



WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Inspire Respect Achieve

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Together we will create a respectful, caring and safe learning community that inspires all to achieve and flourish'
'Start children on the way they should go, and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.'
Proverbs 22:6

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a great Christmas and New Year break, it's like we have never been away! It is another busy half term, with lots of exciting and engaging learning opportunities for all our children to participate in. Thank you to all those who have completed our Spring term parent survey, if you haven't please do, there are links to it via our school website (which is brand new!) and our Facebook page. It is brilliant to have feedback and see where we are doing well and the areas we can improve on further. If you do think there is an area to improve on PLEASE add a specific comment at the end of the survey or email me directly so that I can address it swiftly. I am looking forward to seeing you all at parent's evening at the end of January. Michelle Easthope, Headteacher

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 16th January – Church Club—5.30 to 6.45pm in the School Hall
Friday 24th January—Class 1 trip to the Wolseley Centre, Wolseley Bridges
Monday 27th January –Family Worship—ALL WELCOME
Monday 27th January—Parent's Evening
Thursday 30th January—Parent's Evening
Thursday 30th January - Reception class trip to Brampton Museum, Newcastle Under Lyme
Wednesday 5th February –GB athlete visit to school
Thursday 6th February - Manchester Camerata workshop for Class 2 in school
Friday 14th February—Class 3 London trip to visit and tour the Houses of Parliament.
Monday 17th—Friday 21st February HALF TERM BREAK
Monday 24th February BACK TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 25th February—Class 2 trip to Blists Hill Victorian village
Tuesday 3rd March—Class 2 trip to the Stafford County Showground for the Manchester Camerata concert

SCHOOL NEWS

TENNIS LESSONS FOR YEARS 2 AND 3

Impactful Tennis who run an after school tennis club for us on Wednesdays are providing free tennis sessions during the school day for our Year 2 and 3 children. The aim of the input is to encourage children to enjoy tennis and give them the experience of trying out new and different sports. The sessions will consist of fun games, tennis skills and team building.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION WORKING PARTY

We have eight parents, with children across the school, who are attending our first working party meeting on Monday 13th January at 2pm. Once we have met we will send regular communication out to parents and carers detailing the progress we are making towards developing the new whole school policy and the approach we will be taking. If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Easthope.

CLASS 1 TRIP TO THE WOLSELEY CENTRE

During the morning of Friday 24th January, Class 1 will be visiting the Wolseley Centre at Wolseley Bridge, Stafford to explore the topic of "watery wildlife". Jane will provide packed lunches for all children and they will be able to eat them on their return to school. Letters to parents will be out next week.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

After School Clubs for this half term are as follows:

- Tuesday- Archery with Ben, Progressive Sports for Reception—Year 6 children
 - Wednesday- Tennis with Impactful for Years 1—6
 - Thursday- KidKrew Film and Animation Club for Years 4,5 and 6 only.
- Our Reception children are more than welcome to join in with our Progressive Sports after school club on Tuesdays now. Parents should have received their letters in the school bags inviting them to the Club. For our footballers, we also aim to have the after school football club up and running after February half term.

SCHOOL TRIPS

There are several exciting school trips running over the next few months all designed to enable our children to have a breadth of experiences and enhance their personal progression. Our school trips are planned to enhance the co-curriculum provided at Woodseaves and support the development of children's personal characters. They are selected to cover a wide range of artistic, creative, sporting and debating opportunities. Please check the diary dates carefully.

GB ATHLETE VISIT TO SCHOOL

On Wednesday 5th February, we are very fortunate to have a visit from GB Olympian Kristian Thomas. Kristian originates from Wolverhampton and has won multiple medals at British, European and World Championships. He was also part of the GB team that won a bronze medal at the London 2012 Olympics. He will be talking to our children and sharing his experiences of being a world class athlete.

MANCHESTER CAMERATA CONCERT

On Tuesday 3rd March our Class 2 children will once again be visiting the County Showground in Stafford to participate in the Camerata concert, along with other schools from the area. Manchester Camerata will be in school on Thursday 6th February to engage with the children and prepare their musical piece. Parents will be invited to attend the morning performance and we are just waiting for the finer details of the concert to come through so we can update you on ticket cost and availability. We will inform you in due course.

PETER JONES TYCOONS

Over the Autumn term, children in Class Three had the opportunity to participate in a Tycoons business project. You may well have seen them selling their wares at the Christmas Fayre! The children delegated roles to each other, including a CEO, and developed a business plan as well as costing all the items they needed and applying for a loan from the Peter Jones Foundation. The hot chocolate reindeers and biscuit making stalls were a roaring success at the fayre, with the children returning a healthy profit. A great introduction to business for our pupils. The Spring window for businesses has now launched so have a chat with your child and see if they have any great money spinning ideas which we can set up in school!

PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

We have received complaints from parents and local residents of cars being parked outside school half on the pavement and half on the road. Please can we ask parents to park with more care and to keep the pavements clear for our children and pedestrians. Thank you.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you all once again for digging deep into your pockets and purses and raising the following funds. We were able to donate £40.20 to Young Minds, £114.55 to Children In Need and our Poppy Appeal raised £150.64.

And finally... our Jane in the kitchen has recently completed 15 years service with Compass and has spent all of those years at Woodseaves Primary providing our children with their snacks and lunchtime meals. That's a lot of dinners! Many thanks and congratulations Jane.