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Newsletter 29th November 2024

This week it has been a joy to hear lots of Christmas singing and brass instrumentals around school as we begin our preparations for Christmas. This truly is a magical time in school!

Have a lovely weekend,

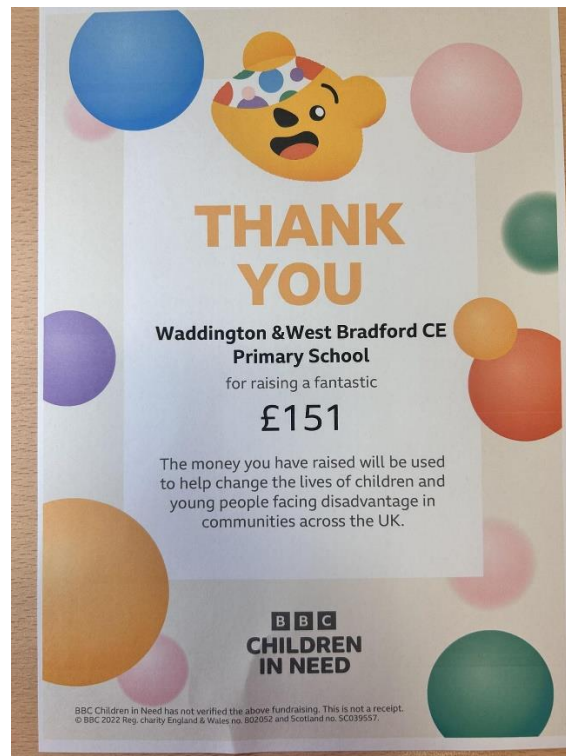
Mrs White

Children in Need 2024

Thank you and well done 🍌

We raised £151 for Children in Need this year 🧡

The link on ParentPay is still live if anyone else would still like to donate.



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New Trim Trail

Thank you so much to our PTA, [Friends of WWB](#), who contributed £6500 towards the cost our new trim trail! It has been finished today and we are so excited and grateful 🙏😊 The children here are very lucky to have such a supportive PTA who truly do their best to raise funds for things like this 💙



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Football

Amazing effort on Monday night for our footballers! They played 4, won 3, drew 1 and no goals conceded! Super teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who braved the cold and cheered us on!



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A Year of Prayer

✝️ 🙏 On Tuesday we joined together with lots of other schools in the diocese to see Bishop Phillip launch 'The Year of Prayer'. 🙏



Safeguarding

The SLT have completed a Safeguarding Audit and have made some changes to site access.

We ask that on a day-to-day basis parents only enter the school building through the main front doors and do not walk up through the corridors without an appointment or permission.

Examples include:

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please ask the staff member on the front door (usually Mrs White, Mr Stell or Mrs Baron) and they will go and get the teacher for you, or make an appointment for a later time.

If you think your child has left something in class, please either send them on their own or ask a staff member to go and look for you.

Bringing your child back to school from an appointment, please say goodbye to them at the front doors and a staff member will look after them and take them to class.

We are doing this as we are trying to tighten up security, access and safeguarding around school. **Many of the staff don't recognise all the parents and often question who is walking unsupervised around school.** The staff try to be as visible as possible and are available when they bring their classes out at the end of the day.

We hope that you can appreciate that we take Safeguarding very seriously and just want to ensure that our pupils, and staff, feel safe in knowing who has access to wander/walk around inside the building. Please don't be offended if staff ask who you are and why you are in the building – we are just trying to keep our pupils safe.



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Christmas Fair Organisation

As the Christmas Fair approaches, we are tightening up on Safeguarding Procedures so that everyone can enjoy a lovely, festive afternoon safely.

Therefore, arrangements for Friday 6th December are as follows:

If you are coming to the Christmas Fair, please come and pick your children up between 1pm and 1.15pm from the following areas:

- Reception - their normal exit
- Year 1 - their normal exit
- Year 2 - pick up from the main entrance
- Year 3 - pick up from their classroom exit around the back of school
- Year 4 - pick up from the door by the yr3/4 classroom around the back of school (the red door that leads into school)
- Year 5 - pick up from the door by the yr3/4 classroom around the back of school (the red door that leads into school)
- Year 6 - are staying in school to help with the fair.

When your child leaves with you between 1pm-1.15pm, they will be given a holographic wrist band so that we know that they have been 'handed over' to an adult and they must wear this walking around the fair.

Once you have picked up your child, please go onto the front yard.

We will then open the main front doors at 1.20pm for people to enter school again WITH their children. Please feel free to wander around school and enjoy the stalls together with your child. Children must be accompanied at all times, apart from Year 6 who do not need parental supervision.

Any children who cannot be picked up between 1pm-1.15pm will go to the Year 1 classroom and enjoy some play time. They will be able to attend the fair in small groups accompanied by a teacher/teaching assistant.

If you can only get here at a later time e.g. 2pm, please just come to the Year 1 exit and ask for your child - that's no problem and we understand that not everyone will be able to get here for 1pm-1.15pm.

If you are a PTA helper, please don't worry, your child will still get to participate in the fair. They'll go around in a group with a staff member.

When it is time for you to leave, please can parents ONLY exit through the main entrance where a staff member will be stood with a clipboard. You will need to sign your child out of school at this point.

We hope that we've made this as clear as possible for everyone and we are excited for another fabulous Christmas Fair!

PARKING REMINDER

Please can we remind all parents, and anyone who picks up or drops off, of the following:

- Please do not park on the car park
- Please do not turn around in the car park
- Please do not walk through or across the car park – it is dangerous
- Please do not stop on the zig zags
- Please do not do a 3-point turn outside school

Lateness and Attendance Policy

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN GETTING THEIR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME EVERY DAY. WE'VE SEEN A HUGE IMPROVEMENT WITH THIS – THANK YOU.

Just a reminder that doors open at 8.40am and **close** promptly at 8.55am for the start of the school. When the children enter school, they begin learning immediately as the teachers set up tasks for them to do to settle into the school day.

Please can we ask parents to try and get their children to school on time so that no learning time is missed. If you are having regular trouble getting your child here on time, please speak to the class teacher to see how we can support you with this.

If your child misses the start of the day, they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting important news and information for the day. Pupils arriving late also disrupt lessons, which can be embarrassing for the child and can in turn, encourage absence. Being 10 minutes late every day throughout the academic year is the same as missing two weeks of school.

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Dates for Diaries – Autumn Term 2

Please find below some key dates for your diary for next half term.

Any updated or changed dates will be highlighted in yellow each week.

Mon 2 nd Dec	4pm-5.30pm – RV Football League
Thurs 5 th Dec	Kate Taylor (SESCO) in school
Fri 6 th Dec	PANTOMIME at the Grand in the morning Christmas Fair in the afternoon
Mon 9 th Dec	2.30pm – Year 5 dance performance for parents
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play at 10am and 2pm
Wed 11 th Dec	9am – Intra Health Flu Immunisation catch up Christmas Raffle Year 2 trip to Turton Tower
Thurs 12 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (and a Christmas hat if they want to as well) Santa Dash in school 2pm – Reception Christmas Stay and Play 2pm – Music concert – Mrs Parker’s students
Fri 13 th Dec	Year 2 visiting St Helens Church
Mon 16 th Dec	Kate Taylor (SESCO) in school 1.30pm – Choir to go and see at the Almshouses
Tues 17 th Dec	10am Reception Nativity 2pm Reception Nativity 6pm Carols by Candlelight for KS2
Wed 18 th Dec	Santa visits school in the morning Christmas Lunch Class parties – children can wear party clothes to school
Thurs 19 th Dec	Special Certificate Assembly
Fri 20 th Dec	10am – special assembly visit from Destiny Africa – their choir is singing for us FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS AT NORMAL TIME

SENCO drop in sessions



Mrs Taylor, our SENCO, will be available on the following dates in the Autumn Term 2024.

- Monday 2nd December
- Tuesday 9th December

If you would like to meet with Kate to discuss your child's additional needs, please email senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk SEND queries must now be emailed to senco@wwb.lancs.sch.uk This email address will be checked weekly by either Mrs White or Mrs Taylor. If there are any urgent questions or concerns in relation to classroom support, intervention or plans, please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher.

Attendance

Week commencing 25th November 2024

We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	92.3%
Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	98.3%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	98.6%

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CONTACT US



Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will aim to make themselves available to you as soon as possible.

School contact details: 01200 422915 or bursar@wwb.lancs.sch.uk

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