



EDUCATION RESOURCES
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This will be our final newsletter before the Christmas break, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming families to our upcoming festive events. The children have been rehearsing incredibly hard for their nativities and are excited for their Christmas parties.

Primary 7 Residential

School felt a little quieter this week with our Primary 7 pupils away on their residential. They had a fabulous time and took part in a wide range of activities including rock climbing, paddle boarding, orienteering, archery, hill walking, mountain biking, scavenger hunts, and campfires. A heartfelt thank-you to our staff who gave up time with their own families to make this experience possible for our pupils.

Winter Fayre Success

A huge well done to our Parent Council Winter Fayre Committee. Our Winter Fayre raised a tremendous **£9,733**. We are incredibly grateful to everyone involved for their hard work and dedication.

Playing Together on Pedals

We have been awarded a grant of just over £12,000 to support cycling at school through the 'Playing Together on Pedals' programme.

Primary 2 children have benefitted from a 5 week tuition programme this term. Following the successful funding application, we will be adding secure cycle storage, 16 child size and 4 adult size bikes to West Coats resources. We will also have staff trained to lead this programme, aiming to ensure every child learns to ride a bike safely and confidently in their initial years as West Coats pupils.

More information about the project can be found at <https://www.cyclinguk.org/project/play-pedals>.

We also have a charity link to supply bicycles free of charge to individual children / families who cannot afford to purchase one. Please contact Shona Cameron if you would like to request this support.

Illness at School

Over the past couple of weeks we have had a number of pupils who have been feeling unwell with flu-like symptoms. Symptoms include:

- a sudden high temperature
- an aching body
- feeling tired or exhausted
- a dry cough
- a sore throat
- a headache
- difficulty sleeping

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- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea or tummy pain
- feeling sick and being sick.

The advice from Public Health Scotland is to please stay off until they no longer have a temperature and feel well enough to attend.

Christmas Parties & Santa Visit

We are delighted to share that Santa Claus will be visiting the Primary 1 and Primary 2 parties this year. The children are already looking forward to his special appearance! Thank you to Santa for taking time out of his busy diary to visit West Coats.

Nativity Performances and Hamper Raffles

At our nativity performances we will have more fantastic hampers to raffle off. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets at the School Fayre and well done to our lucky winners. Most of these have now been collected.

Nativity tickets have now been issued to all families who sent in payments. Extra tickets are available at £2 each, please contact the school office if you would like additional seats.

Santa Dash

Thank you for the generous donations already sent in for our upcoming Santa Dash. The children are very excited! If you are able to help on Monday by marshalling along the pavement route, please let the school office know. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please also ensure your child comes to school with appropriate footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 17th December. Children are welcome to wear something festive weather it be a jumper, t shirt or hair accessories.

Dress Down Day

School finishes at 2.30pm on Friday 19th of December. Children are welcome to 'dress down' on this day. Please remember no football tops are allowed.

Warm Wishes

Thank you for your continued support throughout this busy term. We look forward to seeing many of you at our Christmas events and wish all our families a joyful and restful festive season when it arrives.

Kind regards

West Coats Leadership Team

