

Westbrook Lane Newsletter

Seasons Greetings

We have had a very busy and enjoyable first term, crammed full of exciting experiences both in school and out of school. Our new Reception children made a successful transition into school, Class 6 survived the challenges of the Robinwood residential, the library has been re-stocked, the PTA have organised several successful events e.g. Sausage Sizzle and Christmas Fair, and the Christmas Concert was the highlight of December. When you look back you realise how much has been achieved in such a short time by the staff, children and parents.



Thank you to everyone and we wish you all a very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year



Maternity News

Miss Reasbeck will be starting her maternity leave on Friday 22nd January. Mrs Murphy, who works in Class 1 once a week, will be taking over for four days a week. Mrs Haslam, who covers classes throughout school and has also worked with Class 1, will cover the remainder. The timetabling of teachers who are familiar to the children will lead to a smooth transition. The class teachers will be planning together at the start of January to ensure that continuity is maintained. The teachers will work with the children so that they are prepared for the changes. Miss Reasbeck is intending to return shortly before the end of the summer term to support the end of year transition process.

Class News



Reception Class had a visit from one of Father Christmas's elves.



We have been showing him how fantastic we are so he can feed back to Father Christmas. We have told him what we want for Christmas. On Wednesday 9th December we came into school to find him stuck in the reading area. We think he was trying to look at books but doesn't know how. Luckily, some helpful children have been teaching him how to read a book.

Cinderella and Rokerfella

The pantomime was thrilling to watch. All the characters shone like true stars: Cinderella sparkled in the spotlight, singing a beautiful duet with the excellent Rokerfella; the ugly sisters were suitably loud and bonkers; the wedding planner and the ever popular Buttons entertained the audience confidently.

Vibrant costumes added colour and joy to the stage – the Mad Hatter, the dwarves and the Queen of Hearts together with her cards all looked particularly impressive.



Beautiful singing from all the children filled the air, creating a festive atmosphere. This was accompanied by lively dancing and a good deal of laughter, especially at the (not so) merry men! A spectacular spirit-lifting finale rounded off a superb production. Overall, it was...a ball!

Review by: Jake W, Harvey C, Billie W, Emilia M

The collection raised an amazing £554.70 for the drama fund. Thank you for your generosity.

'It was worth travelling from Cheshire for!' grandparent





Learning how to keeping safe online



In Key Stage 2, children have been learning about how to be safe using the internet. Here are some of their top tips for keeping safe online:

- Always keep your password to yourself. Don't let anyone else see it, not even your best friends. Only share it with your parents or a teacher.
- If you are worried about anything online, tell a trusted adult like your parents, grandparents or a teacher.
- Don't share a picture online that you would not be happy for your parents to see. Think before you send a message or post anything online.
- Check any information you find online on at least two websites to make sure you can trust it.
- Do not open anything that 'pops up' on your computer, tablet or phone that says you have won a competition as it may contain a virus.
- If you are playing a game online, use a nickname that doesn't give away any personal information about yourself rather than your real name.



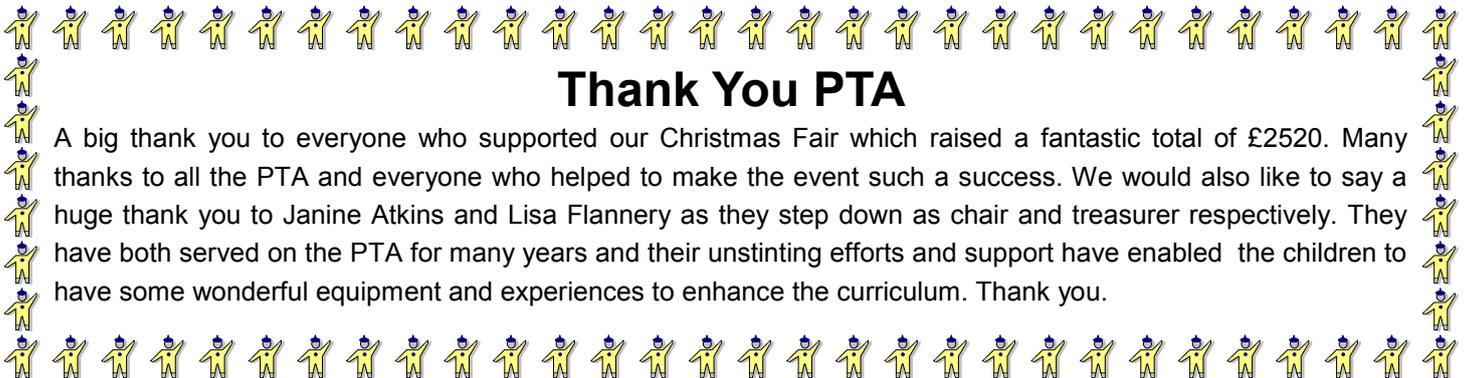
Remember - stay safe over the festive season

Changes to School Dinner Money

Please note that the price of school meals is increasing to £2.25 a day with effect from 1st January.

For anyone wishing to pay dinner money for the full half term after the holiday the amount needed for children having a school meal every day is: **Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 30 days x £2.25 = £67.50**

Please remember to inform the office of any changes to school meals for after the holidays as one week's notice is required to amend the food order in the kitchen.



Thank You PTA

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair which raised a fantastic total of £2520. Many thanks to all the PTA and everyone who helped to make the event such a success. We would also like to say a huge thank you to Janine Atkins and Lisa Flannery as they step down as chair and treasurer respectively. They have both served on the PTA for many years and their unstinting efforts and support have enabled the children to have some wonderful equipment and experiences to enhance the curriculum. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th December	Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm
Monday 14th December	Y1/Y2 Dodgeball 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 15th December	Rec and KS1 Christmas Party - see separate letter Street Dance 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 16th December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party - see separate letter Taekwondo 3.30 - 4.30pm
Thursday 17th December	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Party - see separate letter KS1 Dance Club 3.15 - 4.30pm
Friday 18th December	School Christmas lunch Christmas non—uniform day - see separate letter Y5 Book Club 3.30 - 4.00pm School Closes for Christmas
Monday 4th January	School Re-opens Y1/Y2 Dodgeball 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 5th January	Choir 3.00 - 3.30pm Street Dance 3.30 - 4.30pm
Wednesday 6th January	Taekwondo 3.30 - 4.30pm