



Merry Christmas from Western – CD!

Last week every year group (and the school staff ☺) recorded a Christmas song for our CD.

We have had a fantastic response to this and have sold around 290 CDs so far!! All profits will be donated to the Ebola Crisis and the current total is £500.

We would like to say a HUGE “thank you” to Dan and Lucy Mizen at Active Audio Recording Studios who recorded the songs for us.

CDs will be on sale from the school office next week.

Christmas Tree Festival at St. Peter's Church



The tree decorated by Western Foundation stage won the 'Best Tree by a Children's Group' in the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's Church. Well done everyone!

Year 5/6 Victorian Market

On Thursday 11th December, all of Y5/6 had a Victorian Christmas Market to raise money for Barnados. We had been working hard to create a range of Christmas themed items including: felt tree decorations, clay pots, christmas cards, wrapping paper and gift tags. Everyone really enjoyed themselves; the stalls looked exceptional and we raised £754 for Barnados. By Lily Stockburn and Lili England Shave



Year 2 Panto Trip

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 2 went to watch Cinderella at the theatre. The children behaved fantastically well with many members of the public commenting on their impeccable behaviour.

"My favourite bit was when we got to sing along with the frozen song." ~ Freddie Ashworth.
"There was a bit where Buttons sprayed water at us and got us wet. It even sprayed Mrs Smith." ~ Madison Towers.

We are using our experience of the pantomime to inspire our creative writing.

Information for Parents



End of Term

We break up for the Christmas holiday on **Friday 19th December**. School will **close early at 2.30pm** and we kindly ask that you ensure your child is collected at this time.

Readathon

The whole school Readathon has raised an amazing £1,351.46. Thank you to everyone who supported this. Family and Friends have also kindly agreed to make a contribution towards this reading resource fund and we hope to be in a position early in the new year to begin using this fund to update and replenish our guided reading resources throughout the school.

Western Community Christmas Celebration

Western Community Christmas Celebration, 'Light up Christmas!' will take place on Monday 15th December 6.00-6.45pm. at St Peter's Church, Harrogate. The celebration is suitable for all ages, with refreshments to follow.



New Starters for Nursery – January 2015

If you, or anyone you know, have a Nursery-aged child who you would like to start in our Nursery in January, can you please contact the school office for a registration form as soon as possible to reserve your space.

As well as the core free 15 hours per week, we also offer additional sessions during the day, at lunchtime and before and after school. Our nursery is open from 8.00am. until 5.30pm.

Many thanks.





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Swimming

Year 2 Swimming Dates:

Thursday 18th December – Mrs Taylor's class

Year 3/4 Swimming:

**Tuesday 16th December – Tuesday 14th April – Mr Fraser
Smith's class**

Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 14th July – Mrs Collett's and Ms Smith's classes

Awards

Key Stage 1 Awards

Key Stage 2 Awards

Awards will be given next week!

Lunchtime Awards

1st Place Croft House

2nd Place Wallbank
House

3rd Place Askew House

4th Place Lupton
House

Well done everyone!



Dates for your Diary:

Monday 15th December – Christmas Service at St Peter’s Church
6.00-6.45pm
Thursday 16th December – Y5/6 cinema visit
Wednesday 17th December – KS2 Carols around the tree
2.30pm



School Holidays

Christmas Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 19th December at **2.30pm**
Return to School: Tuesday 6th January at 8.55am

Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13th February at 3.15pm
Return to School: Monday 23rd February at 8.55am

Easter Holiday:

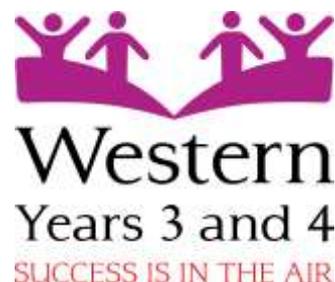
School Closes: Friday 27th March at **2.30pm**
Return to School: Tuesday 14th April at 8.55am

Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22nd May at 3.15pm
Return to School: Tuesday 2nd June at 8.55am

Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17th July at **2.30pm**



PTA News!



Western Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair was held on Wednesday 10th December. Despite the wind and the rain it was a great success and we raised over £1,000. We hope you enjoyed all the games, goodies, craft and refreshments. It was also a pleasure to welcome the Y3/4 choir to the fair, and we must thank them for braving the inclement weather and putting on a great performance.

Thank you to everyone (family, friends, staff and students) who gave their time to help organise and run the various stalls and those who donated items for the Fair. Special thanks must go to Father Christmas, Marek Jagucki and Tom Forman, and Asda, Tinc Harrogate, Illingworths, 4Seasons, Daleside Nurseries, B&Q and Homebase for their generous donations.

Many apologies to Rock Star Rookies who were unable to play as planned.

Winners:

Guess the weight of the Christmas cake: The cake weighed 3.8kg. Winner – Anjali Arthur who had the closest guess at 3.65kg.

Name the teddy: The teddy's name was Snowy. Winner – Euan McPherson.

Christmas Tree Sale

Our annual sale of Christmas trees from Stockeld Park was again held on a chilly Saturday morning, last weekend. It was worth braving the cold to welcome a constant flow of customers into the playground. We raised a fantastic £728 for the school, and have had much positive feedback about the trees.

School Quiz Night

Thanks to everyone who supported our school Quiz Night on Friday 28th November. It was a very successful evening, hosted by an engaging Quiz Master and with a delicious fish and chip supper! Not only was the evening a lot of fun, but we also raised just over £400. Well done everyone.

School calendars & tea towels – only a few left!

We have a limited number of school calendars and KS2 tea towels still for sale. Calendars are £7.50 each. Tea towels are £4 each. They are ideal Christmas presents! If you are interested in purchasing any, please contact Kate on westernprimarypta@gmail.com. Unfortunately, FS/KS1 tea towels are sold out.

Thinking about Christmas shopping? Shop Online and Raise Money!

Have you heard about easyfundraising? It's the easiest way to help raise money for Western Family & Friends! If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, M&S, Argos, John Lewis, Waitrose, House of Fraser, Tesco, Sainsburys, Play.com, Vodafone and Boden, then we need you to sign up (for free) to raise money while you shop!

How does it work?

It's like Nectar, but instead of earning points each purchase generates a donation. So instead of going directly to a retailer's website, go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westernfamilyandfriends> first and choose the retailer you want to shop with, then what you spend with that retailer earns a free donation for Western Family & Friends. It's completely free to use and your shopping won't cost you a penny more.

On average, each retailer will donate 5% of the cost of your shopping. Those donations soon mount up! So whatever you need to buy, from Christmas shopping to your weekly grocery shop, a fashion must-have, your business travel, office supplies or mobile phone, buy it via easyfundraising and raise money for Western Family & Friends at no extra cost to you! Sign up at

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/westernfamilyandfriends> and start making a difference...simply by shopping.

Cake Bake Dates:

**When it is your child's class cake bake, please leave cakes under the pergola on Friday morning, ready for the cake bake after school.
Thank You!**



Congratulations to Miss Hindle's class who raised £62.75 at their cake bake last week.