

Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



15th December, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and families

Thank you to all our families for your support as we had to close the school for a second day this week due to the weather conditions. I really hope we don't experience any further disruption to our daily routines, but if heavy snow should come again, please remember to keep an eye on our school website and Twitter account for updates. We will also contact you via text message. A decision to close the school is never taken lightly and we will always try to ensure you are informed with enough time to make the necessary arrangements for your children.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Winter Fair after school on Wednesday. It was lovely to see all the children enjoying themselves. Thank you also to our amazing Woodthorpe Friends who organised and ran such a well-attended event. Without your support we wouldn't be able to raise the much needed additional funds for our school and our children.

The Reception Nativity on Wednesday afternoon was amazing and we hope the parents who came along enjoyed it as much as the children did performing it. They all sang beautifully and the children who performed their lines did so with confidence. It is always so impressive from our youngest children in the school. We look forward to seeing parents next Tuesday who are invited to their second performance.

Year 3 visited the Mailbox on Thursday to participate in an Advanced Learning event. The children and staff enjoyed their visit and we hope there may be further opportunities for other classes in the future. Clever Chimps were

brilliant and our Infant children really enjoyed their stories & activities.

Congratulations to Emily, who won our local MP's, Steve McCabe, Christmas card competition. There were hundreds of entries from lots of other schools in Birmingham but Emily was the overall winner. We are so proud of her. She was presented with her winning design, a certificate and prize in assembly today. Well done!

We look forward to seeing you next week at the Key Stage 1 Nativity on the 18th and 19th, the Woodthorpe Friends Discos on the 20th and the Winter Concert on the 21st December.

Ms L McGrath

Help raise funds for our school @ AMAZON



Earn money for Woodthorpe JI School whilst you shop at Amazon! Simply use the following link to automatically generate funding for the school whilst you purchase your items from Amazon. You can also access this link from the homepage of our school website. Thank you for your support.

Amazon Link: <http://amzn.to/2B5K2eD>

Mr Trevor



E-safety tips:

1 in 3 children hide websites they've been visiting from parents while 1 in 5 change the social media safety settings enforced by their parents. Visit internetmatters.org

Research completed by our Year 4 Digital Leaders, Apphia and Dylan.

Rights of the Child- articles 2, 17, 18, 19

Assembly Theme: SEAL: Review theme of Getting On & Falling Out. Christmas Story.

Next Week: Rights Respecting/UN Convention the Rights of the Child

Rights of the Child- article 2, 13, 14, 17

FOREST SCHOOL

To maintain our forest school area we are in need of large logs/tree stumps. Any donations would be gratefully received. Please speak to Mrs M Preston or Mrs S Mason.

If anyone is interested in a School Crossing Patrol post in the local area, please contact School Patrol Service on 0121 303 7777. We are hoping to have the Woodthorpe/Hannon Road crossing re-instated. Unfortunately, if no candidates come forward, there will either be a crossing at Woodthorpe/Brandwood Road or Woodthorpe/Hannon Road (but not at both).

Please let your friends and family know about this post, if you think it may be of interest to them.



Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Year 6 for obtaining '**Best Class**' attendance. Remember to come to school on time and every day! We are currently above our end of year target of 97.2% for attendance. Keep it up.

Position	Class	Attendance (%)
1 st	Y6	97.33
2 nd	Y2	97.00
3 rd	Y4	96.67
4 th	Y3	94.83
5 th	Y1	93.21
6 th	Y5	91.67
7 th	Rec	88.39
Overall Attendance		93.24

If your child is not in school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. We do have an answer machine which is checked first thing in the morning & regularly throughout the day. Thank you.

Winter Fayre – Yrs 5 & 6: Please return any sold raffle tickets with the money back to school by Monday, so they can be included in the raffle.

The main raffle will be drawn early next week. The winners will be posted on the Woodthorpe Friends facebook page and in the main entrance.

Woodthorpe Friends Discos – New date

The Discos have been re-arranged for Wednesday 20th December. Unfortunately Father Christmas will be unable to make it, as he's very busy in Lapland getting all the presents ready. The children will still receive a present. If this date is inconvenient, you can of course have a refund. Thank you – Woodthorpe Friends.

School Lunches this week
Please see Menu Week 3



PLEASE NOTE: Y1 – Y6: Milkshakes - 40p & Fruit juice - 35p. Toast - 20p. If you order your child's toast via the office/post box, please remind your child to order their toast in the classroom. Thank you.
Mrs Clews, school cook.

Reminder: Dinner money is due in advance each Monday. £11.25 per week/£2.25 per day. Thank you

School Nurse drop-in sessions

There are drop in sessions (School Health community clinics) you can attend at Broadmeadow Health Centre on Wednesdays 3 – 5 pm and also at Poplar Road Health Centre, Thursdays 3 – 5 pm.

BCFC Ticket Incentive Scheme: £10 for adults, £5 for 13 – 18 year olds & £3 for under 13's. For the following games:
Saturday 16th December: QPR
Saturday 30th December: Leeds United
Minimum purchase 4 tickets
Contact 0121 7720101 for tickets – quote: Woodthorpe2538

Red Ridge Deadline – Friday 1st December 2017

If you are not paying off the balance in full, the 1st instalment is now due. We do ask that payments are kept up to date. However, if this is a problem please see a member of the office staff. The payment schedule is as follows:

Payment 1	By Friday 1 st December 2017
Payment 2	By Thursday 1 st February 2018
Payment 3	By Thursday 1 st March 2018

Mr Trevor

Diary for the week ahead

Monday 18th December

2 – 3 pm KS1 Nativity Production
– Prickly Hay

No French Club

Tuesday 19th December

9 am School Nurse in
9-15 – 10.00 am KS1 Nativity Production – Prickly Hay

No Brass

2.15 pm Rec Nativity x 15
parents in Reception classroom

No Rugby Club

Wednesday 20th December

Brass rehearsal

2.15 pm Rec Nativity x 16
parents in Reception classroom

3.30 – 4.30 pm Woodthorpe
Friends Reception & KS1 Disco

4.45 – 5.45 pm Woodthorpe
Friends KS2 Disco

3.15 – 4.15 pm Streetdance
(*instead of last week*)

Thursday 21st December

10.30 am Winter Concert
(parents of Choir, Brass & Street
dance)

2.45 pm Golden Book assembly

3.15 pm – 4.00 pm KS2 Choir

No AVFC

Friday 22nd December

3.15 pm Break up

Dates for your diary

***Please note that these dates are
subject to change & new dates
added – please check them regularly***

Monday 8th January 8.55 am Children
return to school

Tuesday 9th January – Coffee morning
with School Nurse re: Healthy Weights.
Parents invited – Letter to follow

Monday 5th February – Y3 swimming
every day for 2 weeks (*letter to follow*)

Friday 16th February – 3.15 pm Break up
for half term holiday

Monday 26th February – Children return
to school

Thursday 29th March – 3.15 pm Break up

Monday 16th April – Teacher Training day
– School closed to pupils

Tuesday 17th April – 8.55 am Children
return to school

Monday 7th May – May Day – School
closed/ key stage 1 test period starts

Monday 14th May – End of key stage 2
tests commence

Friday 25th May – Break up for half term

Monday 4th June – Children return to
school

Monday 11th June – Phonics screening
check week

Friday 20th July – 3.15 pm Break up

Monday 23rd July & Tuesday 24th July –
Teacher Training days – school closed

REMAINING TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – Academic Year 2017/2018

School is closed to pupils on:

Monday 16th April 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018