

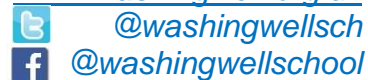


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Attendance

	Earth	Mars	Venus	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
Weekly Attendance %	100%	94.4%	100%	99.2%	96.7%	97%
Number of late marks	0	0	1	0	2	0
Number of children late marks equate to	0	0	1	0	1	0



Well done to Earth who have the best attendance this week!

News

School Book Fair

We will be holding a book fair in the school library next week from 8.30am – 8.50am (Tuesday – Friday) and from 3.20 – 3.45pm (Monday – Thursday). Feel free to come along and browse the extensive selection of children's books. School receives 60% of the total raised at the end of the book fair which will allow us to purchase some new books for our library.

As part of the book fair, there are five x £5.00 vouchers up for grabs! A raffle ticket will be issued for every purchase, and winners will be drawn in school on the Thursday to ensure children can spend their voucher.

Children in Need

We raised £250.24 for children in need last week through our various spotty/Pudsey activities. Thank you for all of your donations.

Christmas Fair

This year, children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform on Thursday 28 November 2018 in exchange for a prize as per your child's class below:

Class	Item to Donate
Earth	Selection Box
Mars	Biscuits
Venus	Chocolate
Neptune	Chocolate
Saturn	Jelly Sweets
Mercury	A bottle of something alcoholic



We would also be grateful to receive any donations of toys/books/games to be sold at the fair and any further raffle prizes. In addition, the support of parents/grandparents on the day of the fair to either help set up or to run a stall would be very gratefully appreciated. Please let us know if you are able to spare some time to offer your support.

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Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets to sell have been sent home with children today. If you would like some more please pop in to the school office to collect. Tickets will be sold at all of the upcoming Christmas events and the draw will take place after the Carols around the Christmas Tree event on Friday 21 December 2018.

It is with thanks to Beaumont Colson, that this year our star prize is a Nintendo Switch!

Class Venus Visit to Chase Park

Venus will be walking to Chase Park on the morning of Wednesday 28 November 2018 to take part in an art project. Permission for this is covered within the Short Walks Consent which has already been signed so further permission is not required. Please ensure children have comfortable shoes, a hat, scarf, gloves and a warm waterproof coat.

Christmas is Coming!

Our school Christmas Tree will be put up in the school hall next week ready for the Christmas festivities to begin! As usual, children are welcome to bring in a bauble to hang on the tree. If they would like to do so, please bring it in from Friday next week.

Our Christmas postbox will be open as from Monday 3 December 2018 and will be situated in the KS1 bike shelter.

Lighting Up Whickham Community Event

Pupils in Class Neptune will be representing Washingwell at the Christmas Light Switch On in Whickham on Tuesday 27 November 2018.



At 4.15pm, Primary School children from local schools will sing Christmas songs at the Christmas Tree in Whickham which this year will be situated on the green outside the shopping parade. At 4.30pm the switch on of Christmas tree lights will take place. We hope you are able to go along - it is always a lovely community event and it certainly will put you in the Christmas spirit!

KS1

Please ensure that your child is suitably prepared for the weather during Friday forest school sessions. Hats, scarfs, gloves and a warm coat are essential.

Year 6 Leavers Event

The Year 6 Leavers event has now been confirmed as Friday 12 July 2018 from 7.00 – 9.00pm at Blaydon Rugby Club.

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mr Barnes	Earth	Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 November 2018 – Full days	Mrs Williams and Miss Craig

Week commencing Monday 26 November 2018 – School Book Fair before and after school.

Tuesday 27 November 2018

Afternoon – Class Neptune to Lighting Up Whickham Event

Wednesday 28 November 2018

Morning – Venus visit to Chase Park

Thursday 29 November 2018

10.30am – FUNdraisers meeting (all welcome)
Non Uniform Day in exchange for donation for Christmas Fair.
Afternoon – Mercury Transition Event at Whickham School (IT)

Tuesday 4 December 2018

Afternoon – Year 6 Heights and Weight Measurements taken by School Nursing Team.

Thursday 6 December 2018

Reception and Year 1 Visit to Wharton Park, Durham – separate letter already issued.

Friday 7 December 2018

3.00 – 5.00pm Washingwell FUNdraisers Christmas Fair.

Weeks commencing Monday 10 and 17 December 2018 – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Tuesday 11 December 2018

Morning – KS1 visit to St Mary's Church (Christingle Making)

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

3.30 – 5.30pm – Christmas Party at Whizz Kids

Wednesday 12 December 2018

9.15am and 2.15pm – KS2 Christmas Performances (up to three adults to watch the production but this is limited to a maximum of two at any one performance. i.e two adults at 9.15am and one adult at 2.15pm, or vice versa.)

Thursday 13 December 2018

9.15am and 2.30pm – KS1 Christmas Performances (up to four adults to watch the production but this is limited to two adults per child at each performance. i.e two adults at 9.15am and two adults at 2.30pm.)

Friday 14 December 2018

Afternoon – Venus Carol Singing at The Manor House, Whickham

Afternoon – Saturn Christmas Party

Monday 17 December 2018

Afternoon – Neptune Christmas Party

Tuesday 18 December 2018

Afternoon – Venus Christmas Party

Wednesday 19 December 2018

Morning – Earth and Mars Christmas Party

Afternoon – Mercury Christmas Party

Thursday 20 December 2018

Morning – FUNdraisers Tuck Shop

Afternoon – Whole school visit to Gateshead Stadium Pantomime (separate letter yet to be issued)

Friday 21 December 2018

2.30pm – Carols around the Christmas Tree event (all welcome to attend)

Break up for Christmas holidays.

Monday 7 January 2019

School re-opens for Spring term.

A reminder that we are a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services