

Good Afternoon from Miss Marwood

Children in Need

We raised **£160** for Children in Need last Friday. I would like to give a special mention to the school council who organised this event- arranging face painting, non-uniform and selling Pudsey headbands and wrist bands. Thank you to everyone who helped or made donations to help children in the UK access community groups and lead better lives.

School Council are also planning some other fundraising activities in school. Tuesday 19th December is Christmas Jumper Day in school. Children can come into school wearing a festive jumper/non-uniform and make a donation to the Save the Children charity. Save the Children work in many countries around the world trying to improve the lives of children who are malnourished, lacking medicine or are affected by conflict.

Thank you to all the adults who attended our annual Nursery at Night event. We enjoyed fireworks, dancing and food and everyone looked to be having fun. Thank you to all staff who gave their time to help prepare for the event or stayed late after school. We couldn't run these events without your hard work and enthusiasm!

We have four weeks left of this half term and they are very full with a variety of activities- please see the calendar below. This week Miss Haigh sent out information for our Winter Fair. Children can be collected from classes at **1.45pm**, the doors will open for the Winter Fair at **2pm** so that staff have time to get to their stalls and set up.

WINTER WONDERLAND DONATIONS NEEDED



Chocolate

From a Freddo to a selection box, we need donations of chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola.

Decorated Sweet Jars

Decorate a jar in your house colours and fill with sweets. The house with the most jars will win **50 house points**.



Usable Toys

Any donations of usable toys would be great for our toy stall.



Donations need to be in school by 7th December.



Westbourne's Winter Wonderland

Stalls, food, games and much more.

Come and support Westbourne Primary School's Winter Wonderland. There will be a range of stalls and games to raise money for school funds to invest in more playground equipment and subsidise visits and visitors.

Wednesday 13th December
2 - 3:15pm

The wonderful **Mrs Freeman** will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term. She has dedicated the past **14 years** of her working life to Westbourne, teaching us how to plant and grow our own food, take care of our fruit trees and share many delicious cakes with children, parents and staff! Although we will miss her we wish her all the best for the future.

Message from Mr Atkinson

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today to inform you that I have been successfully appointed to the role of Interim CEO of the Priestley Academy Trust whilst Trustees seek to make a permanent appointment. I will therefore be stepping down from my role as Executive Headteacher of Westbourne Primary School. Miss Marwood will be moving into the role of Headteacher from January 2024. Miss Marwood is an exceptionally caring leader who wants the best for every child, I am under no doubt the school will continue to thrive under her leadership.

I will continue to support the school in my role as Interim CEO. Thank you to all the parents, children and staff for their support over the last five years.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Atkinson

Executive Headteacher

Parent Partners group meet **every Friday at 9am in the SSA**. All parents are welcome to attend for a coffee and a chat – it would be lovely to welcome some new members to the group.

You will be pleased to know that we are able to continue with our free bagels. Every morning our bagel monitors deliver fresh bagels to any child who wants one. Thank you to our staff who volunteer to help prepare and organise them.

Finally, If you have any concerns about something that has happened in school, please make an appointment to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team or the class teacher and we will try and resolve any issue as quickly as possible.

Packed Lunches

Please remember that we are a **nut, melon and pineapple free** school. This means that children are not able to bring these foods into school in their packed lunches. This includes **Nutella** which has hazelnuts as an ingredient.

A reminder also that packed lunches from home need to help children maintain a healthy diet.

If you are sending grapes in as part of a packed lunch please remember to **cut them in half** so they are not a choking hazard.

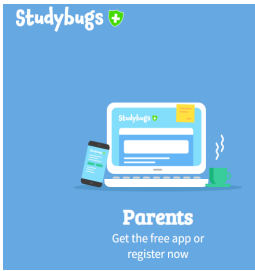
Diary Dates

	DECEMBER
Friday 1 st	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend every Friday.
Monday 4 th	Y6 Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.
Wednesday 6 th	Tuck Shop- cereal bars and snacks available to buy.
Friday 8 th	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend every Friday.
Monday 11 th	Nursery Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.
Tuesday 12 th	9AM- Coffee Morning for parents of children with SEND needs
Wednesday 13 th	Winter Wonderland Fair 2pm. Children can be collected from their classes at 1.50pm Tuck Shop- cereal bars and snacks available to buy.
Thursday 14 th	Nursery Christmas Sing-a-long 11am and 3pm – Parents of Nursey children are welcome to attend
Friday 15 th	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend every Friday. Reception and Y6 Nativity performance 9.30 and 2pm – Parents of children in Reception and Yr 6 are welcome to attend.
Monday 18 th	Reception Forest School- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear. Y1 and Y2 Christmas performance 2pm - Parents of pupils in Year 1 and 2 are welcome to attend.
Tuesday 19 th	Whole school pantomime- The Three Musketeers Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – charity fundraiser for Save the Children Priestley Academy Trust Sports Competition Boys and Girls Under 11s Athletics
Wednesday 20 th	House Rewards afternoon for the winning house. Tuck Shop- cereal bars and snacks available to buy. 9.30 Year 3, 4 and 5 Musical Performance – Parents with pupils in these year groups are welcome to attend
Friday 22 nd December	Class Parties – Come to school in your party clothes Special visitor in school School Closes at 3.15pm
Monday 8th January 2024	8.45am School reopens to all pupils

Attendance



If you haven't done already please download the StudyBugs App



This is an easier way for you to report your child's absence from school.

A reminder that it is parents' responsibility to contact school by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. This can be done via the Studybugs App or by phone and must be done for every day they are absent. If you do not contact school to report a child's absence this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in penalty notices being issued by Bradford Council Education, Attendance and Safeguarding Team.

A reminder - if you are considering taking a period of extend leave you must book a meeting with a member of the leadership team before booking any tickets. We want to help explain the impact that extended leave has on your child's education and make sure you are fully aware of council process involving fines of up-to £2,500 and in some case prosecution.

This term's attendance			
We are trying really hard to be above 96% for this year for the whole school.			
Nursery		AM — 93% PM – 86%	
RS	93%	RG	90%
1L	91%	1P	88%
2M	94%	2S	89%
3G	94%	3C	89%
4S	89%	4B	95%
5W	90%	5H	91%
6A	94%	6S	90%

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