

WAINWRIGHT PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2 – Week Ending: 21.12.18

WORKING TOWARDS
INVESTORS IN PUPILS



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very eventful lead up to Christmas, with all the various festive celebrations.

Our youngest pupils in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 performed in their nativities and were absolutely wonderful! Their singing was lovely and we are very proud of all of those that had leading roles, learned all their lines and delivered them with such enthusiasm and confidence. Well done to all our children in Early Years and Years 1 and 2 you are all super stars!



On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Deakin took the Wainwright Rockers Choir to Westfield Residential Home to perform Christmas carols and take part in craft activities. The residents enjoyed singing and clapping along to many Christmas classics and treated our children to a selection box to thank them for their visit. We are excited about Miss Deakin's plans to make more regular visits in the New Year.



We had record numbers of children enjoying the Christmas dinner this week. The cooks and midday supervisors served an incredible 274 dinners! The hall was festively decorated and the pupils enjoyed sharing crackers, singing along to the Christmas pop songs and dining with their teachers. A big THANK YOU to all the cooks and middays who work hard all year to ensure our children have a hot and tasty meal every day.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing all the children again on the 7th of January when we return.

THANK
YOU

Mrs Spacey
Academy Principal

Message from Mrs Thornton

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of a very busy and very productive term, I would like to wish all children and families a very Happy Christmas. This term has seen all the annual reviews take place in all the primaries and there has been so much to celebrate with every school improving in specific aspects. This is down to the hard work and dedication of our fabulous staff and I would like to thank them, wholeheartedly, for everything they do to improve provision and opportunities for children.

We look forward to next term when our main focus will be the development of the curriculum and shared work on further improvement to the quality of teaching and learning.

Happy Christmas!

Cat Thornton
Senior Executive Lead and Primary Lead



SANTA'S GROTTO



On Friday 14th December, we had a magical day at the academy when Santa and Mrs Claus took time out of their busy schedules to visit us. They were visited throughout the day by lots of children who had the opportunity to share what they would like for Christmas and have a photograph taken to capture the special memory. During the day, Santa Claus had a wardrobe malfunction which delayed our afternoon schedule. Therefore, we would like to thank the parents in Years 1 and 2, who stayed behind after school to allow the visits to Santa to go ahead. A special thank you to all the PTA members, who worked so hard to create this special day for the children; this couldn't have gone ahead without their support.

The PTA have raised just over a £1,000 this term, which is truly amazing. This money is going towards our playground developments. Thermoplastics Designs and Lines visited the academy to discuss our options for playground games to be marked on the ground. They have left us with lots of exciting options, which have now been shared at the Student Council meeting. The Councillors will share the options with their classes and gather feedback on what the children would like to see, then we can place the order. Once we have the plans for the playground markings, we will share them with you all. Many thanks to everyone for their hard work in helping to fundraise for our playground developments.



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Whole Academy Target

The whole academy target last week was 'say something positive to a member of our academy.' The winners were class 2P. Well done!

Here are some ways to say something positive that the children have been trying out:

- ✓ You are a good friend
- ✓ Thank you for helping me
- ✓ Keep up the good work
- ✓ You are fun to be with
- ✓ What a fantastic idea!
- ✓ I love your enthusiasm
- ✓ I am proud of you

Our whole academy target for this week has been 'best class for helping people within the academy.' The winner will be revealed in the achievement assembly in the new year.

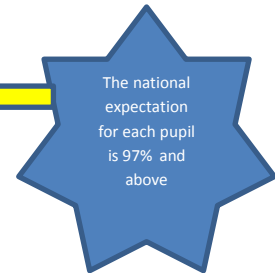


Attendance

The class attendance winners are 'Timmy Tiptoes' 1P (KS1 and FS2) and 'The Wonders' 5P (KS2)

Please could you telephone the Academy first thing in the morning if your child is going to be absent. Thank you.

1P	97.54%
1W	94.22%
2P	96.96%
2W	95.75%
3P	95.86%
3W	96.37%
4P	95.71%
4W	96.90%
5P	97.92%
5W	97.47%
6P	96.38%
6W	96.36%
F2P	94.29%
F2W	95.13%
F1	90.30%



Congratulations to 5P who continues to have the highest class attendance in the whole academy at 97.92%

National expectation for our whole academy attendance is 96%. We are very proud to say that our whole academy attendance currently stands at 96.39%, which is fantastic news!

MAIN GATE

Access to WPA New Pedestrian Gate in Operation

As from Monday 7th January, between the hours of 9.10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m., access onto the academy site, will be through the pedestrian gate opposite the parade of shops on Harrop White Road.

During these times, visitors will need to press the intercom on the outside of the gate to speak to member of staff in the Academy Office.

To open the gate, press the reception call button and wait for a response. When prompted, visitors will be required to push the gate to open. The gate will close and lock automatically behind you.

To exit the gate, press the high level button at the side of the pathway and pull to open.

All remaining gates onto the site will be locked between 9.10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

On Friday 14th December, the WPA PTA hosted our first Christmas Crafts event, after school.

It was wonderful to see so many families from the local community, including children from 5 different schools, enjoying Christmas themed craft activities, whilst enjoying festive refreshments and singing along to Christmas songs.

We are already planning our next after school craft event for the spring term; we look forward to seeing you all there.



The WPA PTA would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

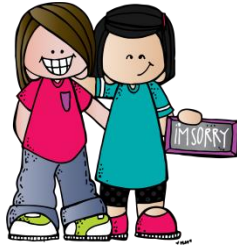


peer mentorship



Our Peer Mentors have become well established within the playgrounds, offering support to children during breaks and dinner times.

They meet regularly with Mrs Hallam to review the principles of being a Conflict Detective, as well as talking about their personal experiences.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council discussed fundraising events that they would like to have throughout this academic year. The most votes received from all the Councillors was for a Fayre with lots of stalls.

On Tuesday we held our annual Winter Wonderland which was a huge success!

The agenda for the next meeting is for the children to discuss their views on what games they would like to see marked on the playground.



The Ambassadors have been working really hard on their job description which has now been finalised.

The next agenda is for a questionnaire, which can be used to interview members at the academy that they would like to find out more about: their role, why they chose this role, whether this is a paid job or volunteer, who inspires them and why.....



During the Winter Wonderland, every class used their entrepreneurial skills to create games and gifts to sell at the fair.

We love seeing how excited the children get and would like to thank all of you for attending.

Each class will now spend the money they have raised on something of their choice to benefit every child in the class.



MERIT AWARD

The following children have received their bronze merit awards this week. These are the first children at WPA this academic year to receive this award. Congratulations!



- ❖ Savinsha R
- ❖ Karims V-U
- ❖ Gheorge L

These children have received 20 merits for great achievements, in line with the 4B's – **Be responsible, Be respectful, Be kind, Be safe.**



Coffee Morning

Coffee morning in the New Year (Spring 1) is moving to fortnightly, rather than weekly.



Please see the dates below:

- 10th January
- 24th January
- 7th February

More dates will be given for Spring Term 2, nearer the time.



Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a hot drink, biscuits and a chat with Mrs Hallam. It will be lovely to see you all.

CHURCH VISIT



Our carol service at St John's Church on Tuesday morning got everyone in the Christmas spirit.



Mrs Frith, who helped to organise the event, said that she "thought the readers were really clear" and that she "really enjoyed all the singing but especially 'Silent Night' which was sung in 2 languages."

We are very proud of our children in KS2 who represented the academy so very well.



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING ALL THE
CHILDREN AGAIN ON
THE 7TH OF JANUARY
WHEN WE RETURN**



Wishing
you and your
FAMILY
A VERY
Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year



Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year

