

" Growing together, learning forever"



FINAL REMINDER

If you know anyone who still needs to apply for a place in our Reception Class (starting August 2021) please remind them to apply by JANUARY 15th.

Woodstone Community Primary wishes all our friends and families a **happy Christmas**



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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Despite the coronavirus situation we have always tried to remain positive and proactive here at Woodstone and this Christmas has been no exception. The staff have been determined to keep Christmas in school as 'normal' as possible for the children and give them the best possible experiences.

We have had our Christmas dinner, our Christmas jumper day, our Christmas parties and yesterday, because we couldn't take the children, we had a pantomime 'beamed' into each classroom. So, despite some changes you will see we have done our best to ensure a great Christmas experience for the children at school. Thank you to our PTA for their support with some of these activities.

However, perhaps the most exciting part of our preparations this year is that we have been able to create some Christmas productions for you to enjoy. These will be sent out to you by email so that you can enjoy them at your leisure and perhaps share them with grandparents. We appreciate it is not the same as coming into school and watching them 'live' but we are sure you will enjoy this year's Christmas offerings.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

WE START BACK ON MONDAY 4th JANUARY.

So, we come to the end of a very busy and at times, challenging term, which has, nevertheless, seen our children produce some excellent work in all subjects. Staff have given everything in recent months to ensure that pupils have had exciting, positive and productive learning experiences. Thank you so much for supporting your child's learning and thank you also for your un-wavering patience and understanding as we've worked around our Covid measures. I hope you and your family have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Here's to a much better 2021! Best wishes from Mr. Mullins and the whole Woodstone team.



Attendance for the week ending - 11/12/19

Reception	96.7%	Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	99.7%	Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	96.2%	Year 5	100%
Year 6	95%		

AMAZING attendance Year 5!

I would like to thank all parents for encouraging their children to come to school regularly and on time. When the national attendance figure is sitting at 85% I am over the moon with all of the above figures.

A BIG THANK YOU & A FOND FAREWELL



As you know Mrs. White leaves us today after over 20 years of working at Woodstone. She will be greatly missed by us all (although she will be helping us out for the first week back in January!). She would

like to thank all the parents who contributed to her present - a beautiful teak bench. She is very much looking forward to a cup of tea in the sunshine on her new bench.

WOODSTONE DOES IT AGAIN - SAVE THE CHILDREN

Last Friday (11th December) we all supported the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. I am pleased to say we raised a magnificent £204 which considering the many drains on everyone's finances at the moment was more than we ever expected. Thank you.



WELL DONE - A BIT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER - as we mentioned in an earlier newsletter we were pleased that the traditional Christmas raffle (where parents/carers, grandparents and friends usually buy a ticket on their way in to the Christmas shows to win a hamper which is full of Christmas 'goodies' provided by the staff) went ahead this year. However, it was slightly different as we clearly couldn't sell any tickets. We therefore put all the parents names into a hat and the lucky winner was Sky-la (Y6) and Mason's (Rec) Mum - Congratulations

We are also saying a fond farewell to Miss Pears who has also worked at Woodstone for well over 20 years. Unfortunately, Miss Pears was not able to be in school for the last week of term but she very much wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and thank everyone for their support and friendship during her time here. She will be back in the New Year to visit and say a proper goodbye.

WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 4th March
WORLD MATHS DAY Friday 12th March
SCIENCE WEEK - 8th - 12th March 2021

A FEW TV CRACKERS OVER THE FESTIVE BREAK

As well as all the reading of new Christmas books which we know the children will do over the Christmas holiday we'd like to point out some Christmas TV moments not to be missed (especially for some of our younger children):

December 24th - Christmas Eve

- Paddington 2 4:15pm - BBC1
- Worzel Gummidge (new version) - 5:55pm BBC1

December 25th - Christmas Day

- The Gruffalo & The Gruffalo's Child 8:55am and 9:25am BBC1
- The Snail and the Whale 11am BBC1
- Zog 11:25am BBC1
- Zog and the Flying Doctors 2:35pm BBC1

December 30th

- Gangsta Granny 11:50pm BBC1
- Room on the Broom 1:25pm BBC1

December 31st—New Year's Eve

- Grandma's Great Escape (David Walliams) 11:50 BBC1
- The Highway Rat 1:25pm BBC1
- Stick Man 1:50pm BBC1



SCHOOL LOTTERY

Don't forget to get involved in our School Lottery. This is already making a huge difference to our fundraising for our new classroom. Your support has seen £350 already being donated to Woodstone from the Lottery. In a full year we should receive between £3500 and £4000 if we get 200 supporters. We are currently at 165. We have had a number of parents already win and we had a lovely surprise this week when one of our grandparents won the £46 prize but then donated it back to school - that was a lovely Christmas surprise.

Win a Nintendo Switch MEGA BUNDLE

WITH: Nintendo Switch Console Neon Mario Kart Home Circuit DOUBLE PACK (Mario + Luigi) 2 Games! Zengo Marvel Heroes 2 and Minecraft Nintendo Switch case and accessory pack Mario and Luigi hats

- Help raise essential school funds
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000
- Cash prize every week

To start supporting your school, go to: YourSchoolLottery.co.uk
and search for: Woodstone Community Primary School

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Don't forget this week there is also the chance to win a Nintendo Switch Mega Bundle. Go to YourSchoolLottery.co.uk to get your tickets. Why not persuade a friend or relative to get involved too?

LEICESTERSHIRE LIBRARIES

Leicestershire libraries have lots of ideas to keep the children reading over the Christmas break.

Why not take part in the 'Mini Challenge' (Everyone is a Hero) or Borrow a Winter Grab Bag? You can even borrow FREE ebooks and eAudiobooks.

All the information and links will come through in a separate email after we have sent this newsletter.



AND FINALLY A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR...

Please remember we are a 'nut free' school so no Nutella in sandwiches please

Please remember to ring school by 9:30am if your child is going to be absent

Please remember our school uniform is 'no trainers' allowed (except for P.E.)