



# 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 pleased to welcome Mr Attwood to Woodseaves Primary, our new teacher for Class 3.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and all the exciting learning opportunities we have planned. 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. It is important 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 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, along with a 'traffic light comparator' which shows where their figure sits compared to national expectations. May I also remind parents that children must be in classrooms for 8.55, arriving after this will incur a late mark.

Mrs Gallant

## SCHOOL NEWS

### YEAR 6 SAT'S REVISION

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, straight after school and up until April, Mr Attwood, Ms Fildes 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.

### 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.

### CHANCE TO SHINE CRICKET

Chance to Shine is a national charity that aims to give all children the opportunity to play and learn through cricket. At Woodseaves Primary we believe that all children have the right to play sport and that cricket can help to develop their personal, social and physical skills. We are very fortunate to have Myles Coughlan from Eccleshall Cricket Club coming into school every Thursday, up until February half term to enthuse and introduce our children to the sport.

## DIARY DATES:

Thurs 24th January	Class 2—Manchester Camerata Workshop in school.
Mon 4th February	Family Collective Worship at 9am
Tues 5th February	Safer Internet Day
Mon 11th—Fri 15th Feb	Friendship Week
Wed 13th February	Class 2 Manchester Camerata trip to Stafford County Showground. Timings to be confirmed.
Fri 15th February	Last day of term.
Mon 18th February – Fri 22nd February	HALF TERM
Mon 25th February	School Re-opens
Mon 4th March	Parents Evening 3.30–6pm NO GYMNASTICS THAT NIGHT
Wed 6th March	Collective Assembly at 2.30pm - whole school only.
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite book character
Fri 8th March	Wine and Wisdom Evening FOWA
Fri 15th March	Red Nose day
Thurs 21st March	Parents Evening 4.30-7.30PM
Thurs 4th April	Class 1 assembly at 2.45pm. Parents/ carers welcome.
Mon 8th + Tues 9th April	Bikeability—Years 4 and 5



### PE KIT

Please can we remind children that they need to have an outdoor PE kit available to them in school. PE and Cricket also takes place outside so they need to be able to put on tracksuit bottoms or leggings with a long sleeve top or sweatshirt.

### LONG HAIR

Long hair needs to be tied up during PE lessons so if your child has long hair please can they come into school with hair bands/ scrunchies in order to be able to do this.

### RECEPTION 2019 APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications for children wishing to join the Reception class in September 2019 is **15 JANUARY 2019**. 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.

### 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.



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### MANCHESTER CAMERATA WORKSHOP

On Thursday 24th January 2019, we have the excellent opportunity to have two professional musicians from the Manchester Camerata come into school and work with our Class 2 children. Along with the children, they will be creating a piece of music which will then form part of the musical score which will be performed at Stafford County Showground on Wednesday 13th February. It is a fantastic and memorable experience for the children to participate in. Details of tickets for parents to see the performance to follow.



### SAFER INTERNET DAY

It is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February 2019 and this year's theme is

**"TOGETHER FOR A BETTER INTERNET"**.

We will be among schools globally who are joining in with activities to promote this cause. The aim is to **inspire conversation** about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. 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 in the day 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 Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) command website can be found on our school website.

### FRIENDSHIP WEEK

To support our Christian values, we will be holding our annual 'friendship week' from Monday 11th February – Friday 15th February 2019. This will be the focus of our collective worship and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) that week.



### 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 4th March** or **Thurs 21st March 2019**. Organising parent slots can be tricky at times and we will endeavour to do our utmost to accommodate parents wishes, however, with nearly 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. Thank You

### FRIENDS OF WOODSEAVES (FOWA) DONATIONS

The FOWA worked tirelessly over the festive break and with their various events raised £450!! A smashing total which goes directly to benefit our children. WELL DONE and a MASSIVE THANK YOU to you all.

### FOWA QUIZ NIGHT

Now here's a date for your diary...

**FRIDAY 8th MARCH—WINE AND WISDOM** Evening—doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. This is an adult only event and friends and family are more than welcome. Further details and tickets will follow.

### SCHOOL DISCO

The FOWA will also be hosting a school disco for our children just prior to the Easter holidays on **THURSDAY 11th APRIL**. £2.50 will be payable on the door and the disco runs from 5–6.30pm.

### CLASS ASSEMBLIES

This term, Class 1 will be holding an assembly and the Reception class will be hosting a workshop for their parents. Mrs Hopkins will make details available nearer the time. Class 2 and 3s assemblies will be arranged for the summer term. Class 1's assembly is on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 2.45pm

### 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 14th June 2019. Class 3's fun week away is Monday 17th to Friday 21st June 2019.



### BIKEABILITY

We are very fortunate again this year to have Bikeability coming into our school to provide Level 1 cycling proficiency for our Year 4 pupils and Level 2 cycling proficiency for our Year 5 pupils. Bikeability will be in school on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th April 2019 so can Year 4 and Year 5 parents please make a note of the dates. Letters and consent forms will be coming out nearer the time.

And finally....

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

This term we are running the following clubs:

Monday—Gymnastics

Tuesday—Archery

Thursday—Tennis.

We are in the process of trying to source another sports provider for football and will keep you posted on progress. For the time being we are not able to provide a football club.

The good news however is that a Musical Theatre club will be starting on **WEDNESDAYS** at Woodseaves Primary over the next couple of weeks. Letters will be going out in the school bags giving ALL of our children the chance to sign up.