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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Stars of the Half Term**

We're very proud of all the children at Winnington Park Primary School and Nursery. Congratulations to these children who have been chosen as this half term's Stars: Luca, Sophie, Max, Logan, Isla, Guy, Rebecca, Jackson, Kai, Holly, Erin, Georgie, Abigail and Maddison.

### **End of Term**

There have been many fantastic festive events happening in school over the last few weeks. The Nursery Christmas Sing and Play, Reception Nativity, Key Stage 1 Christmas Show, and the Key Stage 2 Carol singing were all wonderful events, and were very well supported by families. We all felt very proud of the children for their brilliant performances and lovely singing.

The PTA Christmas Fair was another fantastic event raising over £2.5k for school. Thank you to everyone in the PTA for their hard work and to everyone across the school community for their generous donations, and for braving the weather, to make the events such a success.

Our whole school trip to the pantomime was great fun and the children were once again a credit to the school. The children sang, booed, hissed and joined in making the show a very special experience. Thank you to all the volunteers who made the trip possible by joining us on Wednesday morning. Party Day on Thursday was lovely as the children had fun together, and staff and children could be seen dancing around and playing party games together throughout the day.

Mrs Dean and the kitchen team have done a great job this week, serving a combined total of over 500 traditional Christmas dinners and party lunches to the children. With our Midday Assistants in their Christmas jumpers and festive accessories, the children have been treated to a very special week of festive food and celebration at lunchtimes.

### **Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the Asda Rewards Cashpot which has raised over £500 towards school. The Pop-Up Christmas book fair also raised over £400 school. All funds will go towards replenishing ICT equipment in school. Children in Need raised £240 for worthy causes – thank you to everyone for their generosity.

### **Donations**

A big thanks to [Northwich Community Support](#) who donated over 60 Christmas hampers to school. These have been distributed and we are very grateful. Also, a big thank you goes to [Northwich Rotary Club](#) who have donated a set of beautiful dictionaries to school as part of their Dictionaries4Life project, which supports access to literacy and learning.

### **School Places for Reception September 2025**

A reminder that attending our Nursery does not mean your child is automatically given a place in our Reception in September. All applications must be made through [CWAC Admissions](#) by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you would like any help completing the application form please get in touch with school.

### **Staffing Updates**

We're very pleased that Mrs Spencer, who currently works as a midday assistant, is also going to join the team at Winnington Park in January. We would also like to welcome Mrs Agampodi and Miss Norbury to our team of midday assistants who will both start at Winnington Park after Christmas.

### **Parent and Carer Survey**

We would be very grateful if you could spend a few minutes completing a survey to capture parents' and carers' views of the school. The survey will remain open until the 7<sup>th</sup> January. [Parent Carer Survey](#) Many thanks.

### **Christmas Holiday Activities with Food**

There are free activities available to pupils and their families across West Cheshire throughout the holidays. Edsential, on behalf of Cheshire West and Chester council, have coordinated a host of Holiday Activities with Food clubs, funded by the Department for Education. These clubs are free for eligible children. [Christmas Activities with Food](#)

## Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality at school positively affects a child's progress, their attainment, enjoyment of learning and their relationships with their peers. A child must attend school every day that they are required to do so unless an exceptional circumstance applies and holidays should not be taken in term time. Our school policies promote good attendance and punctuality, which are recognised and rewarded as achievements.

Congratulations to all the children who achieved the Gold and Silver Attendance Awards today. Our school's attendance for this term is 95.9%. This is an improvement on this time last year. Unauthorised absences are also reduced compared to this time last year. Thank you to all our families for making an effort to improve their child's attendance and punctuality.

You will see weekly updates on the year group with the best attendance on the front page of our [website](#) and information about attendance and punctuality and a breakdown for each year group on our [attendance page](#). If you are having any difficulties with attendance and punctuality, please contact school so we can make sure we take the supportive approach that will best suit you and your family.

## Sports Event Updates

**KS2 Basketball:** *Children from Year 5 and 6 attended Hartford High School for a basketball tournament. The teams were very skilful and we played against 6 other teams. There were older pupils who led mini games whilst we waited for our tournament games and they helped us with our dribbling, passing and shooting. We came third out of 7 teams. We want to thank Mr Hardwick for organising the tournament and the other schools for showing good sportsmanship at the end of the games. Rohan and Sebastian*

**Mixed Basketball:** *We played in a fun basketball tournament at Rudheath Senior Academy against three other schools. Unfortunately, we only won one of our games, but at the end of the day, it's not always about winning and having fun is most important. The coaches were really helpful and the older children from Rudheath were really kind and supportive. Evie, Dusty, Toby and Joe*

**Pantathlon:** *Pantathlon is made up of seven sports. The hardest sport was a type of darts but the other skills games were quite easy. We played against five other schools. We came second overall and it was really good fun. Mrs Ollier and Mrs Evans took us to Hartford High School for the competition. We recommend this competition to other children. Bob and Darcie*

**Boccia:** *We played in a Boccia tournament. This is where you sit on a chair and throw balls towards the white ball. The team that gets their balls closest wins a point and you play three rounds. Lewis had played before and was really good and we all enjoyed ourselves. We came second and only lost in the final game by one point. Arham, Harry and Lewis.*

## Cheshire Fire and Rescue Safety Message

Please bear this message in mind as gifts are given at this time of year. The Office for Product Safety and Standards has issued withdrawal notices to distributors of some UPP Battery E-Bike Battery Packs. Product details: UPP Battery (Unit Power Pack) Model: U004 and U004-1 Battery Type: 18650 (U004) and 21700 (U004-1) - Triangular lithium-ion battery packs for e-bikes. Owners are advised to stop using the battery immediately and dispose of it safely via their local household waste disposal site. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/government-safety-message-on-e-bikes-and-e-scooters>.

## PTA Tasty Treats Tonight

A reminder that the PTA are selling tasty treats on the playground tonight!

## Thank you

Thank you to all the staff, children, families, volunteers, governors and our PTA, for all their hard work this term. Everyone has worked very hard and done their best for our pupils.

School reopens to the children on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Have a lovely break.

Your sincerely,

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