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# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## STAFFING NEWS

As our Year 3 parents already know we have a few staffing changes taking place in the new year. Although Mrs Karen Featherstone will come back for a week or so she will be starting her maternity leave in January - we are all really excited for Karen and her husband Neil and know her son, Benjamin, is really looking forward to having a little brother or sister.

As you know Mrs Featherstone is also our Special Needs Coordinator so during her absence Miss Barnes will be covering this role.

We will also be having a temporary change to our Deputy Headteacher position as Mrs Simone Fellows has been 'headhunted' by the Local Authority to be the interim Headteacher at Ellistown Primary School. She will be doing this for the whole of the spring term. Again, we are all really pleased for Simone as she has worked hard to get to this position in her career.

This clearly gives staff here at Woodstone opportunities and we are pleased to announce that after a rigorous interview process the Governors have appointed Miss Grace Clement as the interim Deputy Headteacher for the period that Mrs Fellows is at Ellistown. Grace is ambitious and has taken on many roles since being appointed here nearly five years ago so it is great to see her taking her first steps into a senior leadership role.

We will also be welcoming Miss Samantha James to the Woodstone team in January. Samantha will be teaching our Year 3 children five days a week. She is extremely experienced, having started her teaching career in Sileby, then Glenfield before helping a school in London move from an 'inadequate' Ofsted grading to 'outstanding'. She has also been 'phase leader' for Years 3 and 4 before relocating back to Leicestershire.

As ever, with all the changes we ever make at Woodstone, we have your child's best interests at heart so please feel free to ask us any questions regarding the above information. Thank you.

## Attendance for the week beginning

25/11/19

**We always aim for at least 97% average attendance.**

<b>Reception</b>	<b>98.7%</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>97.4%</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>Congratulations Year 1</b>	

## DOING OUR BIT

Children all over the country are really taking reducing plastic use seriously and here at Woodstone we are no exception.

This year, having spoken to the children, we have decided to make our own Christmas crackers. This will mean that we are not throwing away small plastic toys which usually come inside the crackers we buy.



We hope you agree this is a really positive move. We have bought all the other cracker components so the children will still enjoy 'pulling a cracker' at our Christmas Party on the 18th December.

## REMINDER

**The children break for the Christmas holiday at 3:15 on Friday 20th December and return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020!**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that on Friday 20th December (the last day of term) Woody's will close at 5pm and not the usual 6pm. Thank you.

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## ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

As we approach one of the busiest times of the year for churches all over the country we thought we would give you an update of local activities and services.



Firstly, we have lots of copies, in school, of the leaflet (left) which tells all parishioners where and when the various Christmas Services are taking place. Please pop into the school office for a copy.

Secondly, St Michael's is starting a Community Family Choir for both parents and their children. This is purely for fun and for people who enjoy singing. There are no auditions and everyone is welcome!

The first rehearsal is at 7pm on Tuesday 10th December in the Church. The choir will then be singing at the Christmas Songs of Praise at St Michael's on Sunday 15th December (11am) and at the Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December (4pm).

Reverend Gill also wanted me to remind parents about the Nativity Service will take place in the Church at 4pm on Christmas Eve.

## CHRISTMAS DATES!

Tuesday 10th December - Rec. & Year 1 Nativity Play (2pm and 5:30pm)

Thursday 12th December - Years 2, 3 & 4 Christmas Play (2pm and 6pm)

Wednesday 11th December - Christmas dinner (uniform as normal)

Monday 16th December - Rec & KS1 - Nottingham - Sleeping Beauty (uniform as normal—please be at school by 8:30am)

Monday 16th December - Years 5 & 6 carol concert Christ Church, Coalville (6pm)

Tuesday 17th December - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 KS2 - Theatre Royal, Nottingham - Cinderella (uniform as normal)

Wednesday 18th December - Party Day (non-uniform)

Friday 20th December - last day of term (non uniform - bring an inexpensive toy/game)

## Golden Book Assembly.

We have our last Golden Book Assembly of the year this Friday for our Reception parents. Please come along if you can to see what the children have been up to this half term. It starts at 9am.



## WOODY'S

We still have a couple of exciting evenings planned in Woody's before we break up. Please remember to book through SchoolMoney if you want a place. Thank you.

16th December - Christmas Prize Bingo

19th December - Christmas Party

## CROSS COUNTRY

**PLEASE NOTE THIS SATURDAY'S RACES AT VISCOUNT BEAUMONT, IN COLEORTON HAVE BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO STAFF ILLNESS AT THEIR SCHOOL.**

Saturday 11th January - Hugglescote (10am)

Saturday 18th January - Woodstone (10:30am)

Saturday 25th January - Sir John Moore, Appleby Magna (10:00am)

And finally, on Friday 13th December we are encouraging all children AND staff to wear their Christmas jumper, t-shirt or even a bit of tinsel. We would like small donations to our school charity - Muscular Dystrophy UK, but we do know it's an expensive time of the year and we have asked for quite a lot of donations recently, so if you are not in a position to donate please don't! Thank you for your support.