



WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY CHRISTMAS TERM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,
As you can see from the diary dates below it is going to be a busy half term and I look forward to seeing you at some of the events listed, so please do make a note on your calendars of key dates for your child/children. Next week we start with a Remembrance Day Collective Worship on Monday with Rev. Kathryn when we will be observing two minutes silence. Thank you to Mrs Botham for the lovely display in the hall that all the children contributed to. They have also all made a poppy to go in High Offley Church to contribute to a large display there. The church will be open tomorrow 10pm-4pm and the Remembrance Service is on Sunday at 10.45am, all welcome.

DIARY DATES:

Mon 12th Nov	Gymnastics starts after school.
12th – 16th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week—wear odd socks on Tuesday 13th Nov.
Tues 13th Nov	Boxing starts after school.
Thurs 15th Nov	Mrs Rose’s Art Club starts
Thurs 22nd Nov	Class 1 and Class 3—History workshops in school. Dressing up welcomed.
Fri 23rd Nov	Hilderstone Care Home residents visiting school—AM Class 3 to visit Knightley Church—PM.
Mon 29th Nov	Class 3 assembly at 2.50pm.
29th Nov—2nd Dec	Christmas Tree Festival
Fri 30th Nov	Celebrating Cultures day
Mon 3rd Dec	Family Worship at School. 9am start ALL INVITED.
Thurs 6th Dec	Last swim session for Years 3,4 and 5.....and Parents Christmas Lunch starts at 1200.....and Class 2 assembly at 2.50pm.
Thurs 13th Dec	KS1 Nativity “The Christmas Recipe” – 2pm and 6.30pm performances.
Mon 17th Dec	“Old King Cole” Pantomime – 1.30pm whole school in the Hall.
Tues 18th Dec	12.00 Christmas Lunch for all childrenand 5.00 – 6.30pm Christmas Disco in school hall.
Wed 19th Dec	KS2 Music Concert—School Hall—ALL WELCOME
Thurs 20th Dec LAST DAY AT SCHOOL	10am Christmas Carol Service Knightley ChurchAND Christmas Jumper Day.
Fri 21st Dec 2018 to Sun 6th Jan 2019 inclusive	Christmas holidays
Mon 7th Jan 2019	Back to School
Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb 2019	Half term



CHILDREN IN NEED RAMBLE

On Friday 5th October, the whole school went out for a ramble around the school grounds, including our super Forest School area. There was much laughter and merriment and hot chocolate and biscuits in the school hall afterwards. This lovely afternoon raised £78.10 for the Children In Need cause.

FRIENDS OF WOODSEAVES ACADEMY CAKE SALE

The cake sale held on Friday 19th October raised a whopping £179.70!! Many thanks to all those who made, donated, bought and ate the cakes. FOWA do a splendid job raising funds for our children. If you feel you can assist our small team of dedicated parents then please pop in to the school office to discuss further. Class 2 went to RAF Cosford the day before half term and the funds donated by FOWA halved the cost of the trip for parents.

PARKING ISSUE IN DICKY’S LANE

May we remind parents to keep the parking area in front of the terraced houses on Dicky’s Lane clear for resident parking.

CLASS 1 & 3 HISTORY WORKSHOPS— Thurs 22nd Nov

Both classes have the excellent opportunity to be involved in interactive workshops which cover their class topic. Letters have already gone to parents to help encourage their children to dress up for the occasion. Class 1 in t-shirts of “flames” colours and Class 3 as “Ancient Greeks”.

CELEBRATING CULTURES DAY

On Fri 30th Nov, we will be taking the opportunity to explore and embrace other cultures. We feel this is important to widen children’s knowledge and prepare them to take their place in our multi-cultural society. We will be finding out about the Hindu and Sikh Festival of Divali. The children will be participating in a variety of activities throughout the day including Indian drumming! There will be a short performance at 2.50pm for the children to share what they have learnt that day and parents are welcome to attend.



FAMILY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We would like to invite parents/ carers to our next Family Collective Worship on Monday 3rd December in the School Hall. It starts at 9am and will last 15-20 minutes.

KS1 NATIVITY PLAYS

This year’s Reception and Class 1 Nativity Plays will take place on Thursday 13th December. There will be two performances at 2pm and 6.30pm. Tickets will be available from the school office at a cost of £1.00 each, nearer the time.

KS2 MUSIC CONCERT

Everyone is welcome to this special musical concert at school, with instruments, on Wednesday 19th December at 9.10am.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Both Class 2 and Class 3 will be having their own assemblies so they can share an aspect of their class work with parents. Please check their dates and times in DIARY DATES.



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UNIFORM POLICY

We would just like to remind parents about the school uniform policy. We encourage our pupils to wear the correct uniform to have a sense of pride in themselves as well as being a member of the Woodseaves Primary Academy community.

The school uniform consists of:

- ◆ Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan
- ◆ Jade Polo Shirt
- ◆ Dark grey skirt or trousers
- ◆ Black shoes

The PE kit for indoors consists of:

- ◆ White T-shirt
- ◆ Black/navy shorts
- ◆ Black pumps

Our lost property cupboard is starting to fill up again and includes some nice coats! If you are missing any items of clothing then please feel free to pop in and check the cupboard.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 12–16th NOVEMBER

During National Anti-Bullying week, we will be having a designated Anti-Bullying Day on Tuesday 13th November. The theme this year is “Choose Respect” and the aim of our day is to help our children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other, we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect other
- We all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

We are inviting all children on Tuesday 13th November to wear odd socks to school, with their school uniform to show their support for this campaign. It's an opportunity for our children to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and show what makes us all unique! For more information see www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk.

HILDERSTONE CARE HOME

In the summer term, a group of our KS2 pupils were invited to visit a residential care home for the elderly. It was a hugely beneficial and rewarding experience for both young and old. On Friday 23rd November, we have now invited the residents to our school for tea and cake and to continue to develop the links we have made.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Jane has organised a delicious Christmas lunch for Tuesday 18th December for the children, costing £2.30.

They can look forward to:



*Roast turkey
Sage and onion stuffing
Cranberry Sauce
Sausages in blankets
Roast Potato & Buttered Mash
Peas, Carrots & Roast Parsnip
Gravy
OR
Quorn Roast with cranberry sauce
AND
Christmas Biscuit*

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We have sponsored a tree at Holy Trinity church, Eccleshall that we will be decorating. All the children will be creating a decoration to go on the tree. The Festival will be launched at a special act of worship on Thursday 29th Nov at 5pm and will close on Sunday 2nd December after the evening service. If you would like to see the tree, which will be one of 50 placed at the church, opening times for the Festival are:

Thursday 29th Nov 5–7pm
Friday 30th Nov 12–8pm
Saturday 1st Dec 10–5pm
Sunday 2nd Dec 11–6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS DISCO

The Friends of Woodseaves have very kindly organised a Christmas Disco on Tuesday 18th December from 5pm until 6.30pm. The entrance fee will be £2.50 which will include unlimited drinks and there will be a tuck shop selling various goodies.

CAROL SERVICE at KNIGHTLEY CHURCH

The whole school will be walking down to Knightley Church (weather permitting) on Thursday 20th December for our special Christmas Service at 10am. Please ensure that the children come to school dressed in warm coats, gloves and hats. We have limited space for parents so if you would like to attend please put your name down in the school office.

CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Reception and Class 1's Christmas Party will be during the afternoon of Tuesday 18th December. Class 2 and 3's Christmas Party will be in the afternoon of Wednesday 19th December. The children will be able to get changed for their parties. They can, if they wish, change into party clothes which can be bought to school in a plastic bag.

NON-UNIFORM/TOY DAY

Our final celebration leading up to Christmas will be our Christmas Jumper/Toy Day on Thursday 20th December. The children can if they so wish, come to school dressed in Christmas clothes (or any of their own clothes!) and can bring a toy with them to play with. All we ask is for a £1 contribution which will go towards school funds.

To minimise the risk of breakage, we have decided that no electrical toys should be brought in, nor any expensive toys or toys with small parts which could potentially get lost.

AND FINALLY...

CHILDREN IN NEED—PYJAMA DAY

On Friday 16th November we are getting involved in Children in Need day again. This year we would like the children to have a pyjama day and wear their favourite pyjamas to school! In the afternoon all the classes will join together and have bedtime stories. All we ask for is a donation to this worthy cause.
THANK YOU.

