

**Date: Nov 2024**

**Autumn Term 2**



## Christmas Fayre



**Where:** West Park Academy

**When:** Wednesday 18th December 2024

**Time:** 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Come along and browse the various Christmas stalls

Enjoy the choir singing Christmas Carols

Have a hot chocolate/juice and biscuit

Buy your Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets

Enjoy the festive atmosphere



Your child can be collected from the classroom, but they must be signed out before attending the Christmas Fayre more info to follow

**Stalls will be cash only as school does not have card facilities.**

**Christmas Lunch** will be on **Wednesday 4th December 2024**. If you have not already done so please inform the school office if your child would like to have Christmas lunch. If your child does not want Christmas lunch please provide a home packed lunch. On this day children may wear something Christmassy ie: Christmas jumper or Christmas accessories, tinsel, bow etc

**Christmas Hampers:** We are raising money for Home Reading Books. Our Christmas Hampers are always popular so we are politely asking for donations. Hamper tickets will be on sale from **Monday 25th November 2024** at the front of the school **£1.00** per ticket.

Nursery Bottles please take to office

Reception Bottles please take to office

Year 1 Biscuits

Year 2 Chocolates

Year 3 Tins

Year 4 Christmas Novelties

Year 5 Christmas Novelties

Year 6 Smellies



Please bring all donations to school by **Friday 6th**

**December 2024**. Winners will be announced on Thursday 19th December 2024. Thank you for your kind donations.

## Forthcoming Events:

Thurs 21st Nov	AM	Yr2 Education Visit - St Matthew's & St Luke's Church, Darlington
Wed 27th Nov	All Day	Yr4 Education Visit - MIMA M'bro
Fri 29th Nov	AM	Yr1 Education Visit - Cockerton Methodist Church
Wed 4th Dec	PM	Christmas Lunch - wear something Christmassy
Mon 9th - 11th Dec	8:45 AM	Robinwood Residential Visit Yr5 & Yr6 Return approx. 4:00PM
Thurs 12th Dec	PM	Yr 5 Education Visit - 'The Gift' Theatre Performance
Thurs 12th Dec	2:15 PM	Reception Nativity - Two adults per child
Mon 16th Dec	AM	M&M Theatrical Productions - Aladdin pantomime Rec - Yr 6 in school
Mon 16th Dec	PM	Yr3 & Yr4 Christmas Party - <b>bring in party clothes</b> , school providing food
Tues 17th Dec	AM	<b>ALL</b> Nursery Christmas party - <b>come in party clothes</b> , school providing food
Tues 17th Dec	PM	Yr5 & Yr6 Christmas Party - <b>bring in party clothes</b> , school providing food
Wed 18th Dec	PM	Reception Education Visit - Hullabaloo to see Cloud Man
Wed 18th Dec	2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Christmas Fayre - collect and sign your child out from class (info to follow)
Thurs 19th Dec	PM	Hub Christmas Party - <b>bring in party clothes</b> , school providing food
Thurs 19th Dec	PM	Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas Party - <b>bring in party clothes</b> , school providing food
Fri 20th Dec	PM	Reception Christmas party - <b>come in party clothes</b> , school providing food
Fri 20th Dec	3:30 PM	School closes for Christmas Holidays
Tues 7th Jan	8:45 AM	School re-opens

You can also look on the school website: [www.westparkacademy.org.uk](http://www.westparkacademy.org.uk) and click on 'Key Info' for news & events throughout the school year. For individual class curriculums, click on 'Curriculum'. Our website is regularly updated, why not have a look. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.



**OPAL Call Out:** If you are sorting through cupboards and thinking about clearing out any old toys during the Christmas time, then please bag them up and bring them into school. We are looking for the following:

- Lego
- Duplo
- Small World toys
- Doll's house/toys
- Vehicles



School would really appreciate all donations for OPAL play.

**Children in Need:** A huge thank you for your kind donations towards Children in Need a total amount of £499.78 was raised. This is amazing.



**King's Foodbank:**

During the run up to Christmas, we are aware some parents may be struggling. However, in Darlington we have services which may be able to provide some support:

King's Foodbank, Bread and butter scheme, Too good to go, HAF fund, 700club

If you need any further information, please contact Mrs Conroy on 01325 380792 or the services directly.

**Christmas 700 Club:** Our shop in Skinnergate will stock everything you need to prepare a family Christmas dinner in your home - vegetables, dessert, Xmas crackers and that all important turkey, enough to feed up to 8 people. Children within the immediate family will also be offered an age appropriate gift. All food and toys will be completely free of charge. Spaces are limited so allocations will be first come, first served basis. Please register by emailing:

**[Christmas@700club.org.uk](mailto:Christmas@700club.org.uk)**

Please note, you will not be able to turn up at the shop without registering.



**Nut Allergy:** Just to make you aware that we do have children with nut allergies in school. Please be mindful when sending food into school, this includes products such as Chocolate nut spread and food stuffs that do not seemingly contain nuts. Children do not have to eat these products to have a severe reaction.



## '10 Days of Christmas Attendance'

In it to win it!

Every day from Monday 2nd December 2024 until Friday 13th December 2024, you could be in with a chance of winning some magical Christmas goodies! All you have to do is to be here, on time and be ready to learn every day for our magical 10 days of Christmas!

Mrs Conroy will hold a grand prize draw, you could win one of our exciting Christmas prizes.

All children that have a **100% attendance** for all of the Autumn term will have a hot chocolate treat with Mrs Hirst in the Wilderness.



**School Choir:** The school choir will be performing at our Christmas Fayre, come along and enjoy their singing. You can also have a browse around the many stalls and have a warm drink.



**Dogs:** Please ensure all dogs are tied up at a clear distance from the school entrance - not all children are confident or happy around dogs and a child was recently bitten on the hand as they came into school. **NO** dogs allowed on school premises.



No dogs

**Bikes and Scooters:** Could children and parents please dismount from bicycles and scooters at the entrance gates to school. For health and safety reasons bicycles and scooters are not permitted on the playground. Could you also ensure that you stay on the paved areas and not use the grass.



**Contact Details:** If you have moved address, had a change of telephone number or need to update emergency contact details we ask that you inform the school office immediately. This is to enable the school to contact you in an emergency should one occur.

**We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



**We look forward to seeing you all back at school at 8:45am on Tuesday 7th January 2025.**