



Westlands Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come towards the end of the term we wanted to share some information and key dates with you.

Firstly, we would like to thank you all for the positive turn out at parents evening. Staff are always keen to share the progress of your children with you and it was great to see so many faces. As many of you are aware, we asked you to complete a questionnaire about the school and we were delighted with your responses:

November Parent Questionnaire Results

| | Agree + |
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| My child is happy at this school | 98% |
| My child feels safe at this school | 99% |
| My child makes good progress at this school | 99% |
| My child is well looked after at this school | 99% |
| My child is taught well at this school | 99% |
| My child receives appropriate homework for their age | 98% |
| This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved | 98% |
| The school is well led and managed | 99% |
| This school responds well to any concerns I raise | 98% |
| I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress | 98% |
| The school encourages my child to maintain good attendance | 99% |
| I would recommend this school to another parent | 99% |

We are currently looking through the comments made by parents and will use them to start the agenda for our forthcoming Parent Forum meeting.

Dates for your diary

| Date & Time | Event | Comments |
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| Friday 8 th December 1:30pm | Carols at the church Year 4 and 5 | Year 4 and 5 Parents are invited |
| Tuesday 12 th December 9:15am | Year R Nativity | Year R parents are invited |
| Wednesday 13 th December 2:15pm | Year R Nativity | Year R parents are invited |
| Friday 15 th December | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner day for all children. | Please be aware that if you would like your son/daughter to have Christmas dinner, you will need to book on ParentPay. |
| Monday 18 th December 2:00pm | Year 1 Christmas Production | Year 1 parents are invited |
| Tuesday 19 th December 9:15am | Year 1 Christmas Production | Year 1 parents are invited |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Last day of school for children | |
| Wednesday 20 th December | INSET DAY | |

There will be lots of other in house Christmas things happening for all of the other year groups, starting next week.

Westlands Primary School is a creative learning environment where all children are supported to achieve their best.

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Staffing changes

There are some staffing changes we would like to inform you of:

On Friday 1st December we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Oswald until July 2018 as she welcomes a new member to her family. Miss Irving, who has been working with us since the beginning of term, will be taking over as the class teacher in Opal class for the rest of the academic year.

On Friday 1st December Mr Kimber will also be going on paternity leave for 2 weeks and we have Miss Excell coming in to teach his class. We wish both Mrs Oswald and Mr Kimber lots of luck and look forward to their return to work.

As you are also aware, Miss Reynolds was off work for Term 1. We are very thankful to you all for your patience during this time but I am very pleased to let you know that Mr Moores, who has been working in the class since the end of term 1, will be taking over in Aquamarine as the full time teacher until the end of this academic year. Miss Reynolds will be working with Miss Daniels in Amethyst class in the afternoons as Mrs Smeeton has also gone on Maternity leave at the beginning of this term.

Christmas dinner day

If your child would like a Christmas dinner on Friday 15th December please make sure you have booked it ahead of time on ParentPay. Please note that only Christmas dinner will be available on that day. Children who do not usually have school dinner can have dinner on this day too. It's a great opportunity for the children to start their Christmas celebrations with their friends at school.

Considerate parking

If you drive to school to drop your children off or to collect them please be mindful of our neighbours, and of children walking to school, when parking. The yellow zig zags are to be kept clear during busy times to keep our children safe.

Comments, compliments and complaints

We welcome feedback from our school community. You are a valued and very important part of our school. We understand that you may have feedback which you wish to share or have questions about aspects of school life. There are a number of ways to do this but your child's class teacher is a good place to start, or the Pastoral Team are available to support you. There is a member of the Senior Leadership team out on the playground every morning and we're always happy to speak with you.

We want to work with all our families to help provide the best possible opportunities for children that we can. It is really important that you speak to us about anything that might be worrying you.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support, we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas!

Kind Regards

Mrs Pettett
Head of School

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Executive Headteacher