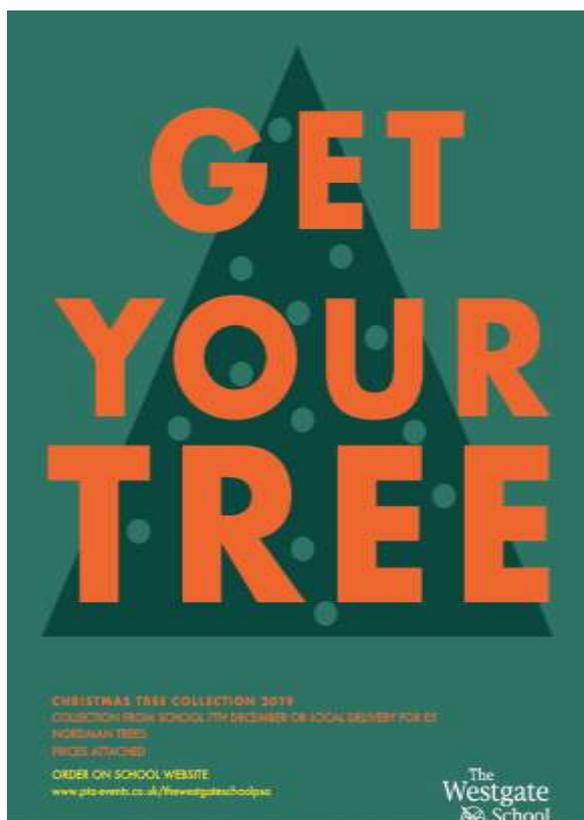


Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to our Year 2 parents and pupils for a great cake sale yesterday.

Christmas is coming! Please do order your Christmas Tree through our PSA. **Dress as you please on December 4th in return for contribution for the Fair** – please see separate letter for which year group is bring what! We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fair next Saturday. Years 3, 4 and 5 pupils will be entertaining us with carol singing at midday. They are welcome to wear Christmas colours and/or a Christmas jumper.



This Christmas season, we would like to support the Winchester Basics (food) bank. They are currently in need of:

- ***UHT milk***

- ***Rice***
- ***Tinned fruit, vegetables and tuna***
- ***Washing up liquid and cloths***

Please send items with your child or leave them at reception. Many thanks.

Certificate Celebrations

Citizens of the Week

Evie H - She has shown all the school values and been particularly caring to her friends.

Nico - for always being an amazing role model to Rowan class.

Kiyaan for being a kind and supportive member of Willow class.

Freddie S for listening carefully on the carpet and being respectful towards others.

Joe for his kindness and good learning behaviour.

Claire - for saying kind words about the help that others have given.

Finlay - For being kind to others

Learner of the Week

Rowan ~ Sophia

Beech ~ George

Willow ~ Scarlett

Birch ~ Claudia

Elm ~ Eva

Pine ~ Thomas

Larch ~ Sebastian

The children have shown a great interest in libraries and librarians, setting up role play scenarios indoors and out. If you know of anyone who is a librarian, we would welcome a visit.

We were excited to learn our first digraph 'ck' this week and the common exception words 'the' and 'to'. The children have been spotting these words in lots of books! We followed the children's interests about the world around us and had an assembly about recycling and how we could help to recycle at school and home.

Year 1



Year Group News

Year R



Talk to your child about libraries.

Please talk to your child about counting in 2s and 10s.

We have had a very exciting week in Year 1 making our own Supertatoes and writing character descriptions for our missing posters. They are still missing so next week we are going to be creating a new

super vegetable. In maths, the children have been practising making teen numbers using tens and ones and applying this to addition and subtraction . Next week we are learning to count in 2s and 10s and looking for patterns. A reminder about Partners in Learning on Friday 6th December which will focus on shared writing. Also, Year 1 needs more parents helpers for school trips as at the moment we don't have enough. Please let the office or a member of the Year 1 team know if you can help. Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support!

Year 3



Talk to your child about:
how to work effectively
as a Team.

Year 2



Please talk to your child about
books they are enjoying.

Year 3 had an exciting visit from Mr Green in the upper school on Wednesday afternoon. With the support of 6 digital leaders, children engaged in a STEM activity to design a tower from newspaper that could withstand a 200g weight being hung from it. Teams showed good communication and there were multiple successful designs. Well done! We hope you have a lovely long, restful weekend.

Please enjoy sharing lots of books with your child over the weekend. We shall be reading *The Minpins* by Roald Dahl next week and using this to help us in our writing.

Please can we ask that all fitbits stay at home, they are distracting the children from their learning. Thank you for your support with this.

Year 4



LARCH



CHESTNUT

Please talk to your child about our three spellings: **breath, breathe, peculiar**

This week in English we have been planning our chapter about when the main character Lila enters a magic shop on her journey. The shop is full of interesting items, talk to your child about what they saw inside the magic shop and their wizard that they have deigned. In maths we have been subtracting and using a range of methods to support our calculating. Due to different events happening at the swimming pool and at school our next swimming session will be in the New Year. In January we will have 3 more swimming sessions on the 10th, 17th and 24th January. The children have really enjoyed swimming and have made huge progress with their confidence and swimming strokes.

This week Y5 have been learning how to write coding algorithms to teach the computer to play Jingle Bells! This put to use all the music skills learnt in music lessons with Mr Mills together with knowledge of fractions and decimals as well as computing skills.

We have been learning more able angles and investigating regular and irregular 2D shapes in maths. In English we have started planning balanced arguments about whether or not it is possible to predict the future.

Next week we are taking part in a STEM project with Upper School STEM leaders. If you have any newspaper which you no longer need, please could you send it into class for the children to use?

Please help your child to learn our spellings for next week: **determined, develop, dictionary.**

Year 5



A Wonder-full Christmas book



Years 3 and 4 are looking forward to a visit from local author, Gemma Hellawell next Wednesday 4th December for a day of poetry and art, based on her newly published book "A Wonder-Full Christmas". Gemma re-tells the story of Christmas from her own Christian faith, with stunning illustrations from Hazel Underwood.

Years 1 and 2 have already enjoyed hearing the story when Gemma visited assembly this week.

If you would like to order your own signed copy, please send your cheque to Lower School reception:

1. send a check for £6.99 written out to Gemma Hellawell
2. write your child's name and class on the envelope, with the title **Gemma Hellawell book** on the envelope
3. Deadline – **Wednesday 4th am December 2019**

Wishing you all an enjoyable long, weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Woodall

Head of Primary Phase

Christmas Dates 2019

Year R Nativity – Tuesday
17th December 2.15pm

Key Stage 1 Celebration to
parents (Years 1 & 2)
Tuesday 17th December
9.15am & Wednesday 18th
December 2.15pm

**Wednesday 18th Christmas
Lunch**

**Thursday 19th December
Class Christmas Parties pm**

Year 3 Recorder concert

Friday 13th December

**PSA Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th December
11am to 2pm**

**Years 3, 4 and 5 will be
entertaining us with carol
singing at midday.**



Sharing Assemblies

We would love you to come and share in our assemblies. Dates for the year and each year group are below. They are all Thursdays, start at 2.40pm and you are most welcome.

Year 3 13.02.20 Spring 1 2020

Year 2 26.03.20 Spring 2 2020

Year 1 21.05.20 Summer 1 2020

Year R 09.07.20 Summer 2 2020

Partners in Learning Sharing Sessions

You are invited to come and share your child's learning between 8.40am and 9.10am on the following Friday mornings. Years 1 to 5

6th December 2019

14th February 2020

27th March 2020

22nd May 2020

10th July 2020