

## Dates for your diary...

### DECEMBER

4th/5th - Yr6 visit to Winchester Military Museum

6th - PAWS Pop-up Christmas Shop

7th - Dance Club Performance to parents

10th - Choir Performance at Yateley Choral Society

12th - Yr3, 4 & 5 Flu Vaccinations

13th - 2pm to 3pm & 6pm to 7pm - Yr3 Christmas Production

14th - 3pm to 4.30pm Christmas Extravaganza

17th - PAWS Christmas Discos (Yr3/4: 5.00pm - 6.15pm and Yr5/6: 6.30pm - 7.45pm)

18th - 10.30am School Carol Concert at St Swithun's Church

20th - Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

21st - Gold Book Assembly & end of term (1.15pm finish)

### JANUARY 2019

7th - INSET Day (School Closed to Children)

8th - First day of Spring Term

16th - 6pm SATs Parents' Information Evening

21st - 6LL Local Area Walk (details to follow)

22nd - 6HP Local Area Walk (details to follow) Netball League Match v. Hawley Primary (details to follow)

23rd - 6HC Local Area Walk (details to follow) Bags2School Collection

24th - Yr5&6 Parent Reading Workshop (details to follow)



Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that it is already the 1st December tomorrow, the term is flying by and this afternoon Christmas will be officially arriving at Westfields as after school Mr Warne will be putting up the traditional Christmas hoops in the main hall. For those of you who may not know, this is a long-standing tradition at Westfields. This week each of the classes have spent some time creating a themed hoop decoration which include an array of festive items such as stars, angels, stockings and candles. Each hoop also displays a Christmas Greeting in different languages from across the world - keep your eyes peeled on our Twitter feed and website to see photographs of the children's (and staff's!) wonderful creations!

Relating to other Christmas preparations, I hope those of you who ordered your child(ren)'s designs all received your Christmas card deliveries this week. I would like to express my sincere thanks to our fantastic PAWS Team who arranged the orders and came into school during lunchtime to act as 'Santa's little elves' (with the expert help of our School Councillors) to group and deliver the items to classrooms. There were record numbers of orders which have resulted in greater fund raising profits which have all been banked - so thank you for your support too! There are more details of all PAWS news in the meeting minutes which are on the PAWS Page of the school website but I cannot resist mentioning that at the meeting we agreed to have a 'big project' this year which will be the redevelopment of part of the back playground to improve our break and lunchtime provision for all of our children. As such, we have not wasted a moment and invited some playground representatives to visit school this week to share some ideas about redevelopments and costings; I promise that I will keep you informed of any progress and know that School Council were very excited at the prospect of helping to design the area. On a less positive note, I regret to inform you that, unexpectedly our S'cool Radio Station finally gave up earlier this week. Being such a fundamental and valued part of life at Westfields but with school budgets stretched, we approached the PAWS Committee with regards to replacing the outdated (and now broken) equipment. I am delighted that it was agreed this would be money well spent and I am looking forward to relaunching the S'Cool Radio in the new year!

Of course it is certainly not all festive fun and as always, the classes have been very busy with their learning; I have particularly enjoyed seeing a number of pupils who came to visit me this week to share their fantastic work! Amongst their afternoon play rehearsals, Year 3 have been planning and drafting some very detailed and interesting non-chronological reports. Year 4 have continued their History topic work researching and presenting details about famous Greek Gods as well as making cross curricular links with their English writing which has included composing setting and character descriptions for their own original myths. In the upper school, Year 5 have been developing their mathematical skills by investigating area and perimeter as well as exploring sustainability and power usage as part of their learning in Geography. Finally, Year 6 have been working collaboratively to design functional Anderson Shelters linked to their History work as well as studying fossils in Science.

In relation to staffing news, I am delighted to inform you that Alison Gibbs will be joining us on Monday as another member of the Learning Support Team. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to Westfields and wishing her all the best in her new role.

Finally, if you fancy sharing in some musical festive fun on Saturday afternoon, please join the lovely and hugely talented Mrs Long and Mrs Slack who are both part of the Yateley VoxChoir who are performing as part of the Girl Guiding Community Sing-a-long at The Tythings, Yateley Green, at 3.30pm.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,



Miss Jo Redman - Headteacher

### REMINDERS...

- **Monday 3rd December** is the deadline for Christmas Lunch Orders! Please make sure you return your request as we cannot accept orders after this date.
- Don't forget it's the Christmas Pop-Up Shop next **Thursday 6th December**! More details overleaf...

**Yateley Christmas Market Performance**

Last weekend, Mrs Casselton and our School Choir took to the stage at this year's Yateley Christmas Market. With record members of just over forty singers the children performed a combination of modern and traditional carols to a very appreciative crowd!

It is so wonderful that our Choir has the opportunity to perform in local community events and to give an exciting purpose to all of their hard work at their early morning club each week.

Well done to you all!



**Help WJS by**

**joining 'The Giving Machine'**



As Christmas approaches and lots of our families are busy making online purchases, please remember to support our school in raising money, by joining The Giving Machine - it doesn't cost you a single penny!

As I have mentioned before, it is **REALLY** easy and can make a huge difference. We currently have less than fifty supporters registered and their efforts have raised funds but it would be wonderful if more parents (and extended families!) signed up for this initiative. After registration, all that is required when shopping online is to visit websites via The Giving Machine (ONE CLICK!) and the donations to our school fund start to stack up!

To register your details on the Giving Machine website please visit: <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/westfields-junior-school/>

Every time you shop online via the Giving Machine website it generates a **FREE** donation for our school! **You only need to register once. After that, simply shop via the Giving Machine website and our school receives a FREE donation from the company.**

**POP UP CHRISTMAS SHOP...**



Thanks to the hard work of our amazing PAWS Team, we are delighted to once again be offering pupils the opportunity to visit the Christmas Pop-Up Shop on Thursday 6th December during the school day. Wrapped presents will be available for the children to purchase for family members. The prices range from £1.00 to £4.00 and children will be able to purchase up to 2 presents. Any remaining presents will be available on Friday 7th December. Children who would like to make purchases should bring their money in a named envelope into school on Thursday and each class will have a chance to visit the shop!

**Congratulations...**

Peggy Tomlinson (4EC) had a fabulous weekend last week, winning gold for floor, bronze for trampette and bronze for vault in her gymnastics competition. Well done, Peggy!



Cara-Mae Hickey (6HP) achieved the British Gymnastics Proficiency Award, Advanced Level Bronze in floor. Great job, Cara-Mae!



Ana Olmos (4LB) got a silver medal at the High Wycombe judo competition last weekend. Well done, Ana!



Alex McAuley passed his electric guitar exam with merit and is already working hard on his next grade - Pop star of the future?



**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Please find below this week's attendance winners following their announcement in this morning's assembly.

LOWER SCHOOL		UPPER SCHOOL	
3MP	99.7%	6HC	98.6%

**Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 30th November to 6th December 2018.**

Jack Mandeville-Williams, Amaris Stanford, Maliayah Dougan-Gabbidon, Dillain Beagley, Harry Wood and Lillie Connor.



Have a lovely birthday!