



# WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,  
Happy New Year! Welcome back to what will be a busy term!

Music plays an important part in the curriculum at Woodseaves and we are thrilled that members of Manchester Camerata will be conducting a creative song-writing workshop with our KS2 children, using Shakespeare's story of Macbeth as a stimulus. They will then join with other schools to perform the finished piece on February 13th at the Gatehouse Theatre. What a fantastic opportunity!

We also have various other trips, competitions and fun opportunities planned to ensure that our curriculum is enriching and enjoyable for the children alongside rigorously delivering literacy and maths skills. Our value this half term is Cooperation which looks at the importance of being able to work as a team and how much we can accomplish when we work together. This requires the ability to listen and consider other people's needs as well as our own. Children can nominate each other to have Cooperative Bear where they have experienced an individual demonstrating this value. The children are again looking forward to Friendship day which we feel is a good age-appropriate way to celebrate February 14th.  
P Gallant

## SCHOOL NEWS!

### POPPY APPEAL

As ever the poppy appeal was a huge success and I am delighted to report that Woodseaves managed to raise £149.50 for the Royal British Legion. Well done!

### EMAIL ADDRESS:

As a school, we are conscious about the amount of paper we seem to go through and in order to become more eco friendly, we would like to try and communicate as much as possible with parents via email. We understand that there will be times where this is not possible however, in the main, we would like to keep you informed of events by sending letters, newsletters etc to you via email. It would be really helpful, if you could provide the school office with your current email address. Please forward it to:  
[office@woodseaves.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@woodseaves.staffs.sch.uk).

If you do not have an email address and would prefer paper copies, then please let Mandy know in the school office.

### SCHOOL BELL:

May I remind parents that children need to be in Class and ready to commence work by 8.50am. Those children arriving after the school bell has run will be marked down as 'Late' on the school register. Persistent lateness is not acceptable and may trigger a visit by the school's Education Welfare Officer.

### MAIN GATES—NO ENTRY:

The main gates leading into the school should NOT be used by parents as an entry point into school. These gates are for use by staff and school transport only. Please be mindful of this and use the appropriate small gate to enter the school grounds.

### MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS:

If some of you were fortunate to receive a new mobile phone over Christmas, could you please ensure that the school office is made aware of any changes to your contact details. It is important that our contact information remains up to date at all times!

### FRIENDSHIP DAY!

On Tuesday, 14th February the children will be celebrating 'Friendship Day'. Then on Friday, 17th February, the friends of the PTA have organised a 'Friendship Mufti Day'. All children can come to school dressed in casual clothing and all we ask is a £1.00 donation.

## DIARY DATES:

Mon 16th Jan '17	Class 2 & 3 - Manchester Camerata Workshop
Fri 27th Jan	Class 2 - school trip to Enginuity Museum at Ironbridge
Mon 13th Feb	Class 2 & 3 at Gatehouse Theatre for Music Performance
Thurs 16th Feb	Laser Tag competition organised by Premier Sport from 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Mon 20th - 24th Feb	HALF TERM
Fri 3rd Mar	World Book Day!
Mon 6th Mar	9am Family Collective Worship
	Parents Evening from 3.30pm until 5.30pm
Fri 17th Mar	'Friendship Mufti Day' - casual clothes
	Book Fair - 3.30pm in school Hall
Mon 20th Mar	Parents Evening - 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Wed 22nd Mar	Book Fair - 3.30pm in school hall
Thur 30th Mar	Wheelchair basketball competition organised by premier sport from 4.30pm - 5.30pm
10th Apr - 21st Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS!
Mon 24th April	School Re-opens



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### FAMILY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP:

One of our development points from our SIAMS inspection in July was to provide more opportunities for parents to join us for Collective Worship. We would therefore like to invite families to join us for Collective Worship with Rev Kathryn on **Monday 6th March 2017** at 9am. We are aiming, in the future, to offer this opportunity at least once a half term.

### WORLD BOOK DAY!

On Friday, 3rd March we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' and the children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. There will be lots of fun learning activities for the children to participate in during the day.

### SHUGBOROUGH RESIDENTIAL WEEK:

Although it is only January, I can guarantee that the residential trip in June will come round really fast, so I just wanted to remind parents that the opportunity is there to make payments towards this trip via parent pay.

### PARENTS EVENING:

Please be advised that we have organised two parent's evenings in March. The first one will take place on Monday 6th March and will be from 3.30pm until 5.30pm. The second one will take place on Monday, 20th March and will run from 4.30pm until 7.30pm. So please put one of these dates in your diary!!

### BIRD FEEDERS:

This term we plan on making bird feeders with the children with pine cones. If you have any pine cones in your garden, we would be grateful for them. If you would like to know more information about making bird feeders, then do visit the R.S.P.B website.

### SPRING RAFFLE!

We have organised a 'Spring Raffle Draw' with all proceeds raised going towards the school. We are fortunate to have had some amazing prizes donated, including:

- \* **An Apple Watch** (donated by the family of Gemma Roe)
- \* Beauty Voucher Worth £70.00
- \* Luxury Beauty Hamper
- \* Case of mixed Wine

And for the dads we have...

- \* DeWalt Circular Saw
- \* Box of Howden Screws

and many more prizes. Raffle ticket books will be sent out in book bags on Friday, 17th February. Each ticket will cost £1.00 each. The grand draw will take place at school on Friday, 10th March at 3.30pm.

**FOOTWEAR** - In the event of more snow, please send your child in with appropriate outdoor footwear and school shoes to change into.

### A PLEA FROM MRS HOPKINS:

Mrs Hopkins is looking to acquire some resources. If you have any of these items that you wish to donate, could you please hand them in to Mrs Hopkins.

Tyres	Drain Pipes	Milk Crates
Bread crates	Pallets	Cut up hose pipes
Bamboo screening	Logs	Buckets
Washing up bowls	Pans	Spoons
Cooking moulds	Cake Tins	Ladles
Tongs	Colanders	Bowls
Plastic Plates	Funnels	Spades
Trowels	Watering cans	Stones
Pebbles	Cones	Acorns
Buttons	Bottle Tops	Lids
Pot-Pourri	Pasta	Boxes (small)
Squirts bottles	Trellis	Message boards
Plant pots	Clip boards	Egg boxes
Tarpaulin	Old sheets	Curtains
Carpet tiles	Brushes	Rollers
Buckets	Magnifying glasses	Compost
Gravel	Bark	Compost
Window Cleaning props	Old picture frames	

.... and before you ask... no Mrs Hopkins is not moving house but merely looking at making the reception area and our wildlife area more interesting and stimulating for the children!!

### PUPIL PREMIUM:

Could we please ask any parents on low income to register online with Stafford County Council for 'free school meals'. In particular, we are reaching out to those families with children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** who may be eligible but have not applied because their child already receives a universal free school meal.

The advantage of applying for 'Free School Meals' is that the school can receive additional funding which we can use to pay for your school trips, music tuition, schools clubs etc and also generally to raise achievement levels within the school.

So if you think you may be eligible, then please apply online as soon as possible. Not only are you helping your child, you are also helping the school!

### PARENT PAY:

All parents should now have their own Parent Pay account. Please remember to login to your account to activate it and kindly ensure that both your mobile phone number and email address are correct and up to date.