

# NEWSLETTER

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**Westdale**  
Junior School

## HEALTHY SNACKS

Just a quick reminder that snacks children bring in with them to eat at playtime in the morning should be as healthy as possible. As a general rule, crisps and chocolate are not classed as healthy snacks.

## SCIENCE DAY

Years 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed a Science day recently (year 6 were at Caythorpe). Some very interesting investigations took place, with, amongst other exciting things, cars on ramps and the water cycle replicated with cotton wool, ice cubes, cling film and plastic bowls!

## NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

Following nominations for a parent governor, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Amarpreet Lakha-Dunkel has now joined the school governing body.

## YEAR 6 AT CAYTHORPE

The year 6 children had a fantastic time on their recent residential visit to the PGL centre at Caythorpe in Lincolnshire. Despite slightly damp conditions, all the children worked well together and gave all the activities a go.

## ARCHERY DAY

Over the last two weeks, all the children have enjoyed an archery taster lesson in school with coaches from Precision Training. Following its success, we are now hoping to begin an after school archery club in the new year. Information will follow on soon.





## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday of last week, the children came into school dressed as superheroes or with a favourite teddy bear. They looked amazing in some very creative outfits and altogether managed to raise an impressive £300 for the charity!



## CHRISTMAS

We know it is still November, and we apologise for mentioning the C word before December, but as Christmas activities are only a few weeks away, we thought you might appreciate some information and key dates:

### YEAR 5/6 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

**Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – approx. 7:30pm**

**Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – approx.. 7:30pm**

Further information will be sent out soon.

### CAROL CONCERT

This year's carol concert will take place on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 10am.** As always, you are all most welcome to join us in the school hall to celebrate Christmas with some favourite carols and readings from the children.

## CHRISTMAS DISCO

Following the success of the recent Macmillan coffee morning, our growing parent group have organised a disco for the children on **Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup>.** **It will start at 5:30pm and finish at 7pm.** Letters were sent home yesterday with your children.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

This year, after the success of last year, the children will again be making their own food for the Christmas parties within school. This forms part of the children's DT curriculum, and therefore, you will be pleased to know, we will not need parents/carers to send in food items with their children for the party afternoons. Parties will take place on December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

## CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS AT ST. JAMES CHURCH

The children will also be visiting St. James in December, in their individual year groups, to attend an exciting Christmas workshop.

