

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers

**Stars of the Half Term** We always feel very proud of all the children at Winnington Park for their superb attitude towards their learning and their brilliant behaviour in class and around school. Extra special congratulations this half term goes to our fourteen 'Christmas Stars'! Well done to: Isla, Michael, Toby, Otto, Willow, Summer, Cheryl, Jacob, Logan, Stanley, Otis, Charlie, Bella and Phoebe.

**Christmas** We have enjoyed a very busy and fun packed, festive last two weeks of term. The Reception Nativity, Key Stage 1 Christmas Show, Nursery Christmas Sing and Play and the Key Stage 2 Carol singing were all fantastic events and we are very proud of the children for their fantastic performances and wonderful singing. It was very special to see so many family members visiting school to support the children. The PTA Christmas Fair was an amazing event raising over £2k for school. Thank you to the PTA for their hard work and to everyone across the school community for their donations to make the events such a success. Mrs Creamer and her team in the kitchen have done a wonderful job this week preparing over 250 delicious Christmas Dinners and 300 Party lunches and will deserve a rest next week! The pantomime on Wednesday was great fun and the children were once again a credit to the school. The cast definitely met their match this year, as the children cheered and sang, and booed and hissed their way through a lovely performance. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on this trip and made attending the Memorial Court possible.

**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](#)

**Steel Barn on Moss Farm** We have received notification that the black metal clad barn on the Moss Farm site has been deemed unsafe and is due to be demolished. Please keep away from the barn to keep everyone safe. The proposed date for the work is the first week of January, but this may change, and it is expected to have an impact on parking at Moss Farm.

**Sporting Events** The children in key stage 2 have been taking part in some sporting events this December.

Y5/6 Basketball Celebrate: We had a good experience playing against other pupils playing in a tournament. We got to know more children, and at the end of the day it wasn't about winning, but how much fun we had! In the future we would like to have the chance to play basketball again and represent our school. Hector and Sebastian

Y5/6 Basketball Aspire: We worked hard and had fun although we didn't win our games. We tried our best and learnt some new skills. It was fun learning about the referee's hand signals and also using the tactics of other schools against them in the games! Toby, Dusty, Emily and Elijah

Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics: We took part in relays, javelin, triple jump, vertical jump, standing jump and the chest push. We did well and some of us came second in our events and some of us came third. We enjoyed taking part in the athletics events and would like to go again next year. Sophie, Ginnie and Will.

**Winter Weather Clothing** Please make sure you send your child to school in January with a warm coat and jumper (labelled with their name). The children are welcome to bring a labelled spare pair of socks into school on PE and rainy days in case they need to change.

**Thank you** Thank you to all the staff, children, families, volunteers, governors and our PTA, for all their hard work this term. As always school has been a busy place, and everyone has worked hard and done their best for our pupils. School reopens to the children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Have a lovely break.

Yours sincerely,

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