



Woodlands' Newsletter

November 25th 2022

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Breakfast club bookings bc@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

School Website

www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

Whole School Attendance (this week): 93.13%

Winning Team attendance (this week): Grazier

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

Class	Week Ending 25.11.22	Week Ending 18.11.22	Class	Week Ending 25.11.22	Week Ending 18.11.22
<u>Ash</u>	Louis	Mina	<u>Maple</u>	Lucy-Mae	Jacob
<u>Redwood</u>	Bella	Alyssa and Freya	<u>Spruce</u>	Seyi	Darci
<u>Pine</u>	Max	Travis	<u>Willow</u>	Neve	Ruby A
<u>Elm</u>	Noah	Halle	<u>Chestnut</u>	Erin S	Liam
<u>Birch</u>	Jensen	Lexie	<u>Aspen</u>	Riley WP and Jaxson	Alex L

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.



Lest We Forget

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal—the school raised:

£286.04

Children In Need 2022



Thank you children- We raised **£321.15** with all of you dressing up in yellow and spots- Well done

Communication

We are working to improve our communication with families and ensuring that you receive accurate important information with plenty of time to make necessary arrangements. The school events will be posted on the calendar on the school website and on the newsletter. After school club availability will be sent out further in advance and families who have been allocated a place AND families who do not have a place will be contacted.

Each newsletter and event will also have a poster in the notice boards outside both gates.

Christmas at The Woodlands

Wednesday 7th December is KS2 Nativity

Willow will be presenting the KS2 Nativity this year at St George's Church. The families of Willow are invited and the children from school will walk to the church to watch.

Friday 9th December is **Christmas** at The Woodlands.

We ask that ALL the children attend school in their pyjamas, so they can eat Christmas breakfast as a class, then change into **Christmas jumpers** and Christmas clothes ready for games, Christmas Dinner and a Christmas movie with popcorn in the afternoon.

As it is **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day** we will be asking for a donation on the day - we appreciate any donations - thank you

We are planning to make it a very special day for the children with goodies and surprises.



Please make sure that you have booked a Christmas Dinner so that the Kitchen have enough food to go round

9th December 3:40-5:00pm CHRISTMAS FAYRE - come and join the fun



Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December is Foundation and KS1 Nativity

Ash and Elm families are invited on TUESDAY and Pine and Birch families are invited on WEDNESDAY to watch the KS1 Nativity in the school hall.

The Nativities start at:10am

Friday 16th December is the last day of term

Children may bring in toys and games to play together.

Please do not send expensive toys or electronic devices.

School will finish at the normal time.

E- learning

The school invests a lot of budget to supply online learning resources to help support home learning. We currently subscribe to Education City, Espresso, Times Tables Rockstars and Bug Club home readers.

We encourage all families to use these wonderful engaging online resources - if you are having any difficulty logging on please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.



Parent Evening

At the end of December each child will be assessed to determine what they have learned this year and what the teachers need to cover again. Parent consultations will take place on January 4th and 5th. This will be an opportunity to discuss your child's learning, how they progressing and what, together, we can do to help them progress even further. The outcomes of their assessments will be shared with you at these meetings.

Parent evening appointments will need to be booked through eschools. The portal will be opened on December 9th to allow families to plan their appointment. Further details explaining how to book will be sent out nearer the date.

We encourage all families to attend parent evening - if you are unable to make the planned nights, please contact your class teacher directly via the school email.

Attendance

As we approach the end of term we will keep you informed about the attendance of your children. We have sent letters reminding all families of national expectations and will be sending further information in the next few weeks.

The government target is 97.5% and anything above 95% is good.



PARKING

We have had numerous complaints from residents on Canning Road and Argyle Street about parking across driveways or on the paths. Sadly we have also had complaints about the response of some individuals when responding to the residents.

Please follow the rules of the road and be respectful to the local residents when dropping off and collecting children.

The safety and welfare of the children is most important. The current situation is dangerous and we have sought advice from the police.

Lost Property



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We have accumulated a lot of school jumpers and various other items of lost property. These will be placed on tables under the canopy on **MONDAY, TUESDAY** and **WEDNESDAY** next week—please take any items that you need.

Any remaining items will be given to charity on Wednesday.

To help avoid so much lost property, please write your child's name in their clothing

Thank you

Messages from the office:

ESPO My School Fund

An e-mail went out to all families on 17th November, inviting them to join ESPO My School Fund Scheme to help raise additional funds for our school.

There have been a number of parents who have had issues with accessing the website with the link provided in the e-mail. The website you need to access to sign up to this scheme is www.myschoolfund.org. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Nut Allergies

Due to some children having nut allergies in school, we kindly request that children do not bring in food for break time/lunchtime which contain nuts.

Thank you.

ParentPay

If you need log in details or any help accessing ParentPay, please contact the office.

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.

Please call the office to report child absences before 9.10am. There is a designated answer machine for absence messages.

For safety reasons; No hoodies or jewellery for PE. PE T-shirts should be plain white!

School gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am

Key Dates:

Friday 2nd December INSET DAY: (Closed to Pupils)

Friday 9th December School Christmas day and Christmas Fayre

Friday 16th December: School Closes for Christmas:

Tuesday 3rd January 2023: School reopens

All dates are on the website