



## Windermere Primary School Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### A word from the Headteacher

Decorations and lights are springing up all over, Christmas songs are being practised and the nativity costumes are ready as we head into the last couple of weeks before the holiday.

In assemblies, children have explored the stories of St Andrew, patron saint of Scotland, and the period of Advent. Children have talked about situations when they have felt the most important and the least important and discussed ideas of how to include all. We have celebrated children who have shown respect and kindness.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

### St Albans Consortium Fundraising

We know it can be a tricky time leading into Christmas but wanted to share with you the link to the St Albans Consortium fundraising for those caught up in the conflict in Gaza and Israel.

[www.justgiving.com/page/windermereprimarieschool](http://www.justgiving.com/page/windermereprimarieschool)

### Christmas arrangements

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas around the World performance after school. Children who are staying are to stay in their classrooms and be collected from there after the performance.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Dinner Day (orders already placed). Children can choose to wear a Christmas jumper if they wish.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December- Reception Nativity 9:30am. Key Stage 1 children will be watching too. Key Stage 2 will watch earlier in the week.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Certificate assemblies by invitation.

### Cash for Clothes

The collection date for the Cash for Clothes bags is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am. Please drop off the bags on that morning as we do not have space to store bags in school.

### NHS Healthy Start Help to buy food and milk

You may qualify for a weekly payment for fresh fruit, vegetables, and milk through the NHS Healthy Start Scheme. If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Visit the Healthy Start website for more information and to apply. <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

### Dates for your Diary:

9<sup>th</sup> December PTA Christmas Fair  
12<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Around the World performance after school 3:45pm  
13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas lunch (incl jumpers)  
14<sup>th</sup> December Reception Nativity 9:30am  
20<sup>th</sup> December Certificate Assemblies  
21st December 2023- 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Christmas Holiday  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Children return to school for Spring Term

### Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers.

Reception-Which 'traditional tale' characters did the Jolly Postman meet on his journey?

Year 1- Which toys did your parents and grandparents play with?

Year 2- What do you need to make a catapult?

Year 3-Can you give 2 reasons why the River Nile was important to Egyptians?

Year 4- Can you introduce yourself to your family in French?

Year 5- How do you calculate the area of a shape?

Year 6-How do you feel after completing the practice papers this week?

