



# Woodlands' Newsletter #



February 2nd 2024

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School Website

[www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

If you have a whole school question or concern, please contact Mr Baker via the office.

**Whole School Attendance (This year so far): 96.20%**

**Winning Team attendance: w/c 22.01.24 = Offa 98.77% & w/c 29.01.24 = Ethelfleda 96.47%**

**Well done to our WOW Workers - see the powerpoint on the website**

Class	Week Ending 26/01/24	Week Ending 02/02/24	Class	Week Ending 26/01/24	Week Ending 02/02/24
<u>Ash</u>	Paisley	Teddy	<u>Pine</u>	Veer	Jaycee
<u>Oak</u>	Lucy	Teddy	<u>Elm</u>	Lily-Ann	Esme
<u>Spruce</u>	Matthew	Travis	<u>Redwood</u>	Liam	Issac.S
<u>Willow</u>	Mollie	Lexie	<u>Chestnut</u>	Oscar	Anais
<u>Birch</u>	Toby-Jay	Daisy D	<u>Aspen</u>	David	Finley



Time is flying and we are already near the end of Spring 1- we are at the half way point of the year, only a term and a half left before summer. It has been a great start to the year and the children have been wonderful.

The children's behaviour continues to impress everyday. There is an excellent ethos around school. The children care for each other and respect each other's differences. It is a privilege to walk along the corridors and hear the children ask if they are ok or had a good day. The children ask the staff 'Are you having a good day?'- or 'How are you..?'

The children's work is also worth celebrating- every Friday we have WOW assembly to celebrate the work of each class and identify a child who has tried really hard that week. The effort, work and learning shown is a credit to the children. Thank you to all families who engage with their children's learning at home and practice the skills they learn.



## PTA

A huge thank you to the work of the PTA- past and present. Through their hard work alongside the teaching staff, the PTA have provided community fundraising activities as well as fun activities for the children including school disco, bingo, fayres etc  
All the people involved in these events give of their time freely for the children.

**The funds raised continue to help the children directly and we are pleased to share that due to the hard work of the PTA each year group has been given funding to subsidise school trips.** School trips are a vital part of learning and adventure, but due to rising costs we have not been able to have as many trips as we have enjoyed in the past- hopefully with this help more classes will be able to have excellent school trips- THANK YOU to the PTA

*If you are able to help the PTA in any capacity- please contact the school*

## Attendance and Punctuality



The tickets of all 100% attenders were drawn **TODAY** and a child was selected from each of the class winners. All winners will also be added to the **BIG DRAW** at the end of the year. Well done Pine and Spruce who had the most **100% attenders in January**.

**REMINDER-** the school gates close at **8:45am**—**ANY** arrivals after that time **MUST** be escorted to the school main office by an adult- the children cannot arrive late on their own.

## Wrap around care/After school update

Thank to you everyone who returned their requests for after school care. We need **54** filled spaces a week to pay for all the staffing, facilities and resources- we currently only have **36** requesting a space. We are currently looking into alternative ways to meet the need as well as applying for external funding to subsidise the costs to help us provide this key service to families. So unfortunately we cannot start the after school **yet**, we will keep families informed.

## BE SAFE! URGENT REMINDER



We have already had some near misses this year with cars mounting curbs, u- turning and not seeing children as well as angry residents for blocking driveways we have informed the local PCSO - **PLEASE BE SAFE AND THINK**

**PLEASE DO NOT U-TURN IN THE STREET or block residents drives**

## Upcoming events in Spring Term

Tuesday 6th February—Willow Class Assembly  
9.10am , Year 5/6 WOLF Day  
Thursday 8th February—Year 3/4 WOLF Day  
Friday 9th February—Y1 WOLF Day  
February half term school closed 12th –16th February  
2024  
Spring School Disco- DETAILS TO FOLLOW  
Thursday 7th March— World Book Day  
Monday 11th March-13th March—Year 6 Laches Wood

## School foodbank

February can be a tough month. Please come and ask at school if you need any food or toiletries, as we have a donation of plenty, or e-mail [hsl@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:hsl@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk) and Miss Hodson will make contact, as she also can make a referral to the Household Support Fund for supermarket vouchers.

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

**Contact details** – If any of your contacts details change (home telephone/mobile/ address) please let us know. Thank you.

**My School Fund**—Please see the attached leaflet for more information on registering, so far we have raised £60 for the school from the families already signed up—THANKYOU!

## Safeguarding

Children can only be released to previously agreed people [adults/ siblings]- if you need someone else to collect your child you **must** inform the office in advance.

If this person is not known to the school the office will ask for contact details.



## Reminders of expectations:



Children should be **reading at least 3 times per week**. This helps them attain the rewards they deserve.

Children's attendance should be **above 97%** - please avoid missing any days from school unless ill.

Absence calls must be made by a parent or carer by calling the school office before **9.10am**. There is a designated answer machine for absence messages. Miss Hodson will then follow up any attendance queries as needed.

For safety reasons; **No hoodies or jewellery** for PE. PE T-shirts should be plain white, Joggers should be plain black or Navy. PE kit is uniform not outdoor learning/forest clothing.

School gates open at 8:35am and close at **8:45am**. Children arriving after **8:45** miss the start of learning and are marked as late

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