

West Bridgford Junior School



Autumn Newsletter 6

Attendance & Punctuality

Our recent attendance and punctuality figures have been slightly below our usual high standards, and although there are often valid reasons, I must stress the importance of regular, punctual attendance for effective learning and pupil attainment. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously impact on learning. Similarly, late arrivals disrupt teaching routines and affects the learning of other pupils in the same class.

Every half-day absence from school is classified by the school as authorised or unauthorised hence why the reason for any absence is required. The parent/carer of a child of compulsory school age is required by law to ensure their child attends the school at which he/she is registered. A parent/carer who fails to ensure his/her child attends that school regularly is guilty of an offence.

There is no entitlement in law for any leave of absence from school in term time. An application for leave of absence must be made in advance using the correct form (available from the school office and our website). Any request will only be authorised where school accepts there are exceptional circumstances. If possible, please avoid booking holidays during term time. Thank you for your support with this.

Mini-marathon Success



Huge congratulations to all of our children who were involved in the mini-marathon back in September. We had success in the under 9 girls, under 11 girls and under 11 boys categories, as well as being awarded 2nd place in the overall schools challenge. Well done to all who took part!

Friday 24th November

Parent Forum

Thanks to those who attended our parent forum event on Wednesday evening. If you weren't able to attend in person, you can find the slides from the PowerPoint on our school website via this link:

<https://www.wbjs.com/parent-questionnaire-summary/>

Year 6 choir singing- Christmas Market

We have been invited to sing at the Christmas Market outside the Test Match pub on Saturday 2nd December at 4pm after the school Christmas Fair. It would be lovely to see anyone who can make it to support our Year 6 choir.

Christmas Tree Festival

Once again, we have been invited to take part in this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles.

Last year this was a wonderful event and provided a great opportunity to see a range of trees from a variety of local businesses and community projects.

Mrs Arnold has sent out more information about how your child can be involved in making a decoration for our school tree on class dojo.

The festival will be open to visitors from 10am to 5pm on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December.

Key Dates Autumn Term

Saturday 2 nd Dec	1 – 3pm – HSA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5 th Dec	STEM Day
Thursday 7 th Dec	Friends of WBJs Concert
Tuesday 12 th Dec 6pm	Year 4 and 5 Production 1
Wednesday 13 th Dec 6pm	Year 4 and 5 Production 2
Friday 15 th Dec 3.30pm	Community Sing
Tuesday 19 th Dec 6pm	Y3 and Y6 Carol Concert at St Giles
Friday 22 nd Dec	INSET Day

Christmas events explained!

There is always a lot going on around the Christmas period at WBJs, so I wanted to briefly talk you through the different events which will be taking place; when and where they are and who they are for.

Thursday 7th December at 2pm – Friends of WBJs Concert

This takes place in the hall at our Main School site and is aimed at the more senior members of our school community - Grandparents, neighbours, friends of the family. There will be singing and instrumental groups performing. Refreshments will be served immediately after the concert. Donations of home-made cakes nearer the time will be gratefully received!

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December – Year 5 and Year 4 Christmas Performance

This takes place at West Bridgford Baptist Church at 6pm. Year 5 will take the speaking roles while Year 4 will provide the choir.

Friday 15th December – Community Sing at Main School at 3.30pm

We will speak to the infant school about collecting any siblings early on this day so you don't have to miss out. We have an informal Christmas sing-along in the hall at Main School for around 30 minutes and the HSA will be selling refreshments immediately afterwards.

Tuesday 19th December – Carol Concert at St Giles at 6pm

Our more traditional carol service will involve Year 3 and Year 6 pupils. Year 3 will take a lead on the nativity tableaux while Year 6 will be our readers. Both year groups will be involved with singing and the concert will also feature our school band and other instrumentalists.

Key Dates Spring Term

Thursday 4th Jan	Children return to school
Thursday 4 th & Friday 5th January	Whole school writing project
Friday 26 th January	Careers Day
Monday 29 th January at 6pm	SATs information meeting
Week beg 5 th February	Dukes Barn Residential for Year 4
Friday 8 th February	Break up for half term
Monday 19 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 20 th February	Children return to school
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Week beg 18 th March	Parents' Evenings
Week beg 25 th March	Art Week
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term