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"Planting Dreams. Nurturing Hearts. Growing Minds."

Monday 27th November, 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends of the Whiteoak Academies,

As we approach Christmas, it is a very busy time for us all. Over the past couple of weeks, we have had Nurturing Hearts Week, including Children in Need with the Bearpee challenge, Parents Evenings, school trips and workshops, bulb planting and visits to Pop-ins as well as the WOWSA D-I-S-C-Os! Thank you to our wonderful staff team, to WOWSA and to you for your support in helping our children enjoy so many wonderful opportunities and experiences.

Last week, we were also asked by our Trust, the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, to host English and Maths teachers from all of our Trust secondary schools (Gordano, Backwell, Chew Valley & Churchill) to discuss transition from Year 6 to Year 7 and to share some of the curriculum work and teaching we do in school. It was great to have the opportunity to work with our secondary colleagues and we hope that we can support excellent transition for our children as they move towards their next adventure.

This week, we also have sporting experiences for children in both KS1 and KS2 as well as our rearranged Diwali workshops. For all of our families that celebrated Diwali, we hope there is much happiness and light for you all in the year ahead.



**Over £400 Raised.
Thank you for your wonderful support.**

With very best wishes,

Mr Duncan Cook
Executive Headteacher



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Christmas Activities

Christmas is always a special time in primary school and there is much for our children to look forward to. Please see confirmation of events and timings below.

Friday 1st December – Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Children only)

Dress Rehearsal performance to Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6.

Monday 4th December – Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Children only)

Dress Rehearsal performance to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Wednesday 6th December – Reception Nativity

Performance to parents and families, 1.45pm.

Thursday 7th December – Reception Nativity

Performance to parents and families, 9.30am.

Thursday 7th December – Year 3 Pantomime @ Bristol Hippodrome

Thursday 7th December – Choir to sing @ Pop-ins

Monday 11th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity

Christmas Service at Church. Children only.

Tuesday 12th December - Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Carols & Singing

Children in Years 1 and 2 will combine a Christmas Movie with their performances. We ask that children stay in school to enjoy their film with their friends prior to their performances. Children in Years 1 and 2 will be performing on the stage in Grove Hall with tickets initially limited to two per family.



Year 1 will be singing in Grove Hall at **3.45pm**.

WOWSA will be selling refreshments for families from 3.15pm.

Please note this performance is limited to two seats per family. However, there are likely to be some spare seats for this performance so please contact the school office if you would like extra.

Year 2 will be singing in Grove Hall at **4.45pm**.

Again, WOWSA will be selling refreshments for 30 minutes before the performance.

Please note this performance is limited to two seats per family.

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas lunch in school. This should be pre-booked via Aspens.

Children are also invited to wear their Christmas jumpers and non-school uniform in return for a donation to our School Charity, the Grand Appeal – Bristol Children's Hospital.

Thursday 14th December – Year 5 & Choir

This year, Year 5 & our School Choir will be performing poems and carols in Grove Hall. The performance will **start at 6pm** so we ask that all children arrive in full school uniform (Christmas hats welcome!) at school no later than 5.40pm to allow teachers to take registers and organise their classes. The performance should last approximately 45 minutes and we warmly invite all families to join us.

If your child / children are in Year 5 or Choir and are unable to make the evening, can you please let Miss Evans or Dr Hardwidge know as soon as possible as this may affect organisation. Thank you.

Monday 18th December – Reception & KS1 Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity

Christmas Service at Church. Children only.

Wednesday 20th December – Staff Panto!

Oh no it's not – Oh yes it is! Once again this year, we are ending the term with a staff pantomime (Snow White) written by Dr Hardwidge for the children. Hopefully, it will be a bit of fun for the children to enjoy.

Year 6 will also be visiting Holy Trinity to make Christingles – date tbc

Term 2 - Courage

Wednesday 29th November – Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Hutton Moor

Thursday 30th November – WOWSA Wreath Making – Adults only (@ Ring O Bells)

Friday 1st December – WOWSA Stall @ Nailsea Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December – KS1 Multi-Skills @ St. Katherine's

Friday 1st December – Prospective Parents Tour (Please book), 9.30am

Friday 1st December – Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Children only)

Friday 1st December – WOWSA Stall @ Nailsea Christmas Fair

Monday 4th December – Year 6 to the Tithe Barn (WWII Experience)

Monday 4th December - Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal (Children only)

Tuesday 5th December – Main Governing Body Meeting, 6.30pm

Wednesday 6th December – Reception Nativity, 1.45pm

Thursday 7th December – Reception Nativity, 9.30am

Thursday 7th December – Dodgeball Competition

Thursday 7th December – Choir to sing at Pop-Ins (Holy Trinity) - tbc

Monday 11th December – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity (Children only)

Tuesday 12th December – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Movie Night & Christmas Performances, 3.45pm & 4.45pm

Wednesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December – Year 1 to Weston Museum

Thursday 14th December – Year 5 Christmas performance and Choir, 6pm

Monday 18th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas Service @ Holy Trinity (Children only)

Monday 18th December – Year 4 Christmas Lanterns

Wednesday 20th December – Staff Pantomime (Children only)

Wednesday 20th December – Last Day of Term 2 for everyone

Term 3 – British Values

Thursday 4th January – Start of Term 3 for everyone
Tuesday 9th January – Year 4 Swimming begins
Friday 12th January – Year 1 & Year 5 Forest School begins
Wednesday 17th January – Year 3/4 Gymnastics (Give it a try)
Monday 5th February – British Values Week
Monday 5th February – Main Governing Body Meeting, 6.30pm
Tuesday 6th February – Informal Open Morning
Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 6th February – I Can – I Am Bus (Y5/6)
Wednesday 6th February – I Can – I Am Bus (Y5/6)
Friday 9th February – Last Day of Term 3 for everyone

Term 4 – Kindness

Monday 19th February – LSP Trust INSET (Staff Only)
Tuesday 20th Start of Term 4 for children
Monday 26th February – Year 1 to Goblin Coombe
w/b 4th March – Book Week in School
Monday 4th March – Year 2 to Goblin Coombe
Monday 4th March – Year 1 & Year 5 First Aid
Tuesday 5th March – Year 1 & Year 5 First Aid
Thursday 7th March – World Book Day
Thursday 7th March – Y4 North Somerset Dance Festival
Monday 11th March- Year 3 to Goblin Coombe
Monday 11th March – National Science Week
Monday 18th March – Main Governing Body Meeting, 6.30pm
Thursday 21st March – World Poetry Day
Tuesday 26th March – Year 3 Production (Evening Performance)
Wednesday 27th March – Year 3 Production (Afternoon Performance)
Thursday 28th March – Last Day of Term 4 for everyone
Friday 29th March – Good Friday – Bank Holiday

Term 5 – Belonging

Monday 15th April – Start of Term 5 for everyone
Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday
Tuesday 7th May – KS1 Sports Week
w/b 13th May – KS2 SATs Week
Monday 20th May – KS2 Sports Week
Friday 24th May – Last Day of Term 5 for everyone

Term 6 – Resilience

Monday 3rd June – INSET Day (Staff Only)
Tuesday 4th June – Start of Term 6 for Children
Tuesday 23rd July – Last Day of Term 6 for everyone.

More dates and times to follow.