



# WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our school newsletter. It is lovely to see that Spring is in the air and unbelievably it is only 4 weeks until we break for Easter.

There is a great deal packed into the next month, so do pop all the dates below onto your calendars.

Each half term we explore one of our school values. Last half term we looked at cooperation and friendship, this term we are looking at honesty and truthfulness. Reverend Nathan from the Methodist church started our theme in Collective Worship on Monday and on Thursday we continued this with the story of The Boy who Cried Wolf. Stories are such a good way to get an important message across, after all it is the main way Jesus taught in the bible! Which brings me onto World Book Day which is a fantastic way to celebrate the incredible joy, imagination and learning that a good book can bring. We love books at Woodseaves and can't wait to celebrate!

Finally as part of Fair Trade Fortnight during the week beginning March 7th, in conjunction with Knightley Church we will be having a 'pocket money' stall selling small toys and novelties that have been handmade in developing countries. This is an important way to support local people wishing to move out of poverty in a sustainable way rather than being dependent on charity. The stall will be open at morning playtime with items costing around the £1.00 mark.

Mrs Gallant

## POLITE REMINDERS:

### SCHOOL BELL!

Could we remind parents that the school day begins at 8.50am and that children arriving after 8.55am will be marked down as late on the school register. Persistent lateness will be picked up by the schools Education Welfare Officer and may result in a home visit.

### PE KITS:

PE is taught whole school every Tuesday and an additional lesson takes place as follows:

Class 1 - Monday afternoon

Class 2 - Thursday afternoon

Class 3 - Friday afternoon

All children need to ensure that they have both indoor and outdoor PE kit's in school on these days.

Ear rings must be removed.

### PRICE INCREASE FOR SCHOOL MEALS:

As previously mentioned, the price of school meals will increase from the 1st April 2016 to £2.15 per meal.

I am sure you will agree this is still value for money. Please log into your Parent Pay account to pay for school meals!

### PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENT:

We have organised two parents evenings, the first of which is happening on Monday, 29th February from 5pm onwards. If you would prefer a more earlier appointment then we have also organised one from 3.30pm onwards on Monday, 7th March.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Just a reminder to parents that it is important that the school has up to date contact information, including address details and home/mobile phone numbers. The school office will shortly be sending out data collection reports for parents to check. In the meantime, if you are aware of any changes, could you please inform the school office immediately.

### COATS:

We are concerned that a number of children are coming to school without a warm winter coat or gloves. Unless it is raining, we encourage children to play outside during break time and lunch time, so please remind them to come dressed appropriately.

### SCHOOL PLAYGROUND:

For security purposes, the gate to the main school playground will be locked at 3.30pm, to allow our After School Clubs to use the playground safely and securely. **Your help in vacating the playground by this time is much appreciated.**

## DIARY DATES:

Mon 29th Feb  
Tues 1st March

Thur 3rd March

Mon 7th March

(7th–11th Mar)  
Thurs 17th March

Fri 18th March  
Tues 22nd March

Wed 23rd Mar

25th Mar–6th Apr  
7th & 8th April  
Mon 11th April

Parents Evening from 5pm  
Mothers Day Lunch for Infants from 12pm  
World Book Day  
Mothers Day Lunch for Juniors from 12.20pm  
Parents Evening from 3.30pm  
NO GYMNASTICS!  
Fair Trade Stall in school all week  
Assembly for Class 1 Parents @ 2.45pm  
Sports Relief!  
Class Assembly for Reception Parents @ 2.45pm  
Live Music Concert whole school Y5 & Y6 @ King Ed's for Netball Tournament @ 4pm  
EASTER HOLIDAYS  
INSET DAYS  
School Re-opens  
Class 3 out on school trip to Cadbury World



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### WORLD BOOK DAY:

On Thursday 3rd March we celebrate 'World Book Day' and all the children are being encouraged to come to School dressed as a character from one of their favourite books! Should be fun!!



### PARENT PAY HAS ARRIVED!!

We are delighted to report that Parent Pay is now up and running and already is proving to be a huge success with parents. Parents can now access their own individual account on line and pay for dinner money, music tuition and school trips through a secure web portal.

If you haven't already done so, please log on using your unique username and password. If you are unable to locate your letter, then please speak to Mandy in the office.

If you do not want to register online, then you can request a Parent Pay card from Mandy which will allow you to pay for meals at any outlet advertising the Pay Point sign. For our parents, the nearest location is Eccleshall.

We will still be accepting cash for break sales and any fundraising events organised through the school, such as book fairs, disco's etc.

### APRIL HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB:

We have received lots of positive feedback from children and parents concerning the February Half term Holiday Club. We have therefore decided to organise a further holiday club during the second week of April Half term (4th-8th), offering a variety of sport activities to keep the children engaged and challenged. A booking form will be sent out shortly.



### SPORTS RELIEF:

On Friday, 18th March we will be raising money for Sports Relief. We have organised an 'Active Hour' where the children will participate in 20 minute sessions of circuit training, dance and running. We will be asking parents to make a £1 donation towards this charity.



### NEW WEBSITE:

Woodseaves has undergone considerable change since becoming an Academy and the appointment of our new Headteacher. We believe our new signage and branding reflect the Christian values and ethos of our school. To extend this further, we have been working hard on developing a new website which, fingers crossed, should be in a position to go live in the next couple of weeks!



### WOODSEAVES PTA:

To celebrate Mothers Day and to raise funds for the school, the Friends of Woodseaves will be selling personalised plant pots which will be an ideal gift for you mum's. All monies raised will go back into school funds, some of which will go towards the hire of coaches for school trips. The cost of a Plant Pot is £1.50. We hope you are able to support us with this fundraising event.



### INVITATION TO CLASS 1 PARENTS:

We have organised an assembly for Class 1 Parents on Thursday, 17th March at 2.45pm. This will be a great opportunity for Parents to see some of the lovely work the children have produced this term.



### INVITATION TO RECEPTION PARENTS:

We would also like to invite Reception Parents to join us for a Class Assembly on Tuesday, 22nd March at 2.45pm. The children are very excited and are looking forward to showing you some of the work they have produced this term.

### GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP:

On Friday, 25th March from 2pm until 4pm, Adie Harris has organised a Good Friday Workshop at Woodseaves School. There will be a selection of Easter crafts for the children to make followed by an Easter bonnet parade and a short service. Entry is free although any donations would be gratefully received.



## JANE'S THEME DINNERS

Tuesday, 1st March 12pm	Mothers Day Lunch Infants	Roast Beef
Thursday, 3rd March 12.20pm	Mothers Day Lunch Juniors	Roast Pork