

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

4.12.23



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The children have been enjoying their educational visits this half-term. The year 1 and year 2 pupils really enjoyed seeing the story of 'The Nutcracker' at the New Vic Theatre, linking to their classroom learning and pupils in year 5 and Reception had a fabulous time at the 'Peak Wildlife Park' looking at all of the different animals. Year 3 Songbirds are also performing at the Lord Mayor's Tea Party. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. We raised a fabulous £443.38.

Thank you - Mrs Birchall



## The week ahead...

- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - 'Stay and Play' for pre-school children and their parents/carers at Weston Infant Academy - The last one until we restart in January.
- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Reception visit to 'Peak Wildlife Park' to see Santa!
- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Parents evening at Weston Junior Academy - 3.40 - 5.00pm = by appointment only
- Thursday 7th December 2023 - Parents evening at Weston Junior Academy 3.40 - 6.00pm - by appointment only
- Thursday 7th December 2023 - Junior children singing at the local hospital
- Friday 8th December 2023 - Last swimming session for year 6 and Christmas Service at St Andrews years 2-6 - pupils only



# What are we learning?

## At Weston Infant Academy...

### Nursery are:

- Meeting the Monsters from the 'Monster Phonics' scheme.
- Decorating trees and talking about Christmas traditions that happen as part of their own family Christmas
- Counting snowballs onto mittens using numbers 0-5
- Building Santa's sleigh using construction
- Practising the Nursery nativity
- Playing with small world play

### Reception are:

- In phonics Group 1 are learning the Tricky Witch phoneme 'oo'
- Group 2 are learning the phonemes - l, ll, f, ff, ss
- Reading CVC words
- Writing lists of Christmas objects
- Writing cards to post in the Post Office
- Looking at 1 more and 1 less using numbers to 4
- Forming their numbers correctly in floury snow
- Creating winter silhouette paintings
- Making salt-dough decorations
- Thinking about toys past and present

### Year 1 are

- Re-capping Phase 3 phonemes and practising segmenting and blending
- Looking at the suffixes 'er' and 'est'
- Learning about the Raymond Briggs story of 'The Snowman' and writing the story
- Carrying out subtraction within 10 and addition using different apparatus
- Thinking about what makes a balanced diet and how much sugar is in different drinks
- Practising for the Christmas concert
- Decorating a nutcracker in Art and making salt-dough decorations for the tree

### Year 2 are:

- Thinking about the 'or' sound
- Writing the story of 'The Snowman' by Raymond Briggs and using adjectives and noun phrases and time conjunctions
- Learning about related facts and numbers bond to 100

# What are we learning?

## Year 2 continued:

- Thinking about what makes a balanced diet and how much sugar is in different drinks
- Practising for the Christmas concert
- Decorating a nutcracker in Art and making salt-dough decorations for the tree

## At Weston Junior Academy...

### J1 are:

- Writing instructions for 'Alice's Tea Party'
- Multiplying by 3 and carrying out repeated addition
- Learning about how to keep safe in your own home in PSHE

### J2 and J3 are:

- Writing a final draft of a conversation between characters from 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter'
- Dividing by 4
- Learning how to do 'loops' in coding in Computing

# What are we learning?

## Year 5 are:

- Writing a book review of 'Kensuke's Kingdom'
- Carrying out long multiplication and solving word problems
- Learning numbers 1 to 31 in Spanish
- Learning to say the date in Spanish

## Year 6 are:

- Reading Chapter 11 of Narnia
- Learning where to put colons, dashes and semi-colons
- Looking at Christmas co-ordinates in 4 quadrants
- Learning about the English counties in Geography
- Learning the song, 'Merry Christmas Everyone'
- Listening to and appraising a range of Christmas music

**There is a new committee for the Weston Heights Residents Association at the Infant site and they are looking to begin new activities as soon as they can. If you need any more information then please contact Janice Green.**

**If you are have any urgent queries then please remember to phone the school offices as classdojo messages may not be responded to immediately.**

**Just a polite reminder that the school car park is for school staff and visitors to school only and unfortunately, parents are unable to park on the school car parks at both school sites unless there is a special circumstance.**