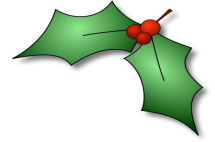




Westhead Lathom St James'

Newsletter



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Dear Families,

Last week, our Wise Owl pupils went off for a visit to the Lancashire Archives on Thursday. They really enjoyed this trip learning all about how records from the past are kept and how important it is to keep documents in the right conditions. We were treated to a visit to one of the vaults at the archive where we viewed some amazing historical documents including: the oldest document in Lancashire which is over 900 years old; a document signed by Elizabeth I in 1602 and a book of prayer from the 1600s that was handwritten in Latin and beautifully illuminated with real gold. The children also took part in a workshop linked to their learning in class about the Transatlantic Slave Trade. During the workshop, we were able to view and handle original documents from the Ship of Hope. This really was a fantastic trip and the children were great representatives for school. Well done Wise Owls.

Also last week, our Busy Bees became their own authors and illustrators to create a poem book based on Matt Goodfellow's "Zany Zoo" poem. They collected fabulous adjectives to describe their animals. We tweeted these images to Matt and he sent us a reply telling the children how fabulous their poems were!

On Tuesday, our wonderful Eager Beavers went off to Ormskirk High School to perform in the Winter Big Sing alongside schools from across Ormskirk and the West Lancs Young Voices Choir. They have been working hard in music lessons this half term to learn the repertoire of songs for the event and they did not disappoint. This was a lovely event hosted by the Lancashire Music Hub at Ormskirk High School. If your child is interested in joining the West Lancs Young Voices Choir, Ensemble for All (both hosted on a Wednesday 4-6pm) or wants to learn an instrument then follow the link to make a booking: <https://www.lancashiremusic hub.co.uk/site/get-involved/ormskirk-music-centre-2/>

On Wednesday afternoon, our Busy Bees gave some of the local community a sneak preview of their Nativity Performance when they went to CAMEO at the village hall. The children sang a selection of songs from the Nativity. This was a great opportunity for them to practise in front of an audience before the big day.

Our Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees have been working hard on their final preparations for their Nativity Performance. They have been perfecting their lines and their singing and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to the performance in church this Sunday at 10.30am. A reminder that all Ladybirds, Butterflies and Busy Bees should arrive ready in their costumes which will be sent home this Friday. Eager Beavers and Wise Owls should come in their uniform. During the service there will be a collection for Ormskirk Food Bank and a collection of New Toys for the Liberty Centre Christmas Toy Appeal. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend all.

Miss Clark

CHURCH DATES AND EVENTS

This week... Sunday service is at 10.30am

School in Attendance.

Nativity. Tree and Toy Service

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Stars of the week and Christian Values Bear



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|  | Ladybirds & Butterflies | Busy Bees | Eager Beavers | Wise Owls |
| | Anna H | Jimmy K | Dylan G | Zoe DC |

| Reception | Busy Bees | | Eager Beavers | | Wise Owls | |
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| Nancy B  | Owen P  | Vincent J  | Matilda M  | Papis S  | Harry H  | James R W  |

BINGO AT THE VILLAGE HALL...

The PTA are delighted to announce a Westhead
Lathom St James' PTA Bingo Night at

The Village Hall

Monday 9th December!

Pay on the door!

Raffle tickets on sale in the playground tonight and Monday. Please bring change if you want some tickets!



School Gateway updates...

Schoolgateway



Please book dinners on the app!

There are still a few 'no bookings' for children who have hot dinners.

when this is seen it is assumed a child has brought a packed lunch. Please ensure you book meals a week or two in advance. The cut off is 3.30pm the day before.

There is now a late booking at a cost of £3.00 that will be applied for any no booking. This will mean that the only option for lunch will be what the cook sends as spare.

Christmas Dinner is 11th December There is only a Traditional Christmas dinner being served this day. Vegetarian option is available. Toad in the hole (**Option 1**) Or Oriental noodles (**Option 2**) for Vegetarian option on the app please.



I have raised an issue with County regarding National Savings payments not being allocated to school yet. Thank you for your patience.



Diary Dates



Date

Event

Sunday 8th December

Nativity at St James' Church

Monday 9th December

Year 4 Forest School

Monday 9th December

Bingo Village Hall

Eyes down 8pm!

Tuesday 10th December

EYFS Forest School

Monday 11th December

Christmas Dinner Day

Monday 16th December

PM Key stage 2 Christmas Party

Tuesday 17th December

AM EYFS AND Key Stage 1 Christmas Party and a special surprise guest!!

Friday 20th December

Break up at 2pm for Christmas Holidays

Village Hall News!

Sunday 15th December 2-4pm

Father Christmas at the Village Hall.

Mulled Wine, Mince Pies etc.



Attendance Matters

What your child's attendance figures mean...



All messages about illness/ absence and medical appointments or early collection, should be communicated to the office. This should be done via the gateway message. Emails and phone calls/ answer messages are fine also.

Please do not send messages about absence to seesaw/class teacher. Thanks, Tracy

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| 100% attendance | Zero days missed | Excellent! |
| 99% attendance | Two days of absence across the year | Excellent! |
| 97% attendance | Five days of absence across the year | Good |
| 95% attendance | Nine days of absence across the year: one week and four days of learning missed. | Satisfactory |
| 90% attendance | Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks and four days of learning missed | Poor |
| 85% attendance | Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks and three days of learning missed. | Very Poor |
| 80% attendance | Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven weeks and 3 days of learning missed. | Unacceptable |
| 75% attendance | Educational Neglect Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one day of learning missed. | Unacceptable |

Attendance in school this week...

Ladybirds/Butterflies 100%

Winners again! Well Done!

Busy Bees 96.2%

Eager Beavers 92.5%

Wise Owls 95.6%



Midstream Coffee Morning!

Every term there is an opportunity for the class with the best attendance to win a special award.

A walk over to the village hall and attend the Mid stream coffee morning. Each child is able to have a cupcake and drink and engage in a morning social with the local community.





Gallery...

