



FRIDAY 29th November 2019

Christmas is nearly here!

You can not escape it any more—with the 1st of December upon us this weekend we are finally allowed to be excited that Christmas is just around the corner.

The children have already been getting into the festive spirit as they are rehearsing hard for their Christmas productions. Final preparation for the WAFA Christmas Fair is in full swing but donations to the raffle and secrets room are still very much appreciated.

Here are the important dates and times to remember:

WAFA Christmas Fair—Friday 6th December

Christmas Lunch (Children to wear Christmas jumpers)— Wednesday 11th December

Class 1 and 2 Performance—2pm Monday 16th December

Class 3 and 4 Performance—2pm Tuesday 17th December

Community Christmas Event—10am Wednesday 18th December

We look forward to seeing a lot of you at these events in the next few weeks.



Father Christmas comes to Whitemoor

Tickets to meet Santa at the Christmas Fair are still available from the school office. We are trying to avoid big queues on Friday so that you can all relax and enjoy the event. There's still time—just pop to the office with your £1.50!

The New Year

We are starting back at school on **Tuesday 7th January** next year.

Absence and illness

At this time of year there are always the inevitable bugs and virus' making the rounds and Whitemoor is no exception. We remind you that you must call the school to report your child's absence. If there is no answer please leave a voicemail. No other contact method is acceptable for reporting your child not being at school.

On this note, the NHS has advised that Norovirus is on the rise this year. We want to keep all children at Whitemoor safe and well. Did you know that hand sanitiser gels do not kill Norovirus? Only proper hand washing does. Please join us in encouraging children to wash their hands thoroughly after using the bathroom and before eating to help to prevent the spread of these nasty germs.

E-Safety

Call of Duty: Modern Warfare was released in mid-November and is the latest release in a long line-up of massively popular games. As you would expect given the age rating of 18 it can be really violent. It includes terror attacks in London and child soldiers in the Middle East.

Given its popularity, it's no surprise that children in Years 4, 5 and 6 (8-11 year olds) in primary schools are playing it and with Christmas just around the corner, we understand parents will be under pressure to purchase the latest games.

There will always be different opinions about content and realism. However, the rating of **18** is for a very good reason. Parents are encouraged to check games setting to restrict underage children from downloading these types of games.

We are by no means telling you what you should or should not do but this is some polite and friendly advice regarding e-safety that we take seriously and hope will help you.

After School Clubs

Please remember that there will be no after school clubs on the last week of term to make room for the fantastic Christmas festivities and performances taking place. Additionally, another reminder that, due to staff training, Construction Club will be cancelled on **Monday 2nd December**.

Diary Dates

December

N/ball & F/ball Fixture -	3rd December
C1 & C2 Trip -	4th December
WAFA Christmas Fair -	6th December
Christmas Lunch -	11th December
Open afternoon 2.45pm	13th December
No 'After School Clubs' -	16th—19th December
C1 & C2 Christmas Performance @ 2pm -	16th December
C3 & C4 Christmas Performance @ 2pm -	17th December
Last day of Term (1:15pm finish) -	19th December



January

Back to School -	7th January
After School Clubs Re-start -	13th January
N/ball & F/ball Fixture -	14th January
Cross Country Race 4 -	16th January
N/ball & F/ball Fixture -	21st January

Attendance

Class 1— 89.9%

Class 2— 97.3%

Class 3— 96.3%

Class 4— 89.9%

Remember: The National Average is 96%

Whitemoor Academy

Christmas Fair

Raffle

Chocolate
Tombola

Gift
Stalls

Food &
Drink

Bottle
Tombola

Homemade
Cakes

School
Stalls

Fun for
all the
Family

And much
more!

Meet
Santa

Secrets
Room

Cakes

Friday 6th December
3.15pm - 4.30pm

£1.50 a ticket to visit Santa

Adult supervision required. Event organised by Whitemoor Academy Friends Association.