

Autumn Newsletter 5

We are in the run up to Christmas with lots of exciting events still to come. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Production and Carol Concert.

As well as preparing for our Christmas events, the children have been busy working hard in their classrooms.

Year 3 have been working on a brilliant book called 'Coming to England' written by Floella Benjamin. Some of you have spotted that this is also on at the theatre and have already booked tickets! We are continuing to do some very clever maths involving adding and subtracting in columns and after a visit to Central Avenue we are finishing off our local geography unit. Preparations for Christmas are very much underway.

It's been a busy time for **Year 4** since we returned at the start of the month. Our Dance expert is delivering six weeks of river-related sessions, whilst we're all getting to grips with basketball and its differences to the netball we did before half term. We've moved on to the mountains section of our topic, which was wonderfully introduced by Simon, an intrepid mountaineer himself.

We visited the Trent the other day, learning about flood defences and hearing about historical floods around Trent Bridge. Science involves electricity and making circuits in particular, whilst we've got stuck into Explanation texts and multiplication in English and Maths respectively.

Production, production, production! That's certainly one thing **Year 5** have been up to. Of course, we've managed to fit in lots of other stuff, too. Most notably, we have started two large topics: fractions in maths and materials in science. As ever, we're being as practical as possible to allow the children to get as much as they can out of the learning.

Year 6 have been busy as always with a jam-packed curriculum. We continue our main topic of WW2 by exploring code breaking at Bletchley Park in computing, learning about the experiences of Jewish people during that time and looking at the influence of propaganda on the war effort. In science, we're really thinking deeply about inheritance and how humans and other animals have evolved over time. Only this week, the children did some fantastic creative writing about the adaptations of Polar Bears and Camels. In maths lessons we've been exploring the links between fractions and decimals and using both to calculate. A huge thanks to those people who helped put on an amazing Year 6 social – the children had an amazing time.



Holiday Clubs

TB Sport who provide our lunchtime and after school clubs are also an Ofsted registered holiday club provider.

We are delighted to tell you that they will be running holiday clubs on Monday to Thursday of each of the school holidays (excluding Christmas).

Further information on how to book these will come out after Christmas.

Friends of WBS

You will hopefully have seen the flyer Mr Martin has sent out regarding our Friends of WBS concert which will take place on Monday 9th December at 1.45pm in our Main School Hall.

If you know a grandparent, aunt, uncle or perhaps a neighbour who would enjoy an afternoon of musical treats then please share this with them.

We would also like to provide refreshments during this event and would love it if you could make some cakes or biscuits for us to share.

Home/School Association

The HSA continue to do a fantastic job of running events for our children and their families.

The Year 6 children enjoyed their first social event of the year last night. They were able to play table tennis and board games as well as visit the tuck shop and watch a film. A great time was had by all.

Our annual **Christmas Fair** will take place on **Saturday 7th December**. Thank you for all of your donations so far. Please keep them coming! We are also on the hunt for some more volunteers so if you are able to give up just half an hour it would be very much appreciated. Just scan the QR code on the posters that were sent out, to sign up.

Before Christmas the HSA will also be organising a 'Break the Rules' day so keep an eye out for further details to come soon.

Discos are planned in for early March so plenty of time to get your sequins and dancing shoes!

Children in Need

A huge thank you to all who donated to our Children in Need day this year. We raised an incredible **£535** which we know will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.



Key dates coming up

Tues 3rd Dec
Friday 6th Dec
Saturday 7th Dec
Monday 9th Dec
Tues 10th & Wed 11th Dec
Friday 13th Dec
Friday 13th Dec
Friday 13th Dec
Tues 17th Dec
Wed 18th Dec
Friday 20th Dec
Monday 6th Jan 2025
Tues 21st Jan
22nd, 23rd and 24th Jan
Mon 27th Jan
Fri 7th Feb

Flu vaccinations
Class 3 assembly
Christmas Fair
Friends of WBS concert
Y4/5 Christmas Production
STEM Day
'Break the rules' day
Community Sing
Carol Concert Y3 and 6
Christmas dinner
Finish for Christmas
First day of Spring Term
Smartphone Information Evening- 6pm
Year 6 Polar explorer days
Art Week
Careers Day

