



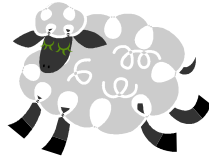
# Westgate News

The Newsletter for Westgate Primary School



## The Grumpy Sheep

KS1 children did a wonderful job telling the Christmas story through the eyes of the grumpy sheep. They all did fantastically well, remembering their lines and using clear voices that the audience could all hear. They also sang beautifully and the costumes were colourful and interesting. There was a lot to look at, as we were transported to a field in Bethlehem where the Grumpy sheep lived. It was a really lovely performance!



## Robin Hood by KS2

Robin Hood brought the scary Sheriff of Nottingham with him to school on Tuesday for the KS2 production. The children were fabulous, singing loudly and clearly with gusto, dancing around the hall and really getting into the spirit of the play. We had swordfights and dancing and some fantastic acting, with great interaction between the leads and the supporting cast. They had clearly all



worked really hard learning their lines and movements around the stage and the whole show ran smoothly and was very entertaining. Well done to all of the children - you should be extremely proud of a great performance.

Thanks to all of the staff involved in making both the Christmas productions so enjoyably entertaining! A lot of effort goes into putting them together, and the children were a credit to all your efforts!

## The Heart of Robin Hood

KS2 children went to a very different performance of "The Heart of Robin Hood" at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre in Stratford on Wednesday evening. The set was inventive, with a giant slide forming the backdrop of the forest, used frequently by the cast to enter stage, and this transformed into a castle and a church by clever use of lighting and areas in the backdrop that opened up. Large branches above the stage gave the play a superior 3D setting, with the cast climbing up and down ropes, doing some fantastic gymnastics as they did so. They also made great use of trapdoors in the stage and a pool full of water was used to great effect, including various cast members hiding in the water!! The show was witty, entertaining and caused great hilarity amongst the children at many points and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it! Thanks to all the staff who helped with the trip and made it possible (and for the ice-creams, which were fab!)



## School Fayre

The Friends of Westgate Christmas Fayre last Friday was a great event, and bustled with children and adults having a wonderful time. The wide variety of stalls left children spoilt for choice as to where to spend their money; the cake stand and bottle tombola stalls are always well visited and our games were popular, including 'Beat the Goalie' and 'Splat the Rat'. Children could have their faces painted, hair cut or braided, or temporary henna tattoos applied. They could buy cakes or sweets, have a go on the raffle or guess the name of the teddy or while parents and carers enjoyed a quieter cup of tea, or rather naughtily, a chocolate fountain! Mrs Daniels cooked up a storm with burgers and hot dogs and everyone left fed and happy. Many of our ex pupils also joined us and it was great to see them back at school.

A huge thank you to all of the staff and parents who put in so much effort both behind the scenes and helping at the event itself and who all made it such a wonderful event. Thanks for all the donations of prizes and of time. Thanks to your efforts we raised the fantastic total of:



**£825.91 WOW!!!!**

## After School Club Party

Monday started with a bang at the WOOSH Circus themed Christmas Party. The after school club party was packed with children who all had the most wonderful time. They played games and ate burgers and their excited faces said it all at pick up time as they chattered about waving balloon models and party paraphernalia! Thanks to all the WOOSH staff who put in so much effort to make the event enjoyable for the children!

## Church Service

We held our Christmas Service at St. Paul's Church on Tuesday. The children were all very well mannered and sang their carols beautifully.

## Christmas Parties and Santa

Santa visited school again on Wednesday as he does love our grotto and says that all our children are really polite. He spoke to each child and even remembered a few of them from previous visits.

We have also held all our class Christmas parties this week. Some have played games, others have watched videos, but all have had a wonderful time. Thanks to all parents who provided the requested snacks!!

**Merry Christmas to all our families from Staff and Governors!!!  
Term restarts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012!**

**DIARY DATES** (new events in **BOLD**):

**Next Term Dates:**

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Teacher Training, School **CLOSED**

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Jan: Term Restarts

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Feb: Half term

30<sup>th</sup> Mar: Last day of term

**Term restarts**

We are holding a teacher training day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January, so school will restart on **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012**.

**Family Numeracy begins 4<sup>th</sup> January**

A reminder that Family Numeracy begins the day we come back to school after the break, on 4<sup>th</sup> January from 1pm to 3pm.

**Westgate Tableau at Carol Concert**

If you are visiting Warwick Castle for the Carol Concert tomorrow evening (17<sup>th</sup> December) do look out for the **Westgate Tableau!** If you take a good picture, we can include it in the first newsletter next term!



**Reminder: UNIFORM**

A reminder to all parents of our uniform requirements in case you should purchase new uniform over the holiday period:

- Blue Polo shirt
- Navy Cardigan/Jumper which must have the School logo
- Grey Trousers/Skirt
- White or grey socks for girls, or grey tights
- Grey socks for boys
- **SHOES** need to be **BLACK** and **SAFE** for use in the playground. (Fashion shoes, high heeled shoes and trainers, particularly those with coloured or white flashes on them, are not suitable.)

**Please remember to NAME all items of clothing**, including coats, hats, scarves and gloves, in order that they can easily be returned to their owners if they are mislaid about the school.

The holidays are an ideal time to check the uniform you have at home. Named items do go missing, usually worn home by accident.

**Please would all parents CHECK that the uniform they have at home belongs to their child**, and return any uniform that is named and belongs to another child at the start of next term so that it can be returned to its owner.

**Well Done Year 2!**

This lovely picture of Year 2 receiving the cheque for £200 for our school was in the Coventry Evening Telegraph recently. The children took part in a competition to design a Christmas card for the Solicitors Wright Hassall. Alise Kuske won the competition and her design has been used by the company this year.

**★★★ Learning for Ourselves - Learners from This Week ★★★**

Reception	Joby	Writing an excellent letter so Santa using his phonic knowledge
Year 1	Ellie	Retelling the Christmas story using well thought-out sentences. Fantastic!
Year 2	Asmi and Mollie	Asmi, always working hard and being a wonderful learner. Mollie, amazing singing and memorising the words of Christmas songs, fabulous!
Year 3/4	Grace	Working so very hard to learn the 7 times table in two days, a fantastic achievement.
Year 5/6	Ketnipha	Settling into Westgate so well and being a very hard worker.

**Congratulations: Jessica, Year 4 for completing a football skills course this term. Well done!**

**Happy Birthday:** Leon, Tommy, Harry, Alice, Albie, Angelo, Kylah, Rebecca, James M, Paulinka

**All parents are invited to Friday morning refreshments at 9am, followed by Learners Assembly at 9.10am.**

And finally, for a bit of **Christmas Fun** over the next week, here is a recommendation from Mrs Clarke: <http://www.portablenorthpole.tv/home> - a magical website for parents to access a santa video for their children.

