

# WFPS Fortnightly Update-Issue 6 ( 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019)



Living, Learning and Growing Together in God's Love  
Jesus said "I came to give life – life in all its fullness."

We are a school rooted in God and our community through our founders. We continue their vision to welcome, nurture and enable all to flourish and develop as unique individuals who share their gifts with each other and the wider world.



## Diary Dates

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Production – 1.30pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Flu Vaccinations – R-Y6  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS 1 Christmas Production -1.30pm  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Production – 6.00pm  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Church service at St. Peter's  
9.15 am -Year 1,2, 3  
10.00am – Year 4,5,6  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Church service @ St. Peter's  
11.00 - Pre-School/Reception – **Change of day**  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Cinema visit to Lings  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15 - Christingle service – R,Y2,4,6  
10.15 – Christingle service – Pre-School Y1,3,5  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 3.15 – School Closes  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens



Dear Parents and Carers,

At this time of year there can be pressure from children to buy their teacher or teaching assistant a gift. We would like to take this opportunity to say that whilst we are always grateful for parents' generosity we would like to reduce your stress a little and ask that you don't buy gifts for staff. We thoroughly enjoy teaching your children and our job is a pleasure to do. We have appreciated the support you have shown towards our fundraising events, including the school fair, as well as the charity work we have been involved in such as Children in Need, Team Patron Saints days and most recently donations for the foodbank at Weston Favell.

If your child still feels they would like to bring something into school for their teacher, a homemade card, picture or letter would be lovely – they are the things we cherish for years to come.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas

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## Christmas Party Day – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Party food will be provided and prepared by the PTFA. If you are able to help prepare the food please leave your details at the school office and Bev Albery, Chair of the PTFA will contact you.

You will not be able to book a Kingswood meal on this day

Dress code for the day – party clothes.



## Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Kingswood will prepare a Christmas lunch for the children, This needs to be pre-ordered by midnight on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, in the usual way online.

If you decide not to order a meal, please provide your child with a festive packed lunch



## PTFA Christmas Fair Update

Our amazing PTFA worked really hard to organise our Christmas Fair last week. They raised a staggering £2,775.15

Thank you all so much for your support. It is very much appreciated.



## Food Bank

As part of our work in supporting the wider community we will be working with St. Peter's church to collect food for the Weston Favell Food bank. There is a donation point in our reception area.

With Christmas approaching the following are things that would be very much appreciated. The food bank gives to single people, couples and families of all sizes so all sizes of items are gratefully received.

Volunteers from the food bank have collected the donations already given to distribute to local families. We are continuing to collect the following items:

Chocolates, selection boxes, tinned meat, Christmas pudding (all sizes), mince pies, Christmas cake (all sizes), Yule log, Stollen. Biscuits particularly chocolate and Christmassy family tins, gravy granules, stuffing, Cranberry sauce, tinned vegetables, custard, tinned fruit, jelly, fruit juice, tea and cream, trifle mix.

Your generosity is so very much appreciated.

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During our recent sporting events we have had some amazing results.

Congratulations to all of our children who took part in the Cross Country event this year, you ran with determination, enthusiasm and commitment whilst supporting your team mates too. There were many individual achievements including a 1st place position for Owura in Year 6 which helped to secure a Year 6 team win across all schools! Well done to all of our runners!

Our Year 6 Athletics team secured the highest position we have achieved in Sports hall Athletics coming in 3rd place. Again, there were some fabulous individual results from both the girls and the boys! Huge congratulations we are very proud of you!

Earlier in the Autumn our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby team won the Level 2 competition which has earned them a place in the County finals in March 2020. The team spirit displayed was superb with all of the players supporting and encouraging each other. A fabulous result, good luck in March!

Looking ahead, we have more competitions in Swimming, Gymnastics, Boccia and I have no doubt that the children will display the same qualities as they always do and represent our school with pride and determination! Well done to all of our children we are extremely proud of you!



## Christingle

Please provide your child with an orange to enable them to make a Christingle. Oranges should be brought in on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December or Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We will be continuing to support the invaluable work of the Children's Society this Christmas. Your child will bring home a cardboard Christingle candle to collect any donations you would like to make.

"For over 50 years, Christingle has played a vital role in supporting vulnerable young people. Because of the kindness of Christinglers, thousands of young people will have light in their lives."

All candles should be returned to school by **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.



## School Meals from January

When we return to school in January our School meals will be prepared and provided by Dolce. We recently sent out an introductory letter and School Grid who run the ordering website will be contacting you by email over the next few days with details of how to register with them.

You will be able to order meals until 8.30am on the same day and there is a greater selection of food, so we hope that you will find this to be a positive move.

There is also the option of paying by monthly direct debit.

We will send more information next week once they have contacted you.

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Read **20 minutes** a day and you'll read **1,800,000 words** per year.

## **Have you read with your child this week?**

In Reception, we have found that only half of parents are currently reading with their children at home. Whilst we want to thank the 50% who are reading at home, we need to improve this worrying figure.

Your role is key in developing your child's reading skills and their love of reading. Please make time to listen to them read. Just **15 minutes a day** can make a huge difference to their confidence and understanding.

We try to hear them as much as we can at school but this is not enough. We need you to work with us to help your child become a confident, lifelong reader.

Please initial their reading record so we can see how much they are reading. Comments are optional. Whether your child is in Reception or Year 6, please read with them and have discussions about what they have read.

Some common questions that have cropped up at parents' evenings:

### **Q: Is it ok to hear my child reading books other than their school book?**

A: Absolutely. We encourage children to read a range of texts – and not just books! Magazines, comics, recipes, instructions... all of these count!

### **Q: My child doesn't want to read with me. How can I encourage them?**

A: Firstly, try to keep the experience as positive as possible. Let them choose what it is they read, even if it's a book you've read before or one that it is too simple. You could take it in turns to read a page. Provide lots of praise and encouragement.

### **Q: I can't find anything my child wants to read. What would you suggest?**

A: Try visiting a book shop or library and letting them choose. Find some texts that reflect their interest. There are magazines that cover just about every topic! Be a reading role model yourself. Let them see your enthusiasm and excitement for reading.



"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."

Bali Rai

## **Q: How can I support my child with their reading?**

A: Lots of praise is key to boosting their confidence. Ask them questions about what they have read. Talk about the pictures, vocabulary, what has happened, why they think something has happened and what they think will happen next.

## **Q: Is it ok to still read to my child?**

A: Definitely. We really encourage you to keep reading to your child whether they are in Reception or Year 6. You can really boost their understanding of language by modelling how to read fluently. They will pick up so much more vocabulary. Plus, this time together is so special and will really help to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Children learn **4,000 to 12,000 words** per year through reading.



Mrs Rew, our librarian has arranged for a Reading Bus to be in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. You will have the opportunity to browse and purchase some beautiful books for your children.