



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School - Newsletter Friday 16th December 2022

***This half term our Corvus Core Value is:
to develop communication skills effectively***



Merry Christmas!

Wow! What an exciting December we have had! Thank you to everyone who has supported us by coming to your child's Christmas performance, helping them learn their lines and songs, or by buying their star decoration, Christmas cards, or donating to our collections to raise money for the PTA.

Thank you also to our PTA who have helped Santa's Elves supply and deliver special treats to all of the classes! If you would like to help the PTA, their next meeting is on Friday 6th January at 9.15am at Watton Junior School. Have you received presents that you don't want? The P.T.A are asking if you have received any that you do not want that maybe you could donate them so then the unwanted present turns into a contribution towards fund raising for the children.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Breckland J's Choir who donated money to the school for a Christmas Pantomime. All of KS1 and KS2 thoroughly enjoyed our visiting performance of Robin Hood! Oh, yes we did!



Big Norfolk Holiday Fun!

Have you heard about the Big Norfolk Holiday Fun scheme?

Children aged 5-16 can take part in lots of different activities to keep them busy and healthy during the Christmas holidays. Don't forget if you claim means tested free school meals it's all totally free, plus your child will receive a free healthy lunch too.

To find out more visit: www.activenorfolk.org/bnfh. To book activities visit: www.everymove.uk

Parent Support

We also know that Christmas can be a stressful time of year for some families. We have a list of support lines on our website should you need to reach out for help: <https://wattonwestfield.corvuseducation.com/parent-support/>

Curriculum News

We have had a fantastic December learning about a whole variety of different things across the school...



Early Years

This month Hedgehog children have been learning their colours. We have sorted objects by colour and enjoyed crafting with the colour of the week. In January Hedgehog nursery will be exploring winter and the Polar regions by exploring ice, learning about the animals that live there and completing lots of winter and Polar themed crafts.

This month in Monkeys we have been learning all about the story of the First Christmas. We have also had lots of fun creating Christmas decorations and learning Christmas songs. In phonics we have been using the drums to play simple rhythms and perform our Christmas songs. Next half term we will be starting our new core story 'The Train Ride' and learning about different modes of transport and journeys.

During December the children in Reception have practised and performed our Christmas production for lots of different audiences. We have been learning about the Nativity story and how we can celebrate Christmas. We have been doing lots of Christmas crafts, making Christmas cards and writing a letter to Santa. In maths we have consolidated our understanding of numbers 1-5. Next term we will be looking at the Arctic and using the story of Noah's Ark to support this.

Key Stage 1

In KS1 this month we have been learning about flooding in different parts of the world and how this can affect families. We finished our core story and completed a book review. We also compared this story to Noah's Ark.

In Mathematics, we have been focusing on learning about the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have been comparing them and we have also looked at lines of symmetry in shape.

In Art, we created a group collage of a pumpkin and used pointillism to decorate some Christmas shapes.

We completed our Christmas performances which the children worked extremely hard on, learning their lines and singing the songs.

Next term we are learning about different materials and properties in Science.



We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy Christmas break and look forward to seeing you when we reopen on Wednesday 4th January.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 4th January—School reopens for Spring Term 1 2023

Friday 6th January—PTA meeting 9.15am at Watton Junior School

Friday 10th February— Last day before school closes for half term break

Monday 20th February—School reopens for Spring Term 2

The new telephone number for Breakfast & After School Club during session for **emergencies only** is 07754 779195.

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT FROM JANUARY CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WEAR EARRINGS IN SCHOOL AT ALL.

THIS FOLLOWS NATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDANCE FOR PE AND ACTIVE PLAY.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

House points so far this year!

Beta (blue) = 3457

Delta (red) = 3724

Gamma (green) = **3890***

Epsilon (yellow) = 3719



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