

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014



~Merry Christmas from all the staff at Western~

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school at **8.55am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**



## Foundation Stage Christmas Show



The children in Reception and Nursery enjoyed participating in their Christmas Show. The event was extremely well supported by parents and a fantastic time was had by all! The children looked fabulous in their costumes and sang all their favourite Christmas songs.

A big thank you to Mrs Ogden who played the piano for us and to Mr Atkinson who provided the lighting. On behalf of all the Early Years Team we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas!

The collection after each performance has raised £195.36, which will be donated to Marie Curie. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

## Foundation Stage Christmas Party



We all enjoyed our Christmas party this week! The children enjoyed a giant pass the parcel game and some games in the hall upstairs. The teachers were particularly impressed with the amazing dancing!

## **The Western Front**

Issue 1 of Western's new magazine, 'The Western Front' is attached. It has been produced by some of our Year 6 children: Freya Levine, Archie Stackhouse, Sassy Palfreman, Patrick Moss and Lucy Rees.

## **Tree of Remembrance**

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, I went to the Stray with Mr Hebblewhite, Mr Pacey, Ella Whale, Isaac McQuire and Kai Jalal to plant a remembrance tree for World War One. It took us a while to walk to the part of the Stray next to the Empress roundabout. When we arrived, we were shown to the location of our lime tree. We took it in turns with a shovel to place soil around the tree to make it secure. After we had half-filled the hole, we all took turns to stamp on the soil and we patted it down again when we had filled the soil to the top. We felt proud to have planted a tree of remembrance that will be on the Stray for hundreds of years.

Written by Sasha Wong (Year 6)



## **Apple Tree'**

Back in September, Year 3/4 entered 'The Big Apple Art Challenge' and won first prize for their entry. One of the prizes was an apple tree which we decided to give to the residents of the Adelphi to plant in their garden. On Monday, some of the residents from the Adelphi came into school and were presented with the apple tree by a group of Year 3/4 children. They have promised to let us know when it produces apples.

The ladies said, "Thank you for the tree and we will take good care of it for you."

By Ashley Lonsdale and Amira Chibhaga.



### **Change4Life Sports Festival**

Children from Year 3 and 4 recently took part in a 'Change4Life Sports Festival' held at Harrogate Grammar School. During the event, children participated in a range of sports including golf, archery and football. All children represented the school brilliantly both with their behaviour and how they challenged themselves with new activities.

"I thought it was very fun and energising. My favourite part was the golf – I had a great time." Reese Harrison Year 3 Mrs Coatesworth.

"This sports activity was very fun because there were lots of different activities such as handball throwing. My favourite part was trying to score points by shooting the football." Rufus Palfreman Year 4 Mrs Collett.



### **Western School Community Christmas Service**

Thank you to all the children and staff who took part in the service on Monday and to St Peter's Church for hosting us. The service gave us all an opportunity to have a little time of reflection in the busy build up to Christmas. A really big thank you also goes to Mrs Sherliker and Rev. Carey for all their hard work in organising the service.

### **KS1 and KS2 Carols around the Tree**

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended both the KS1 and KS2 Carols around the Christmas Tree. We hope you enjoyed joining in with the singing.

### **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**

A big thank you to everyone who took part in last Friday's 'Christmas Jumper Day'. We raised a fantastic £266.38 for 'Save the Children'. There were some fabulous creations and an amazing array of Christmas jumpers. Well done everyone.

## Information for Parents



### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for all Key Stage 2 school children is £2.10 per day, payable every half term. **Please note that all school dinners must be paid for in advance.** The cost of school dinners for next half term (until 13<sup>th</sup> February) is **£60.90**. Could you please pay online at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

### Break Time Snacks

The new mid-morning snacks are proving to be very popular with the Key Stage 2 children. There are a large array of snacks on offer from toast and jam, malt loaf, crumpets and pizza. A Year 6 pupil said, "I think they are very good because you have a chance to eat hot and cold food and there are lots of different options." It is very good value for money at £1.50 per week.

By Patrick Moss and Archie Stackhouse.



## **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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – Miss Jones' class  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – Mrs Taylor's class  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015 – Miss Jones' class  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – Mrs Taylor's class  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – Miss Jones' class  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – Mrs Taylor's class  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – Miss Jones' class  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Mrs Taylor's class  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Miss Jones' class  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Mrs Taylor's class  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – Miss Jones' class

### Year 3/4 Swimming:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Mr Fraser Smith's class  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Mrs Collett's and Ms Smith's classes

# Awards

## House Point Winners:

## Wallbank House

### Key Stage 1 Awards

Ralph Ogden  
Simran Atwal  
Tyler Johnson  
Max Bloomfield  
Evie Gomes  
James Holmes  
Joe Thompson  
Ethan Galvin  
Ryan Whitehead  
Martha Wilson  
Maddie Mills

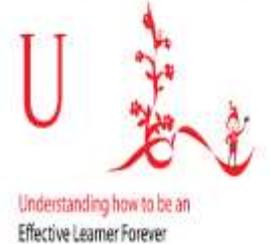
### Key Stage 2 Awards

Awards were not given out  
this week

### Lunchtime Awards

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Askew House**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Lupton House**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Wallbank  
House**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Place Croft House**

**Well done everyone!**



# Dates for your Diary:

## School Holidays

### Christmas Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 8.55am

### Spring Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm

Return to School: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8.55am

### Easter Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at **2.30pm**

Return to School: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 8.55am

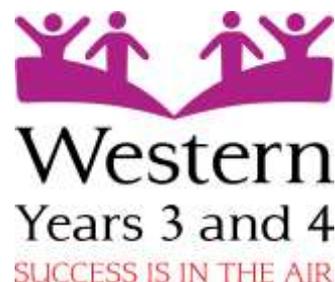
### Summer Half-Term Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 3.15pm

Return to School: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 8.55am

### Summer Holiday:

School Closes: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at **2.30pm**





## PTA News!



Western Family & Friends (PTA) would like to thank everyone for all their support over the last term, and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful new year.

### Cake Bake

**Congratulations to Mr Fraser Smith's class who raised £35 at their cake bake last week. A big thanks to Monica Banks for stepping in at the last moment to sell the cakes.**