



December Newsletter 2023



Head of School Update

December is always a magical time of year at Weston St Mary. The school fills with Christmas carols, fairy lights and glitter! It is a very busy time of year too and this year is no exception. Below you will find a list of upcoming events with a few details to help you prepare for the festive season ahead.

Community Lunch (Tuesday 5th December):

It has become a tradition at Weston St Mary to welcome members of the local community into school for lunch and is a great opportunity to say 'thank you' to the people who support our school. This month we are looking forward to welcoming over 20 community members and parents into school.

Christingle service (Thursday 7th December):

This will take place in school and pupils will receive a Christingle to bring home. Unfortunately, due to the size of our hall we are unable to invite parents/carers to this service, but will be sure to share some pictures on Twitter.

Pantomime Visit (Tuesday 12th December):

Visiting the pantomime is always a highlight of our year and the children love it! This year, children and staff will be attending an afternoon performance meaning that we won't return to school until 4.15pm.

Christmas Nativity (Wednesday 13th December):

We are excited to welcome parents and carers to Weston Village Hall for our Christmas Nativity at 2.15pm on 13th December. All pupils have been given a part and we are looking forward to sharing our version of this magical story with you.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch (Friday 15th December):

We will be raising money for Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on 15th December. On this day, children and staff will also be having Christmas Lunch together.

Carol Service at Church with Parents and Carers (Wednesday 20th December):

We will finish the term by welcoming our families to our carol service at church. We hope you will join us for this opportunity to join together in song and prayer and for a moment of reflection during a season of excitement.

Thank you in advance for your support with these events throughout Advent. I look forward to celebrating this wonderful time of year with you soon.

Rachael Walker

Head of School



Uniform:

Thank you to all parents and carers who support their children to wear the correct school uniform each day. Unfortunately, it has been noted that some pupils are regularly not wearing the correct school uniform, including wearing jogging bottoms and trainers. These are not appropriate school uniform (other than for PE) and we ask that you please follow uniform policy outlined on our website.



School Closures due to weather or emergencies

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We appreciate that many pupils live within walking distance of the school, but we also have to take account of where our staff live and their ability to travel to and from school safely in order to ensure the safety of our pupils. Once the decision has been taken to close the school, the information will be broadcast on local radio.

- Lincs FM (FM (VHF) 102.2 megahertz or www.lincsfm.co.uk)

Updating Changes

If your child has a change in medical circumstances, please notify the school office as soon as possible so that we can keep our records up to date and ensure that all staff are aware of each child's conditions.

Our school value this term is - Courage

We will continue to look at what courage means.

Safeguarding

We believe that safeguarding is an important part of the work with children and young adults so will keep this reminder in all of our newsletters. Please remember that safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us. If we are concerned about the safety of any child, we should let somebody know.

The designated safeguarding officers are Mrs R Walker, Miss A Muir and Mrs Z Halden.

Winter Weather

As the weather continues to grow colder, we ask that children come to school well-prepared to spend break and lunchtimes outside. Please ensure that children are wearing winter uniform (no summer dresses please) including tights rather than socks when wearing a dress or skirt. Children should come with a warm, thick coat and we also encourage children to bring a woolly hat and gloves too. We will endeavour to support younger children with wrapping up warm, doing their coat zip up and getting those tricky gloves on!



Special Needs Support

The school's SENCO is Mrs Z Halden who works between different schools. If you have any concerns, please email

Absence

If your child is absent from school, please let the office know on the morning of the absence before 08:45am as stated within our school attendance policy. This is a very important procedure that needs to be followed to ensure that we know that children are safe. If you do not do this, then a member of our admin team will continue to email and ring until we receive a response.