



WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Happy New Year and welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas? We are back and raring to go here at school. This is such an important term for all our children in terms of moving learning forward and for preparation for key assessments that follow in the Summer term. Every day is important and good attendance is vital, I hope that you received our communication last week regarding the changes Staffordshire County Council have made to their guidance on requests for leave from school and the issuing of penalty notices. (There is a copy of this on the website.) It is vital that parents do not book holidays until they have filled in the application form for Leave of Absence that is on the website, or you can request a copy from the office. If holidays are taken without exceptional circumstances the likelihood now is that a penalty notice will be issued. As in previous years we will be sending a summary of your child's current attendance figure before the half term holiday. May I also remind parents that children must be in classrooms for 8.55, arriving after this will incur a late mark. Thank you for your support.
Mrs P Gallant

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YEAR 6 SAT'S REVISION

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, straight after school and up until half term, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Gallant will be running SAT's revision sessions to aid the Year 6 pupils. Year 6 parents have the opportunity to purchase study/ revision guides to support their learning and these can be obtained via the school office.

STANDON BOWERS RESIDENTIAL WEEK

May I remind parents in Class 3, that the fees for the residential trip to Standon Bowers Outdoor Education in June, will need to be paid before Friday 15th June 2018. Class 3's fun week away is Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June 2018.

BIKEABILITY

We are very fortunate to have Bikeability coming into school in April to provide Level 2 cycling proficiency for our Year 5 pupils. This year, for the first time, they are also providing Level 1 cycling proficiency for our Year 4 pupils. More details about that nearer the time.



DIARY DATES:

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| Fri 26th January | Class 2—Manchester Camerata Workshop in school. |
| Sat 27 January | Mad Science morning in the hall |
| Mon 29th January | Family Collective Worship at 9am |
| Wed 31st January | Reception Class — Brampton Museum |
| Wed 14th February | Class 2—Stafford Gatehouse Theatre—Manchester Camerata |
| Thurs 15th February | Reception class assembly |
| Friday 16th February | Last day of term. |
| Mon 18th February — Fri 22nd February | HALF TERM |
| Mon 26th February | School Re-opens |
| Thurs 1st March | Cinema evening (World Book Day) organised by the Friends of Woodseaves Academy. |
| Fri 2nd March | World Book Day |
| Mon 5th March | Family Collective Worship at 9am Parents Evening 3.30—5.30pm |
| Thurs 8th March | Class 2 assembly |
| Mon 12th March | Parents Evening 5.30- 7.30pm |

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.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Each class will have its own assembly and parents/carers/grandparents are more than welcome to attend. The assemblies start at **2.50pm**. Dates are:
Reception—Thursday 15th February 2018
Class 1— Thursday 22nd March 2018
Class 2— Thursday 8th March 2018
Class 3—Thursday 15th March 2018

MAD SCIENCE DAY

Mad Science (West Midlands) will be holding a Slime Making Morning in the school hall on Saturday 27th January 9:30am-11:30am where the children will be able to get hands on and make different types of slime... and take it home with them!!!! Our mad scientists, armed with their lab kits will be teaching the children the best tips and tricks to make the craziest slime you can think of! If they like FLUFFY SLIME, UNICORN SLIME AND MAGNETIC SLIME then this is the club them! Mad Science are hosting an assembly in school on Wednesday 17th February to provide the pupils with more details.





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E SAFETY DAY

It is Safer Internet Day on 6th February 2018 and this year's theme is "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you".

We will be among hundreds of schools nationally who are joining in with activities to promote this cause. Whilst we reinforce e-safety on a daily basis with the children at Woodseaves Primary, we feel that as a whole school we want to participate and ensure our children understand how they can safely and responsibly use their digital technology in a positive way, whilst having fun too! Further e-safety information and a direct link to the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection command) website can be found on our school website.

MANCHESTER CAMERATA WORKSHOP

On Friday 26th January, we have the opportunity to have two professional musicians from the Manchester Camerata come into school and work with our Class 2 children. This year they will collectively be creating a piece of music for a show about Roald Dahl's "BFG". Class 2's musical creation will then form part of the musical score which they will then be able to see performed at Stafford Gatehouse Theatre on Wednesday 14th February. It is a fantastic and memorable experience for the children to participate in.



FRIENDSHIP WEEK

As part of this half term's value of cooperation, we will be holding our annual 'friendship week' from Monday February 12th to Friday 16th. This will be the focus of our collective worship and PSHE that week.



RECEPTION 2018 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications for children wishing to join the Reception class in September 2018 is **15 JANUARY 2018**. All applications should be submitted directly to the Staffordshire County Council, School Admissions and Transport Service. There is an online application process via their website.

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 5th March** or **Monday 12th March** 2018. 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.

PARKING/REVERSING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can we ask parents not to park on the zig zag lines either side of the main entrance or reverse into the main entrance in order to turn round. It must be stressed that these occurrences pose a real safety risk to our children and both have been seen to happen recently. Thank You

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.

DONATIONS

We may be a small school but we have a big heart. We were able to donate £128.30 to the 2017 Poppy Appeal and we raised £181.85 through the Children In Need activities. Well done everyone!

MOBILE PHONES

There have been incidents where mobile phones have been ringing in pupils' bags during lesson time. It must be stressed that pupils are **NOT** permitted to bring mobile phones into school. If, for an exceptional circumstance, a pupil is required to bring their phone in then it must be handed in to the school office first thing in the morning. It will then be secured and handed back to the pupil at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation over this safeguarding matter.



STOKE CITY FC—CITY 7S

Stoke City Football Club are providing our Year 2s with 2 complimentary tickets to see a Premier League match at the Bet365 stadium, free membership and a complimentary replica Stoke City home shirt.

All other year groups will be provided with an opportunity to attend the same Premier League fixture at a hugely discounted cost of £5 for juniors and £20 for adults. We will also be hosting a special assembly on Monday 5th February for this scheme to be introduced to the pupils.