

WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our Spring Term at Woodseaves Academy.

We start with some good news which you may have seen in the local press before Christmas. Woodseaves Academy came 7th in the Primary League Tables for Staffordshire out of 234 schools which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to all staff, pupils and parents who work so hard, we are very proud of our school and the community that supports it. Our aim is always to inspire children to want to achieve their best, and to encourage and motivate them through good teaching and learning.

It is not just the academic side that we seek to develop but the social and emotional aspects of learning are just as important. This half term our value that we are focusing on is 'Cooperation' so we are exploring working together, listening to each other and 'friendship'. We will be holding a 'Friendship Day' on February 12th with the children taking part in activities and a special friendship lunch.

Mrs P Gallant

POLITE REMINDERS:

YEAR 6 SAT'S MEETING

On Thursday, 14th January at 6pm, we will be holding a Year 6 SATs meeting for all Year 6 Parents. The meeting should last approximately an hour. If you are unable to make this meeting but would like some information, please let us know in your child's Home School book.

SHUGBOROUGH RESIDENTIAL WEEK

May I remind parents in Class 3, that the deposit for the residential trip to Shugborough in May, will need to be paid before the 31st January 2016.

DINNER MONEY

We still have a problem with dinner money being handed in loosely which I am sure you can imagine causes a headache for the school office. Please ensure that all dinner money is placed in a secure envelope with the name of the child printed on the front.

BIKEABILITY

We are very fortunate to have Bikeability coming into school on Thursday, 14th and Friday 15th January, to provide Level 2 cycling proficiency for our Class 3 pupils.

In terms of storage, it would be really helpful if bikes could be dropped off at school on the Thursday Morning. We can happily store them away for one night in the school hall and parents can take them home on Friday at home time.

SAFEGUARDING:

In order to safeguard our children, we respectfully ask that parents DO NOT access the school building - other than via the front entrance. If you need to speak to a member of staff, then please inform the school office. If you are late collecting your child from school, then please report to Reception.

BUS CHILDREN:

If your child is entitled to free school transport, then your child's name will appear on our bus register and unless we hear from you otherwise, your child will be placed on the school bus at the end of the day. If you do not want your child to be put on the bus, could you please inform the school before 3pm.

DIARY DATES:

Thurs 14th Jan	Bikeability for Class 3 6pm - Year 6 SATs Parents Meeting
Fri 15th Jan	Bikeability for Class 3
Wed 3rd Feb	Y1 & Y2 @ King Ed's for Multi Sports - 4pm
Fri 12th Feb 15th-19th Feb	Friendship Day HALF TERM
Fri 26th Feb	BOOK FAIR from 3.30pm
Mon 29th Feb	Parents Evening from 5pm
Mon 7th Mar	Parents Evening from 3.30pm
Wed 23rd Mar	Y5 & Y6 @ King Ed's for Netball Tournament
Thurs 24th Mar	Last Day of term!
25th Mar-6th Apr 7th & 8th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS INSET DAYS
Mon 11th April	School Re-opens



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SCHOOL NEWS

MUSIC BRONZE AWARD



We are very proud and delighted to report that the school has achieved its Bronze 'Excellence in Music Provision Award' from Stafford Performing Arts. For us, music is an integral part of our School's curriculum and it is something which we know the children find extremely enjoyable.

PARKING/REVERSING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We have received a number of complaints from residents and parents about cars parking on the zig zag lines either side of the main entrance. Parents must be aware that not only is this illegal, it does pose a real safety risk to our children.



I would also like to stress that the entrance to the staff carpark must remain clear **at all times**, so that staff/visitors can access or leave the school carpark when necessary. It has become quite noticeable that a small number of parents continually use this entrance to turn their vehicles around and again this poses a danger to children trying to cross the road.

So please ***NO PARKING ON THE ZIG ZAGS AT ANY-TIME AND NO REVERSING INTO THE MAIN ENTRANCE!***
Thank You



SAFER INTERNET DAY

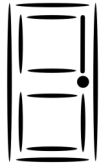
Safer Internet Day will take place on the 9th February with the theme **Play your part for a better internet!** Coordinated in the UK by the Safer Internet Centre it helps promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children. The children will be taking part in activities tailored to their age, hopefully take away positive messages on how to stay safe and have fun too!

The link to the Safer Internet Website is: www.saferinternet.org.uk where you can find further useful information for parents/carers.

NEW EXTERNAL DOORS

After years of relentless creaking and squeaking, we are finally getting brand new external doors fitted next week at the school.

Although the children may experience some noise Tuesday to Thursday, there should be minimum disruption within the classrooms. Can't wait!!



PARENTS EVENING

We will be sending out letters shortly advising parents to book a slot on one of the parent evenings scheduled for either Monday, 29th February or Monday, 7th March 2016. Organising parent slots can be tricky at times and we will endeavour to do our utmost to accommodate parents wishes, however, with over 30 children in most classes this is not always possible.

PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS

We have been informed by Chartwells the schools catering provider that the price of school meals will increase from April 2016 to £2.15 per meal. I am sure you will agree that this slight increase in price is still good value for money!



Obviously this does not affect the infants or those entitled to free school meals. If you are a parent on low income, it may well be worth looking to see if you are entitled to free school meals even if your child is currently in the infants. Reason being, the school will receive additional funds which we can use to support your child in other ways. If you want some advice on eligibility, please feel free to speak to Mandy in the school office.

JANE'S THEME DINNERS

Thursday, 21st January	Great Britain Day	Roast Dinner
Friday, 12th February	Friendship Day– Finding Nemo Theme	Fish & Chips Iced Heart Biscuits