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Attendance

	Earth	Mars	Venus	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
Weekly Attendance %	100%	98.8%	95.9%	100%	98.1%	97.4%
Number of late marks	0	0	0	1	2	0
Number of children late marks equate to	0	0	0	1	2	0



Well done to Earth and Neptune who have the joint best attendance this week with 100%

News

Food Bank Nomination

You may have seen on the news this morning that there is a campaign with the aim of increasing food bank donations for the Christmas season. With this in mind it is a great opportunity for Washingwell to show their community spirit so spread the word #foodbanknomination - **We self-nominate!**

At the start of the festive season, please give generously to this amazing cause which supports families in our local community. Our shopping trolley will be located on the KS1 yard all day on Monday 3 December 2018 to collect as many food donations as possible. Help us spread a little happiness this Christmas!

Christmas Lunch

This year, Christmas lunch will be served in school on Tuesday 11 December 2018. If your child would like to have a Christmas lunch, please ensure this is ordered on Lunchshop no later than Wednesday 5 December 2018 to ensure kitchen staff have sufficient time to place their orders.

Christmas Fair Arrangements

Thank you to everyone for your Christmas Fair donations today. As usual, you have been very generous.

A reminder that the Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 7 December 2018 from 3.00 – 5.00pm. Children will be dismissed to parents as per the usual end of day collection arrangements at the earlier time of 3.00pm. We are delighted that this year the choir from St Mary's Church, Whickham will be opening our fair with a selection of Christmas carols. After that, you are free to enter the fair and enjoy the vast array of stalls/activities that Washingwell FUNdraisers have organised. A huge thank you to them for all of the organisation and effort – I'm sure it will be a super event as always.

Washingwell Whizz Kids will be open as normal on Friday evening, so if your child is booked in you may like to send some spending money with them as Whizz Kids staff will accompany them around the fair.

Please note that there will be no Art and Craft Club on Friday after school.

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Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets were sent home with children last week – they are £1.00 per strip. 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!**

Absence Reporting Procedures

Especially with winter bugs doing the rounds, could I please remind you that if your child is going to be absent from school it is vital that you telephone us to let us know of the reason for absence prior to 9.30am. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am, office staff will attempt to contact you. If we are unable to get in contact and we are unsure of the whereabouts of your child, this may result in staff conducting a home visit to ensure the safety of your child. When leaving an absence voicemail, please ensure you explain fully the reason for absence or we may contact you for clarification.

After School Clubs

Please note that next week is the last week for after school clubs during the Autumn term.

Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant Vacancy

We are currently seeking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisory Assistant to join our staff team as soon as possible. If you would be interested in finding out more information or would like an application form, please call in to the school office.

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 3 and Tuesday 4 December 2018 – Full Days	Miss Craig and Mrs Gibson
Miss Weatherburn	Mercury	Tuesday 4 December 2018 - Morning	Mrs Brewis

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. **NO ART AND CRAFT CLUB.**

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

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



'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' Programme Design

Name	
Class	

- The programme design must be drawn on the template to the left including the school logo.
- Your design must include 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree 2018'
- All spellings must be correct
- Do **not** include your name on your design.
- Any media can be used within i.e. paint, felt tip pen, collage etc

**Please return to Mrs Hall by Friday 7
December 2018**

