

Friday 17th December

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a lovely festive week at West Kirby Primary School. Our week began with Key Stage Two recording their Christmas songs through the decades. This will be available on our VLE by the end of today. You will need your child's VLE password in order to access it. Please can we remind you that these passwords are for your child and should not be shared outside of your household.

On Tuesday EYFS (F1 and F2) performed Whoops-a-Daisy-Angel and on Wednesday KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2) performed Eddie and Frankie Save the World. It was great that many of you could join us in person to watch the children perform. All of the children did a great job singing, acting, dancing and performing. The children performed more performances than normal so that we could keep the audience size smaller, they all did themselves proud. We hope you enjoyed being able to join us. I also wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for respecting our control measures that we had to have in place in order to ensure that we could be as safe as possible for everyone involved. I hope that not too far into the future we do not have to restrict tickets in the way that we had to this time around, which will allow more family members to attend.

It was great to see the children in their Christmas jumpers last week supporting us to raise money for the Clatterbridge Cancer charity. Yesterday the children came to school wearing Christmas hats and we raised money for Claire House. Thank you for your generosity.

The children may have come home yesterday telling you all about the Pop Project experience that they had yesterday. Pop Project are a musical company that travel around schools singing and performing. All of the children had a Pop Project session yesterday, which was jam packed with festive songs and fun. It certainly brought Christmas spirit to our school!

Library Jane has completed our next Reading Newsletter, which will leave you feeling very Christmassy once you have read it. It can be accessed on our <u>website</u>. If you are looking for some Christmas Maths or Christmas Reading over the holiday there is a Christmas Maths and Christmas Reading challenge loaded onto the VLE (Tapestry for EYFS) for the children to access and see how many they can complete.

A big thank you to our PTA, who have been working really hard over the last few weeks to ensure that despite the restrictions we still manage to raise money for our school. We had a great turn out for the Tombola evening and there were plenty of prizes to be won after your generous donations. The Christmas Craft events for each phase were really popular and the children enjoyed a variety of crafts. Raffle tickets have been sold, along with tickets to win some of Kevin the Carrot's friends. Many Christmas Jolly Jars have also arrived in school, ready to be sold after school today. Our PTA really have done a great job – thank you!

Over the last few weeks, the children have visited The United Reformed Church in West Kirby. Dan Sach has ensured that the children and staff were welcomed at the church and a variety of singing, crafts and storytelling activities were organised and delivered – thanks Dan and the team at The URC.

Tuesday 4th January is an INSET day for us; therefore, **school will reopen for all children on Wednesday 5th January 2022.** At the moment it is uncertain what January will bring us and the restrictions/guidance that may be in place. However, please be assured that we will always aim to do the best for the children at West Kirby Primary School. I will be in touch in the new year with the latest guidance and information in relation to Covid to ensure a smooth start in the Spring Term.

Have a fantastic Christmas break, stay safe and we will see you in 2022. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs E Bailey Headteacher