



Westleigh Methodist Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: WC 4th December



The children really had a loved their festive Christmas dinner today. The music, decorations, crackers and lovely Christmas dinner was just great for all. Thank you to Lorna our cook and Mrs Hope for making it so special.

We thoroughly enjoyed our worship on Wednesday delivered by Mr Turner from Edukid. He shared more information about the two children we sponsor, Tracey and Nelson, and what life is like for them in Uganda. We even learnt how to speak in their language. We are busy collecting donations for our Christmas raffle to raise funds for Edukid and Christmas Spectacular day – if you have any donations please kindly send them into school by Friday 15th December. Raffle tickets will then be on sale throughout the last week and before each Christmas performance.

Year 3 gained so much knowledge about Advent and Christingle to support their current RE learning when Reverend Katherine visited their class on Tuesday. The use of a puppet really excited them to learn about the different components of a Christingle.

From April 2024, entitlement will be extended to provide ALL two-year-olds with access to 15 hours of funded childcare. If you know any children requiring a nursery place then please contact our school office.

Dates for your diary

- Friday 1st December – Friday 22nd December – Reverse Advent for Brick
- Sunday 17th December – Christmas Carol Service at Bedford Hall Methodist – Ethos Committee attending
- Monday 18th December – 9.30am Nursery Christmas Songs
- Monday 18th December - 2pm Reception Nativity
- Tuesday 19th December – KS1 Nativity – morning and afternoon
- Wednesday 20th December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert – morning and afternoon
- Friday 22nd December – Christmas film and PJ day – children can come dressed in Christmas clothes or PJs and bring in a small treat to eat whilst watching a Christmas film
- Friday 22nd December – school closes for Christmas at 2pm

Attendance

Year Group	Attendance This Week
Nursery	80.7%
Reception	87.9%
Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	97.0%
Year 3	93.7%

Year 4	97.0%
Year 5	98.7%
Year 6	93.3%
Whole school from 4 th September	93.3%

The top three classes each week get to take a spin of the wheel and have the chance to earn money for their end of year treat. Some of the treats chosen by classes are very exciting. Ask your child what they are working towards.

Well done Years 5, 2 & 4 who all got a spin of the wheel this week.

Attendance totals stand at:

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
£1	£6	£9	£36	£12	£0	£5

Excellent attendance at school is vital to securing the greatest possible personal development and academic progress for each child. As we begin the new school year, we expect all families to be committed to excellent attendance.

Excellent attendance is 98% or above.

Worship



This week in worship we looked at different ways to celebrate Advent. We discussed how we can use Advent candles, Advent wreaths, Advent calendars and Christingles among other things to celebrate Advent. We then focused on Advent candles and discussed the meaning and symbolism of Advent candles. Christians believe that Jesus is the light of the world and the Advent candle reminds Christians that the coming of Jesus turns darkness into light.



This week's worship focused on the meaning of Advent- we discussed what it is like to prepare for something special in our lives - in particular, the ways in which Christians prepare for the arrival of Jesus. Then listened to a retelling of the Bible story Luke 1:26-38 'An Angel Visits Mary' and considered the feelings that Mary and Joseph must have been experiencing as they prepared for the arrival of their very special child.



'Do all you can' Golden Broom Award Winners:

Year 2! Well done keep it up Year 2!

Play Leaders' Stars of the Week:

KS1: Kayla A for being helpful and joining in.
KS2: Scarlet L for helping to tidy up, showing teamwork and love.



Christian Values Champion



Star of the Week



Year 6

Lacey G for showing great teamwork working with her peers.

Emmy for showing resilience.

Year 5

Blake for showing thankfulness this week.

Judith for a fantastic first week at Westleigh Methodist.

Year 4

Luke for showing excellent responsibility.

James T for fantastic diary writing in English.

Year 3

Autumn for always being so kind and loving to others

Zara for working so hard in all subjects this week and trying her best in her assessments last week

Year 2

Taya for displaying teamwork, thankfulness and having lovely manners.

Aksa for having a great first week part of our Westleigh family.

Year 1

Edi for showing respect and great teamwork when at school.

Aashir for putting 100 percent into all his work.

Reception

Essa for showing teamwork and sharing resources

Hannah for amazing effort in Christmas rehearsals

Nursery

Cosma for showing love and kindness to his friends.

Amelia for star for amazing singing and dancing when practicing the nativity.

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Reception: @ReceptionWLM

Year 1: @WLMYear1

Year 2: @WLMyear21

Year 3: @WLMYear3

Year 4: @WLMYear4

Year 5: @WLMYear5

Year 6: @WLMYear6