sent out via email this week. A paper copy of a questionnaire will be provided via your child's teacher in the coming weeks for you to complete and return to school marked for the attention of the school nurse

Please email the School Nurse Screening Team at wchc.southscreeners@nhs.net within the next 2 weeks if you do not wish your child to be included in the vision and hearing screening programme. Please include your child's name, date of birth, and the school they are attending. If they do not hear from you, they will see your child in school to undertake their vision and hearing screen in the coming months.

Helping Houses

A big thank you to everyone who has donated for our next Helping Houses project: **Wistaston's Toy and Joy Drive!** These will be collected on **Friday 1**st **December**, so any gifts will need to be in school prior to this date. We hope that you are able to support us with this charity project, however, do not feel that your child is required to bring in a gift.

Non-Uniform Day & Winter Fair

The Friends are currently planning the Winter Fair which will be held on Saturday 2nd December.

If you are also able to help them with any of the following, please let The Friends know by either messaging them via their Facebook page or contacting the school office. All help is much appreciated.

- Raffle prizes Maybe a voucher for a business you run/ work for or an unwanted gift?
- Cakes Can any bakers make any delicious treats or can you donate any tasty purchased products?
- Helpers on the day Can you spare an hour?
- Independent stalls Do you or do you know anybody that would want to run a stall?



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched The Big Ambition and wants to hear from families across the country. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition.



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

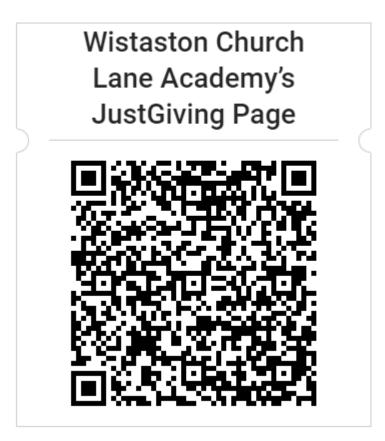
We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.



Elf Run

We are pleased to be supporting this year's Elf Run in aid of St Luke's Hospice. On Friday 8th December, the whole school will take part in the Elf Run with everyone taking part getting their own Elf hat and sticker. Any donations in support of this event would be much appreciated. Donations should be made via our JustGiving page (See the QR Code below for details):





The Virtual Lakeland 100 Schools Challenge - Years 3 & 4

The Montane Lakeland 50 & 100 is a Virtual Challenge where children collectively run 100 miles through December. Year 3 & 4 are going to take on the challenge on Friday 15th December, during the normal school afternoon. Children are asked to bring trainers on the day of this challenge.

On completion of the challenge, the children will win a £150 book voucher for the school.

Christmas Choir

Tickets are now available for the Christmas concert at Shavington Academy where our Christmas Choir will be performing (See below). Details of the Wistaston Community Christmas Concert will follow shortly.



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**.

Swan Stars

If your child attends Swan Stars, please can you ensure that their account is up-to-date by the 1st of each month. Thank you for your help.

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.

Upcoming Sports Competition

There is an upcoming sports competition as follows:

• Year 3&4 and Y5&6 Sports Hall Athletics Heat 7 – Wednesday 6th December 14:00-17:30 (By invitation only) – There will also be practice sessions in school during Wednesday lunchtimes on 8th, 15th and 22nd November.

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 visit the link below for more details:

Wistaston Church Lane HAF: https://eequ.org/experience/5360





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 see below for more details or visit

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx.



Payment Due Dates

KS2 Snack Autumn 2 – Overdue

Year 2 Nantwich Museum - Overdue

Year 3 Delamere Residential – **Deposit of £26 Overdue**

Year 1 Arctic Explorers Workshop – **Overdue**

Reception Pantomime at Regent's Theatre – Payment due by 27/11/23

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