



## Merry Christmas!

Dear Parents, family and friends.

We've had a busy term yet again. We've been pushing standards of writing, improving content, structure and presentation. It's ongoing but we'll get there by hook or by crook!

Next term we're looking forward to more fun themed days both in and out of school to inspire the children to learn and write.

But right now, it's time to have a break and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy 2019.

With love and best wishes, Mrs. Albion and all the staff at Westhead Lathom St James' school.



## Late Arrivals/Late Collections

Dear Parents,

When children arrive late it affects a very important part of the school day. Very often, phonics groups are interrupted which negatively affects the flow of learning of all children. It can also be unnerving for the child that is late as they miss the playtime on the playground before 8.55am and early morning instructions from their teacher.

Also, at the end of the day, some children are frequently being picked up late.

We always try to work with parents whenever there is a genuine reason for lateness. We're patient and understanding. We realise that accidents and incidents do happen! However, when lateness is frequent something has to be done. For this reason, the Governors and I have formed an Attendance and Punctuality Committee which will meet with the parents of children who are frequently late to arrive or be picked up to see if any changes can be made/help offered. Letters to those involved will be sent at the start of 2019.

In addition, if a child is not collected by 3.35pm, then the class teacher will take the child to After School Club. A charge will be incurred. If the After School Club is full then the teacher will stay to make sure that ratios are safe.

Thank you for understanding.

Mrs. Albion  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates

#### January

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| 8th  | - | EB trip to Eco Centre Southport                |
| 16th | - | P.T.A meeting 7pm, school                      |
| 31st | - | Wise Owls' trip to Edge Hill, writing workshop |



Every year the whole school put on a big performance for family and friends at Lathom High School.

This year the evening performances are on Tuesday and Wednesday, 19th and 20th March. There will be an afternoon performance on Monday 18th March but this is a dress rehearsal.

As soon as the new year begins we'll be starting auditions for acting and bringing parts.

The larger parts will go to children in Wise Owls.

Every child will sing and dance. Some will also add to the script. Others will help with the scenery, costumes and props.

As much as possible, we'll keep rehearsals out of lesson time.

We've seen our plays help children's confidence grow and this is one of the greatest gifts we can give to the children.

Letters for ticket requests will be sent out at the end of January.

## **TAWD VALE LIONS**

**A big 'thank you' to everyone who had a clear-out and brought in new and nearly new toys for this charity. Tom Canavan, their volunteer was very grateful. Thank you.**

**We look forward to seeing the children again at 8.45am, ready for a 8.55am start on Monday 7th January 2019.**