



# George Washington Primary School

## Friday News

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**School trips** Over the next few weeks, we have a lot of school trips. As well as the Christmas trips (listed below), our school choir are singing at Durham Cathedral on 30<sup>th</sup> November and Year 2 are visiting Silksworth Ski Slope in Sunderland on 1<sup>st</sup> December. If parents/carers have not yet given permission via ParentPay for any of these trips or paid where applicable, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Christmas Trips		
Date	Venue	Year Group
08.12.23	Glass Centre	Year 5
12.12.23	Wharton Park	Reception
13.12.23	Sunderland Empire	Year 2
14.12.23	Customs House	Year 1
14.12.23	Tyne Theatre	Year 3
14.12.23	Discovery Museum	Year 4
18.12.23	Centre for Life	Year 6

**Advent Hampers** Thanks to the generosity of one of our parents, we have been given 5 advent hampers to raffle. Inside each hamper, there are 24 paper bags and within each bag is a selection of chocolates and small toys. Raffle tickets (costing £1 per strip) will be sold on the school yard, both in the morning and at home time. The draw will be made on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November ready for the winners to pick up their prize before the 1<sup>st</sup> December. Pictures of the hampers and a sneak picture of some of the contents of the bags are on Facebook.

**Christmas Lunch** We will be having our school Christmas lunch on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. As usual, we will visit the church in the morning, and everyone can wear their Christmas jumpers for the day. We hope lots of children who usually have packed lunch will join us. If your child does not normally have school dinners, but would like a Christmas lunch, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

**Residential Deposits** Years 5 and 6 parents/carers should have received a letter a couple of weeks ago with further information and suggested payment plans for these trips. If you would like to reserve a place for your child, please complete the permission slip and pay £20 deposit on ParentPay [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com). The deadline has been extended by a week until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Year Group	Venue	Date
Year 5	York	20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024
Year 6	Derwent Hill	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

**Futsal** It was another challenging night of Futsal for the school's football team last night. We had two games and came away with a 4-2 win over Barmston Primary School and a 2-0 loss against Holley Park Primary School. It was a really close game against Holley Park. Unfortunately, their keeper was on form, and we couldn't catch a break. A shout out to Luca this week who really gave it his all in both games.

*R. Knight*

**Mr R Knight**  
**Head of School**

Class	Star of the Week
RMS	Noah Thompson
RLM	Tommy-Jay Irving
1NM	Oscar Thompson
1LM	Frankie Harker
2KH	Matthew Christie
2NM	Caleb Halliday
3WA	Molly Sowerby
3AW	Izabella Stockley
4JP	Jacob Richardson
4CL	Zoe Marsden
5CW	Alice Anderson
5BG	Jacob Dale
6EA	Summer Hilton
6GW	Lilly Frew

#### PE Days

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	Thursday	
Year 2	Tuesday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Wednesday	4CL – Thursday 4JP - Friday
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 6	Monday	

## Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
07.12.23	Christmas Fayre – 4.30pm	Whole School
11.12.23	Christmas Performance – 2:15pm	Reception
12.12.23	Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 1 and 2
13.12.23	Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 3 and 4
14.12.23	Christmas Performance – 9.30am and 2.00pm performances	Year 5 and 6
15.12.23	Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper	Whole School
15.12.23	Christmas church service (children only)	Whole School
18.12.23	Reception Christmas Party	Reception
18.12.23	Year 1/2 Christmas Party	Year 1 and 2
19.12.23	Year 3/4 Christmas Party	Year 3 and 4
19.12.23	Year 5/6 Christmas Party	Year 5 and 6
20.12.23	Carols Around the Tree: 9.15am EYFS/KS1 10.15am KS2	Whole School
21.12.23	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED	Whole School