



Our Final Message of 2016!

As 2016 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your fantastic support throughout the year. This has been particularly evident this week with super attendance at all four Christmas performances as well as our Christmas Fayre! It is always lovely to get our school community together at this time of year and we hope these events have put you all in a festive mood. The performances were wonderful and seeing what the children could achieve with just a few weeks practice fills me with confidence for the future of our school. A big thank you to all the staff that tear their hair out to create the end product that you all see!

Next week we have our final event – the Key Stage 2 Carol Service (to which you are all invited) at the Methodist Chapel in Lydia Street. The volunteers from the church are extremely supportive of our school and it will be great to celebrate with them at 1:30pm on Wednesday 14th for the first Christmas in their lovely new chapel.

The Christmas Fayre was hugely successful thanks to the hard work and effort of our 'Friends of the School' group of fantastic volunteers. A massive thank you to Mrs Brunskill, Mrs Liddell and Mr Moores for the many hours of

preparation they put into organising such a great afternoon. We managed to raise a staggering £1,110 which will go towards equipment and educational visits benefitting all of the children.

To finish this message I would like to share with

you the comments made by the nursing team that came into school this week to administer flu vaccinations to our Year 1, 2 and 3 children. The team could not get over how welcoming the school, staff and children were and commented on how well organised, friendly, polite and positive the children were throughout the process – some of the children even invited them to our Christmas Fayre!!

They finished by saying that they were going to use our school as the 'gold' standard of how effectively the process could be run. On behalf of myself, the staff and governors I would like to thank you once again for your support throughout 2016 and wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!



Christmas Party Clothing

Your child will attend their Christmas party in the last week of term. Children in years 1-6 can come to school in their party clothes or get changed after lunch. As reception class party is on Wear Something Festive Day they can either wear festive jumpers etc in the morning and bring party clothes to change into or wear the same all day the choice is yours! Please ensure your child has sensible shoes (no heels) and warm coats for outdoor play.

School Diary for Week Ahead

Monday 12th Dec	Year 1 and 2 Christmas party PM
Tuesday 13th December	Reception class and year 3 PE lesson Nursery Christmas Craft session 1-2:30pm Reception Christmas Craft session 1-2:30pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party PM
Wed 14th December	Year 6 PE lesson Nursery Christmas Party 10:30am-1pm School Christmas Lunch Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service 1:30pm at Methodist Chapel
Thursday 15th December	Reception class, year 2 and 5 PE lesson Nursery Christmas Craft Session 9:30-11am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
Friday 16th December	Year 1 PE Lesson Wear Something Festive Day Reception Christmas Party PM School closes for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 3rd Jan	PD Day—School Closed to pupils
Wed 4th Jan	School re-opens to all pupils for spring term

Star of the Week!

Reception	Bailey Coney
Year 1	Jessica Hardy
Year 2	Faith Lunn
Year 3	Jack Hardy
Year 4	Katie Gayler
Year 5	Jack Gittins
Year 6	Adam Graves

This weeks class attendance has been awarded

to
Year 6
98.8%



Launch of the Attendance Super League

Attendance at school is incredibly important! At Willington Primary we have a whole range of incentives to actively encourage children to come to school everyday. On our return from the Christmas holidays all children will enter into an Attendance Super League. The league will run in a similar way to a football league. Every week each team will earn points, depending on how good their attendance is. For example 3 points if their weekly attendance is between 99 and 100%, 2 points if between 97.6 and 98.9% and 1 point between 96 and 97.5%. If the teams attendance is below 96% they will receive zero points! The points are accumulated, and at the end of each term, the team with the most number of points will receive an extra special treat! We hope this will become one of the big highlights of each term and will motivate the children to come to school, thus making it easier for you in the mornings! We understand how hard it must be to send your child to school on the occasions when they are reluctant to come! Please support our new incentive, without your influence and strong support I am sure it will be more difficult to achieve a positive result.