



AUTHOR VISIT – YEARS 5/6

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 were incredibly lucky to meet the well-known author, Patrick Ness, this week. He is the author of many modern classics including 'A Monster Calls' and the 'Chaos Walking' trilogy. The children were invited to an afternoon workshop in the hall whereupon Patrick talked to the children about his most recent book, 'The Chronicles of a Lizard Nobody'. They heard Patrick talk about how he started writing, what inspires and motivates him as a writer, as well as the skills and techniques he uses to write his books. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Patrick's inspiring words and no doubt picked up lots of tips on how to become a writer.

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

During the first week of October, the school enjoyed joining in with National Poetry Day. Aiming to inspire a love of poetry, this annual event provided our pupils with a fantastic opportunity to explore and celebrate poetry. The children across school were involved in a week of poetry which was based around the theme of 'Counting'. The week's reading sessions that week, focused upon one or two poems with the children being asked to perform one selected poem in a key stage assembly the following week. Particular emphasis was placed upon children rehearsing and practising the techniques to perform these effectively to an audience. A wide variety of poems were performed including poems which were modern, humorous, and traditional including the classic William's Wordsworth's poem 'I Wondered Lonely as a Cloud'.

YEAR 4 - ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL

We would like to say a massive well done to all of the Year 4 children who attended the Robinwood Residential last week. The children were a credit to the school in terms of their behaviour, attitude, and in demonstrating our school values and 3R's (Respect, Resilience and Responsibility) superbly well. It was a privilege to be able to watch the children grow in confidence whilst away – well done to you all! We would also like to express a huge thank you to all of the staff who accompanied the children and gave up their own personal time to support this fantastic experience! Well done all!

PTA COMMITTEE

UPCOMING PTA DISCO: Wednesday 23rd October – Halloween Disco Infants 3.30pm-4.30pm / Juniors 5.00pm -6.00pm
For further details, please read the Dojo messages.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR PLANNING MEETING: Thursday, 7th NOVEMBER 6pm – 7pm

The PTA Committee look forward to seeing lots of parents/carers at this meeting to discuss one of the PTA key highlights of the year!

FLU VACCINE - REMINDER

FLU VACCINE 2024 (YR to Y6) - CONSENT REQUIRED Please sign up by completing the NHS form below using our School Code if you have not done so. Link: <https://grco.de/bdJbtX> School Code: **WC137450**

IMPORTANT DATES: AUTUMN TERM HALF TERM HOLIDAY & RE-OPENING

School **CLOSES** for the half term holiday on Friday 25th October at the normal end of day timings.

School RE-OPENS after the holiday on **MONDAY, 4th November at 8.35am**

YEAR 6 – APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT! - The deadline to apply for your Secondary school place is **31st October 2024**. There are still some parents who have not yet applied for a place at Wilmslow High School. Please let us know, by 'phoning the Office, if you are **NOT** planning to apply for a place at Wilmslow High School and we can let the LA Admissions know.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/apply-for-september-2024-school-place.asp>

GENERAL REMINDERS & USEFUL INFORMATION

Parents can follow us on **Class Dojo** as we post reminders, useful information, celebrations, and updates from school and other community events of interest.

DIARY DATES		
Date	Event	Who for
Wednesday 23 rd October 2024	PTA Halloween Disco (3.30-4.30pm/ 5.00-6.00pm)	All parents/carers
Friday 25 th October 2024	SCHOOL CLOSES	All parents/carers
Monday 4 th November 2024	SCHOOL REOPENS TO PUPILS at 8.35am	All parents/carers
Wednesday, 12 th November	Odd Sock Day/Anti-Bullying Day (Wear Odd socks today)	All parents/carers
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day 2024 (Wear CIN merchandise – optional)	All parents/carers
Monday 18 th November	PTA Bags2School – Please bring into main carpark	All parents/carers
Friday 29 th November	PTA Christmas Market (3.45pm - 6.00pm)	All parents/carers
Monday 9 th December	Flu Nasal Spray – CONSENT NEEDED	All parents/carers
Friday 20 th December 2024	SCHOOL CLOSES for CHRISTMAS at 1.15pm	All parents/carers
ALL CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES & CONCERT DATES ARE NOW ON DOJO – Tickets will go on sale next half term.		



Competition to accompany Santa in his reindeer-drawn sleigh on Saturday 16th November



This competition is open to children up to and including 10 years of age.

The prize winner and a friend of their choice will accompany Santa on his reindeer-drawn sleigh when he visits Wilmslow on the afternoon of Saturday 16th November.

After travelling from Wilmslow High School to Wilmslow Leisure Centre via Broadway / Walpole Way on the sleigh, the children will accompany Santa to the stage and help with the switching-on of the Christmas lights.

How to enter the competition:

Write to us listing the names of Santa's 9 reindeer along with your choice of a name for a 10th reindeer.

Send your entry with: your name, age, postcode and parent's name & telephone number to:
assistanttownclerk@wilmslowtowncouncil.gov.uk

The Closing date for entries is Sunday 3rd November 2024.

The winner will be selected at random from all of the correct entries.

The prize winner and friend must be accompanied at the event by a parent or carer.



WE NEED UNWANTED WARM COATS



Coats you no longer need can make a real difference to people in need during winter time. Donating a coat for a person in need will not only keep them warm, it will also unlock a huge opportunity for a charity to connect with someone who may not otherwise ask for help.



WE NEED CHILDREN'S WARM COATS AND SNOW SUITS

There are more charities supporting children and babies at risk involved in Wrap Up each year, and demand is increasing. All-in-one snowsuits have been specifically requested for young children and infants.



WE ONLY ACCEPT COATS, SO DON'T DONATE OTHER ITEMS

While we really appreciate the good intentions, please don't send us any other clothing items. We can only accept coats.



PLEASE RESPECT PEOPLE AT RISK

Only send coats you would be happy to receive. Dirty coats with buttons missing and a broken zip aren't nice for anyone - especially someone currently living in crisis.

www.wrapupuk.org