



**School Diary for Week Ahead**

Mon 18th Dec	Year 4 Swimming lesson AM - Kit required Year 6 PE Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party PM Nursery Christmas Craft 1:30 - 3:00pm
Tues 19th Dec	Year 2 PE - Kit required KS2 Carol Service at Methodist Chapel 1:30pm
Wed 20th Dec	Year 3 and 5 PE - Kit required Nursery Christmas Party Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party PM
Thur 21st Dec	Year 1 and 4 PE - Kit required Performing Arts Group Singing Carols at Willington Care Village 10:30 - 11:30am Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party PM
Fri 22nd Dec	Reception PE Reception Christmas Party PM School Closes for Christmas Holidays
Mon 8th January	School Re-opens for Spring Term

**Star of the Week!**

- Reception **Joshua Harland**
- Year 1 **Harri Jukes**
- Year 2 **Celena Spooner**
- Year 3 **Tori Welch**
- Year 4 **Robbie Lambe**
- Year 5 **Thomas Preston**
- Year 6 **Lana Fitzgerald**

**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. Please can children in reception class bring their clothes to school to change into. Please ensure your child has sensible shoes (no heels) and warm coats for outdoor play. Thank you.

**Year 3 Were Mummified!**

Children in year 3 visited the Oriental Museum in Durham on Thursday. They travelled back in time to the land of the Pharaohs to experience what life was like thousands of years ago. Children studied the significance of mummies and mummification and were amazed when they came face to face with a 3,000 year old mummy. The class particularly enjoyed mummifying Eden and sending him to the afterlife! (Don't worry Eden was not harmed in this activity). The class independently explored the galleries, handled collections and came to their own conclusions of life and death in Ancient Egypt.



**Where Does the Time Go?**

It's hard to believe that 15 school weeks have passed since we returned in September and once again it's been another busy term at Willington Primary!

This week our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have put on four great performances which really got everyone into the festive spirit. It never ceases to amaze me what our fabulous young people and talented staff are able to achieve in such a short space of time!

'Stay and Play' sessions throughout the term and 'Christmas Craft' sessions this week welcomed Reception and Nursery parents into school to get creative and play with their children. These sessions are always well attended and the level of parental support is evident in the progress being made by the children.

Last week's Christmas Fair together with the raffles from the shows raised a fantastic £1,139 to go into school funds.

This will be used to ensure our children have the best learning resources available and that exciting extras like 'Professor Brainstorm's Science Shows' and a range of trips to enhance learning can continue to take place. A big thank you to Mrs Brunskill and Mrs Liddell for all the time and effort they put in to ensure the fair was a success and

a thank you to Darren for organising the raffles for the shows. The autumn term also saw our school win the 'Best Breakfast Club in the North East' award. The award was hosted by Kellogg's and four of our Year 6 children together with Mrs Walker and Mr Littlefair were invited to attend an award ceremony at the Houses of Parliament in London. During the day they had a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament, met our local MP (Laura Pidcock) and were presented with a trophy and a cheque for £1,000! They had an amazing day and were great ambassadors for our school. On the train journey home they played a game which ended up with most of the carriage joining in! The school received a lovely e-mail from one of the passengers who wrote, 'It was without doubt the most enjoyable train journey I have experienced. They were playing a card game and were most polite, entertaining children. So well behaved - what a credit they must be to your school - well done Willington!'

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