

Newsletter



16.12.2022

Christmas at West Street

THANK YOU to EVERYONE who joined us for last Friday's **Christmas Fair!** It was great to see so many parents and other family members supporting the P.T.A.'s Fair!

The Christmas Fair raised £656 - this money is being used to pay for the new Reception bikes. (last week's newsletter)

THANK YOU to all those parents, family members and friends who joined children and staff for this week's **Christmas** performances. It has been **WONDERFUL** to welcome you all in to school for the first live Christmas performances since December 2019!

Nursery and Reception performed '**Whoops-a-Daisy-Angel**' on Tuesday afternoon. These young children were **FANTASTIC** - they were focused on stage, remembered all the actions for the songs and sang beautifully. One parent messaged the EYFS Team to say, *'I really enjoyed the performance, well done to all the staff and children involved. Great show - glad I came and so proud of my child.'*

Then on Tuesday evening Key Stage 1 performed '**The Inspectors**'. Year 1 and Year 2 were **AMAZING** - there were some very confident performances, especially by key characters, the costumes and make up looked great, the singing was fabulous. Thanks to all those parents who sent Miss. Dexter and Miss. Oldale so many positive messages. One parent messaged, *'It was a brilliant performance, all the children were amazing and are superstars. Well done to all the staff involved, Key Stage 1 have done you all proud!'*

The grand finale was on Wednesday afternoon and evening when Key Stage 2 presented '**Lights, Camel, Action**'. This performance had a Strictly Come Dancing theme with characters from the different parts of the Christmas Story performing dances. Their dances were judged by Small Sheep, Funky Camel and Caesar. Some Year 6 girls told me *'we loved the dancing and our favourite part was at the end when everyone danced a ceilidh together on the stage.'* Mrs. Whitworth said that the performance was so successful *'because of the effort, concentration, dedication and teamwork of all involved - children and staff.'* She loved all the dancing. Key Stage 2 children did a **FABULOUS** job with their singing, dancing, acting and presenting skills.

I am very proud of all the children and staff for creating such **SUPERB** performances - they have been **BRILLIANT!**

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd January
Children return to school

Friday 6th January
Y4 start swimming lessons every Friday

Thursday 12th January
1pm Pantomime - Cinderella
Please pick children up from the Municipal Hall at 3.10

Sunday 15th January
Deadline to apply for a primary school place

Friday 10th February
Break up for Half Term

Monday 20th February
Children return to school



A MASSIVE THANK YOU to all the parents, other family members and friends who came to support the children's four performances. Thank you for supporting the children and for responding so enthusiastically!

The money raised by selling tickets and the prize draws has been used to pay for costumes and props as well as the musicals we bought. This left almost £300 which will be used to pay part of the PTA's contribution to January's pantomime visit.

On Wednesday afternoon Year 1 and Year 2 wrapped up warm in their coats, gloves and hats to deliver Christmas cards to local businesses and organisations. Children from all year groups made the cards that Key Stage 1 children delivered. Miss. James went in to a shop on her way home, she was wearing her West Street lanyard. When the cashier noticed that Miss. James worked at West Street, she said, 'Oooooo, do you work at West Street?' Then she showed Miss. James one of our Christmas cards that had been given to her earlier. She told Miss. James that it had made her day to receive this Christmas card. Well done children - your lovely Christmas cards have made lots of people very happy!

School Dinner Options

This is the menu for school lunches after the holidays. We are unable to provide alternative meals.

Monday

School closed

Tuesday

French Bread Pizza or
Potato Pie

Wednesday

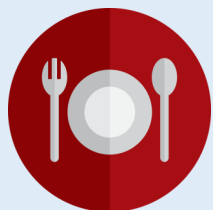
Curry or
Bubble Salmon

Thursday

Burger in a Bap or
Macaroni Cheese

Friday

Pizza or
Fish



Mrs. Kerrie Bretherton is leaving us today to start an exciting new job working for Lancashire's District 13 Inclusion Hub. This will involve Mrs. Bretherton supporting children in schools across Pendle. Mrs. Bretherton has been working at West Street for eleven and a half years in various different roles supporting children in class, in nurture provision, working with small groups and 1:1. During this time children, parents and staff have benefited from working with Mrs. Bretherton and made very positive relationships with her. Today we said goodbye to Mrs. Bretherton during Celebration Assembly. On behalf of all the children and staff, I would like to thank Mrs. Bretherton for all her hard work at West Street and wish her much success in her new role - we will miss you!

One parent described Key Stage 2's evening performance as **'STUPENDOUSLY FANTASTIC'** - I would say that this week at West Street has been stupendously fantastic with all the Christmas performances, Christmas parties, Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper wearing! It only remains for me to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR! We look forward to seeing you again on Tuesday 3rd January when we re-open for both Nursery and School children.

Miss Watson



CONGRATULATIONS!!

A massive well done and congratulations to our learners of the term.

GREAT JOB - You have earned 30 Dojo points!



THANK YOU to all those parents who joined us for this morning's Celebration Assembly to see your child receive an award.

Most Improved Writer

Year 1 **Shania**
Year 2 **Isla-Rose**
Year 3 **Ryan**
Year 4 **Sabrina**
Year 5 **Emelia**
Year 6 **Dylan**

Most Improved Reader

Year 1 **Cersei**
Year 2 **Billy-Ray**
Year 3 **Haajra**
Year 4 **Melissa**
Year 5 **Ibrahim**
Year 6 **Jensen**

Most Improved Mathematician

Year 1 **Scarlett M**
Year 2 **Harvey**
Year 3 **Kaitlin**
Year 4 **Theo N**
Year 5 **Sienna**
Year 6 **Adrian**

Historian

Year 1 **Iris**
Year 2 **Hunter**
Year 3 **Jayden**
Year 4 **Ade**
Year 5 **Eli**
Year 6 **Urban**

Scientist

Year 1 **Harry**
Year 2 **Ronnie**
Year 3 **Annie-Mae**
Year 4 **Zaeem**
Year 5 **Maison**
Year 6 **Seth**

Design Technologist

Year 1 **Olivia**
Year 2 **Skylar B**
Year 3 **Betsy**
Year 4 **Kyran**
Year 5 **Inaaya**
Year 6 **Paisley**





Absence Procedure

When you know your child is off school ill please call and leave us a message. Then we know why your child is not in school.

When your child is not in school, the office staff will:

- send a text message to remind parents that school needs to know why your child is absent
- make a phone call when they have not yet heard back from you
- ask Mrs. Peake to make a home visit

When you receive a text from school you can either reply to the text we have sent you OR just give us a ring.

Contacting School

The school office is open from 8.30am. Please leave a message on the answer phone before 8.30am. A member of staff will phone you back when necessary.



School Dinners

The cost of school dinners are:

£2.40 per day OR £12.00 per week

Parents who pay for their child's school dinners should pay directly to the office staff.

Payments can be made either by cash or cheque.



Are you interested volunteering in school?

We are keen to welcome more volunteers in school to support children's learning e.g. by hearing readers, helping out with practical activities such as cooking, art and crafts, help out with other activities. Volunteers must have a DBS – this is easy to organise with Miss. Watson. Interested? Then talk with Miss. Watson or Mrs. Duerden!



Need a warm and welcome space?

Libraries are safe/calm spaces if things become difficult at home.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

Our libraries are all warm and welcome spaces, where you can find:

- a warm drink
- a space to sit
- free computers and Wi-Fi
- charging points for your phone or laptop
- events and activities
- help from staff to find information

What's on list for LCC libraries: <https://events.lancashire.gov.uk/search/index.asp>

[Find a library](#) to view facilities, what's on and opening times. All our libraries have disabled access.

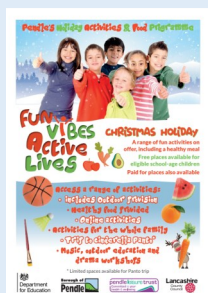
[Search for events](#) at our libraries where you can get together with others for a chat, play board games or learn something new.

Please see below for the opening times of our local libraries.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Barnoldswick	9am-5pm	9am-1pm	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-1pm
Barrowford	9am-5pm	Closed	9am-1pm	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-1pm
Colne	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm
Earby	Closed	1pm-7pm	Closed	9am-1pm	1pm-5pm	9am-1pm
Nelson	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	1pm-7pm	9am-1pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm

Do you get Free School Meals?

Is your child aged 5 to 16? Do they get benefits-related free school meals? If so, they may be eligible for free activities and food through the Fun Vibes, Active Lives programme - Pendle's holiday activities and food scheme. See the leaflet below for more information of for details about where to book.



What's On Locally?

PUTTING FOOD ON TABLES PROJECT

COME AND JOIN US AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH HALL QUEEN STREET, COLNE WARM SPACE

For a cup of tea or coffee, a chat, a warm and a welcome.

Thursdays
1 0.00am-12.30pm

Food vouchers available from school
Open 1st December

FOOD BANK

"For I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..."
Matthew 25:35

Food for Families

Festive Family Warm & Welcome

Drop in to our warm, fun, friendly, Family Zone
Help yourself to a free brew* and a slice of toast.

Play, read, and chat with other families

Thursday 29th and Friday 30th December
9.30am - 12.00pm

Colne Neighbourhood Centre (Formerly Surestart)
Walton Street
Colne, BB8 0EL

* Please bear in mind the risks of hot drinks around young children

INFANT MASSAGE

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

A five week course starting 6th January. Booking essential.
Email cfwpenderfs@lancashire.gov.uk to book your place

Friday 10am - 11.15am
Colne Neighbourhood Centre
Walton Street
Colne, BB8 0EL

Aimed at babies from six weeks to crawling. Fathers and other carers are welcome.

The sessions will help you to feel the relaxing effect of giving your baby a massage.

Infant massage has many benefits, some of which are to strengthen the bonding process, build your confidence in handling baby and support baby's development - helping physical needs if there is any tummy trouble, problems with bowel movement or trapped wind

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DEVELOPMENT MATTERS

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Monday 09.30-10.30am
Whitefield Neighbourhood Centre
Maurice Street, BB9 7HS

Tuesday 1-2pm
Bradley Neighbourhood Centre
Leeds Road, BB9 8EL

Thursday 1-2pm
Colne Neighbourhood Centre
Walton Street, BB8 0EL

Thursday 1-2pm
Brierfield Neighbourhood Centre
Tunstall Square, BB9 5GZ

Development matters is a fun, active playgroup, where you can bring your child along to socialise and play alongside other children and parents. We will provide high quality, well planned, stimulating and challenging activities, across all ages from 0-5, based on child-initiated play both indoors and outdoors (where possible).

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Mini MOVE AND GROOVE

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Monday 10.30 - 11.00am
Whitefield Neighbourhood Centre
Maurice Street, BB9 7HS

Thursday 2.00 - 2.30pm
Brierfield Neighbourhood Centre
Tunstall Square, BB9 5GZ

Thursday 2.00 - 2.30pm
Colne Neighbourhood Centre
Walton Street, BB8 0EL

Tuesday 2.00 - 2.30pm
Bradley Neighbourhood Centre
Leeds Road, BB9 8EL

A fun, six week activity programme, to help support your child in adopting a healthy lifestyle

Each session in the structured six week course will focus on promoting physical play and activity through music and movement. Aimed at all families with children from walking to preschool.

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CHAT PLAY READ

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Tuesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Each course runs for six weekly sessions, starting on the dates below:

3rd January - Brierfield Neighbourhood Centre, Tunstall Square, Brierfield, BB9 5GZ
21st February - Colne Neighbourhood Centre, Walton Street, Colne, BB8 0EL
19th April - Whitefield Neighbourhood Centre, Maurice Street, Nelson, BB9 7HS
6th June - Barnoldswick Neighbourhood Centre, Gisburn Road School, BB18 5LS
9th September - Brierfield Neighbourhood Centre, Tunstall Square, Brierfield, BB9 5GZ
31st October - Colne Neighbourhood Centre, Walton Street, Colne, BB8 0EL

These special groups held in a centre are to support your child's speech and language, which is a crucial skill that supports all other areas of their learning and development.

This includes the ability to listen, understand and communicate verbally and non-verbally supporting language development.

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BABY AND YOU

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Monday 09.30am - 10.30am
Bradley Neighbourhood Centre
Leeds Road, BB9 8EL

Monday 1pm - 2.00pm
Whitefield Neighbourhood Centre
Maurice Street, BB9 7HS

Tuesday 09.30am - 10.30am
Barnoldswick Neighbourhood Centre
Dam Head Road, BB18 5LS

Thursday 09.30am - 10.30am
Brierfield Neighbourhood Centre
Tunstall Square, BB9 5GZ

Friday 1pm - 2.00pm
Colne Neighbourhood Centre
Walton Street, BB8 0EL

Meet with other new parents to share your experiences of caring for baby.

Get together in a friendly environment with a range of play activities, to engage babies in developmental play.

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COLOURFUL FOOTSTEPS

Children and Family Wellbeing Service

Fridays 3.45pm - 5.15pm
Colne Neighbourhood Centre,
Walton Street, BB8 0EL

A fun session for children aged 5-11, with physical, learning, behavioural and emotional difficulties (including those undergoing assessment).

Colourful Footsteps takes place in an inclusive environment, with opportunities for learning, development and support.

This is also where parent carers have the opportunity to meet and make new friends, and share experiences with those going through similar joys and challenges.

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You have applied for a primary school place for your child to start in September 2023 - what happens next?

- Remember to apply for your child's place by January 15th 2023
- Lancashire County Council send out email offers to parents on 17 April 2023
- Schools will receive information about their new Reception children
- The school your child has been offered a place at will get a touch with parents
- At West Street we organise an induction meeting for new Reception parents in June that includes information about the school day, uniform, what children will learn and the roles of different staff
- Then we invite new Reception children to school for three transition afternoons in June and July when they spend time with Reception staff in both the Reception Indoor and Outdoor classrooms
- In July the Reception teacher arranges visits to your child's pre-school settings as well as 1:1 meetings with every child's parents. In this way the teacher gets to know about your child before they start school
- In September Reception children start school part-time for the first two weeks then full-time from the third week

You are welcome to come and look around to find out more. Just contact us on 01282 865840 and ask for our headteacher Sarah Watson.

You can find out more information about applying for a primary school place for your Reception child by following the link below

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/?page=1>

Applying for School Places

If you have a child due to start school in September you need to apply for a primary school place by the 15th January. If you would like your child to come to West Street you will still need to apply even if they are currently attending our nursery or have siblings already at West Street. If you need help completing the form please ask the office staff who will find someone to help you out.



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY EAST

Do you have a child starting primary school in September 2023 and living in Lancashire?

APPLY NOW!

WWW.LANCASHIRE.GOV.UK/SCHOOLS
or give us a call on 01254 220747

CLOSING DATE: 15 JANUARY 2023

You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

HAVE YOUR SAY
Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with you to make sure admissions arrangements meet future needs. To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk and search "School Admission Policies".

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www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

