

# Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017

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*Dear Parents/Carers and families*

It was wonderful to see you at our KS1 and Reception Nativity performances this week. As always, the children made us proud as they performed the songs and recited their lines with such confidence. Well done, children!

The Winter Concert was a huge success on Thursday. The street dancers, choir and brass players' performances were amazing. It was a wonderful way of showing how talented our junior children are. Thank you for coming along to support our children and staff at this event.



Our partnership with Motherwell School in Uganda has flourished this term. They have sent some lovely pieces of their children's work, Christmas cards and music for us to share with the children (to be made available on our website). They are a young school of five years, but have the same high standards and expectations as we have of our children. We are very fortunate to be working with Motherwell and the enrichment opportunities this offers to our school.

As it is the end of the half term, this week we have celebrated citizenship and good behaviour in Golden Book assembly, and attendance, Pupils of the Week and Golden Mile achievements in Celebrations assembly. It has been a long term and the children and staff have all worked incredibly hard. We now look forward to January 2018 and the new and exciting experiences as we start the spring term.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff and governors at Woodthorpe JI School, to wish you a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



As always, thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Ms L McGrath

## The Golden Mile (Week 12)

| Place           | Class | Distance (Miles) |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| 1st             | 3     | 13.89            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2     | 7.10             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 6     | 6.50             |

The Golden Mile returned this week after a week of snow and ice! It was lovely to see lots of children getting involved despite the wintery conditions continuing! We have many children who are literally metres away from being awarded their bronze or silver awards! The Golden Mile will return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Thank you for your support.

## Global Partnership > Our link with Uganda, Africa

The children have been busy producing a variety of wonderful work that will be sent across to Africa before the end of the calendar year. Our partnership with **Motherwell Junior School**, near to Kampala, Uganda, has been going from strength to strength over the last 12 months. The school recently received another package from Motherwell that included Pen Pal letters, Christmas cards and letters of thanks. Both schools are thrilled with

the news that the 2022 Commonwealth Games will be coming to the city of Birmingham!

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

**Assembly Theme:** Rights Respecting/UN Convention the Rights of the Child

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

We raised £274.90 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported this cause.

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

**Rec: Leanne** – For being an enthusiastic learner and working hard.

**Y1: Nora** – Excellent behaviour all of the time and a super role-model.

**Y2: Brooke** – For hard work this term and super progress in writing.

**Y3: Nikhil** – For super effort and progress in maths.

**Y4: Ashwyn** – Fabulous maths. You can always spot the patterns in number.

**Y5: Shaowen** – Has settled in to Year 5 and made a brilliant start.

**Y6: Aminah** – Excellent role-model. Leads by example. Always a pleasure to teach.

**MRS PICKERING: Marcus** – Excellent in maths.

**MS CARRINGTON: Lewis Y6** – For his excellent attitude to learning and lovely manners.

**MR TREVOR: Gracie B** – For producing some fantastic line graphs in maths.

**MS McGRATH: Maya** – For her maths and reading progress and taking on extra responsibility in school – recycling monitor.



**Attendance and Punctuality**



**Congratulations to Year 1** 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 <sup>st</sup>    | Y1    | 99.40          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | Y3    | 98.85          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | Rec   | 97.85          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Y6    | 96.67          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>    | Y5    | 95.00          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Y4    | 94.44          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>    | Y2    | 92.78          |
| Overall Attendance |       | 96.39          |

School Lunches – First week back - Please see Menu Week 2



**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. If you wish to pay in advance for Spring term one, the amount is **£67.50**. 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 game: Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Leeds United

**Minimum purchase 4 tickets**

Contact 0121 7720101 for tickets – quote: Woodthorpe2538

**Red Ridge Deadline – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

If you are not paying off the balance in full, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> December 2017   |
| Payment 2 | By Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 |
| Payment 3 | By Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2018    |

Mr Trevor

**Diary for first week back**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

8.55 am Children return to school

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 - Y5 French Club

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

Brass

9 - 10 am School Nurse in – 'Healthy Weights' Coffee morning. All welcome

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

9.30 am Reception eye tests

## **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

1.15 pm Y6 Loudmouth workshop

### **Dates for your diary**

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

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – 3.15 pm Break up for half term holiday

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Children return to school

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – 3.15 pm Break up

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – 8.55 am Children return to school

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – May Day – School closed/ key stage 1 test period starts

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – End of key stage 2 tests commence

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Break up for half term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Children return to school

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics screening check week

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – 3.15 pm Break up

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Teacher Training days – school closed

### **REMAINING TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – Academic Year 2017/2018**

School is closed to pupils on:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

### **New Year, New You! ☺**

*We would like to start a fitness class, 'Stretch and Flex' for our parents/carers in the new year, at the start of the day, after drop off in the morning.*

*At Woodthorpe, the children are involved in lots of activities and sports during the school week and it would be your opportunity to show your child that a healthy, active lifestyle is really important.*

*Amy, who runs our Street Dance club, has offered to lead the classes. She is a real motivator and teaches a variety of fitness classes for other schools and community groups catering for all ages.*

*Ideally, I would like to start this as early on in January as possible. In order to gauge interest, please could you sign up on the sheet outside the school office. I will then be able to arrange the day and start date. We aim to partly subsidise charge for the fitness classes with our Sports Premium Funding, and so the charge per session will be kept to a minimum.*

*Hope to see your name on the list!*

*Ms McGrath*