

# Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Dear Parents/Carers and families

It was Road Safety Week this week and we hope the children remember and use the rules for crossing the road safely. We continue to tackle poor parking on Greenwood Close and Woodthorpe Road which poses risks to our children as they enter and leave the school site. Please remember to drive slowly and park considerably.

Year 3 visited Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. They really enjoyed themselves and learned a lot to support their topic work in school. Ms Bryan was delighted with how enthusiastic and well-behaved the children were. They have all been awarded as pupils of the week.

Year 5 have been to Kenilworth Castle today. I am sure they have had a great time learning about how castles were built and used over the years.

Please don't forget to join us next Tuesday after school for our maths workshops for parents of children in Year 1, 2 and 3. The session is aimed at parents/carers to show you how maths is taught in school, so that you can better support your child at home.

As the colder weather approaches and children start to wear boots or wellies to school, please can I remind you to ensure your child brings their school shoes so that they can change once inside the building. Thank you.

Ms L McGrath

## Children's Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Turkey Roast/Halal Turkey  
Roast/Macaroni Cheese/Cod Fillet with  
Sage & Onion Stuffing & Vegetable  
Gravy

Roast/Creamed Potatoes

Selection of Vegetables; Carrot &  
Swede Batons, Brussel  
Sprouts/Sweetcorn

Ice Cream Roll

If your child normally has a dinner on a Tuesday, they will automatically have a Christmas dinner. However, if they usually bring a packed lunch, but would like a dinner, please pre-order, no later than **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. (Place your child's name & class clearly marked 'Christmas dinner' in an envelope & enclose £2.25. – no charge for Rec, Y1 & Y2 due to Universal Free School Meals).

## The Golden Mile

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1 <sup>st</sup>	2	17.82
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	13.29
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	10.11

Once again we've had a great turn-out on Monday and Thursday mornings this week with a total of 54 children getting involved this week! 6 children were awarded their bronze certificate this morning for completing 10 miles so far. We once again had representatives from every year group! Keep it up Woodthorpe!

## MOSELEY RFC v Caldý RFC

Thank you to all of those families who have taken up the offer of FREE rugby tickets for the game tomorrow. Moseley RFC take on Caldý RFC from 3pm at Billesley Common. I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow afternoon. Wrap up warm, it's likely to be a cold one!

Help raise funds for our school @ AMAZON



Earn money for Woodthorpe JI School whilst you shop at Amazon this Black Friday! (And beyond) 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

*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.*

## E-safety tips:

The average child spends 4 hours a day on a screen. What are they doing? Visit [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org)



Research completed by our Year 3 Digital Leaders, Elizabeth and Sam.

Rights of the Child- articles 17 and 36

## 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.

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

**Rec: Finley** – For being a kind and caring member of the class.

**Y1: Bethany** – Kind member of the class who works hard in all lessons.

**Y2: Edward** – A great attitude in class – always puts in 100%.

**Y3: Eric** – For super maths work and perseverance in all lessons.

**Y4: Musa** – For excellent effort in all areas. Focus and concentration. A great attitude to learning!

**Y6: William** – Brilliant writer of historical information and report writing.

**MR TREVOR: Gabrielle** – For being a fantastic Bronze Ambassador when helping with the Golden Mile.

**MISS MCGRATH: Whole of Y3** – For excellent behaviour on their visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

**Christmas Fayre – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
December 3.15 – 5.30 pm**

We will be having a stall with old toys/books. Please bring any donations to the school office.

Please continue to send in the items for the class hampers. You can be as imaginative as you like sweets, drinks, candles, bubble bath, anything that's your hamper colour.

**The colours are as follows:**

**Reception – Red**

**Year One – Gold**

**Year Two – Green**

**Year Three – Silver**

**Year Four – Purple**

**Year Five – Orange**

**Year Six – Black and White**

All donations are gratefully received and appreciated and can be left at the school office.

All of the money raised goes back into school, to help fund projects, buy new equipment and help to fund fun events for the children.

Thank you – Woodthorpe Friends

**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.

**Assembly Theme:** SEAL Story:  
Getting on & Falling Out

**School Value:** Acceptance

**Next Week:** Advent: A time to remember the arrival of Jesus 2000 years ago

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



**Attendance and  
Punctuality**



**Congratulations to**  
Y5 for obtaining '**Best Class**' attendance last week. Well done. Remember to come to school on time and every day! We are currently above our end of year target of 97.2% for attendance. Fantastic!

Position	Class	Attendance (%)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5	99.33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	98.67
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3	98.67
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y6	98.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	96.67
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rec	96.45
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	95.67
Overall Attendance		97.63

***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.***

School Lunches this week  
Please see Menu Week 4



**PLEASE NOTE: Y1 – Y6: Milkshakes - 40p & Fruit juice up to 35p. Toast is 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

**BCFC Ticket Incentive Scheme:** £10 for adults, £5 for 13 – 18 year olds & £3 for under 13's. For the following games:  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December: QPR  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Leeds United

**Minimum purchase 4 tickets**

**Contact 0121 7720101 for tickets – quote: Woodthorpe2538**

### Diary for the week ahead

#### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 – Y5 French Club

#### **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

No Brass

3.30-4.15 pm Maths parents information workshop for years 1, 2 and 3

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Tag Rugby

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Streetdance

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4

3.15 pm – 4.00 pm KS2 Choir

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 AVFC

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Brass

10 am Y2 visit from Billesley Fire Station

### Dates for your diary

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

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Maths parents information workshop for years 4, 5 and 6 (3.30-4.15 pm)

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – 10.45 – 11.15 am Rec & Y1 to St Bede's Church – Christmas Story

Children's Christmas Dinner

2.15 pm Rec Nativity x 15 parents in Reception classroom

3.30 – 4.30 pm Woodthorpe Friends Reception & KS1 Disco

4.45 Woodthorpe Friends KS2 Disco

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – 2.15 pm Rec Nativity x 16 parents in Reception classroom

3.15 – 5.30 pm Winter Fayre

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Rec & KS1 Clever Chimps

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – 2 – 3 pm KS1 Winter Production

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 9 – 10 am KS1 Winter Production

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – 10.30 am Winter Concert (parents of Choir, Brass & Street dance)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – 3.15 pm Break up for winter holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** 8.55 am Children return to school

**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**