



# Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019



## School Meals – New Flexible System

Never had a school dinner because you have to pay for a full half term? – now your child can choose Packed Lunch/School meal on any day! From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, we will be using the Schoolgateway

to allow you to choose your child's school meals in addition to making payments in advance (payments to be made for children from Year 3 to Year 6 – Reception to Year 2 are Universal Free School Meals).

This system will now allow the flexibility for any child, on any day, to swap from packed lunch to a school dinner without informing the school office.

**Your balance must be in credit at all times should you wish your child to have a school meal.**

Meals may be booked and paid for, up to three weeks in advance. Please follow [this link to the school website](#) to view the current school [menu](#) to enable you to discuss with your child their meal choices and to find full instructions on how to book your meal choices.

Alternatively, children may continue to choose their own meal in the classroom each day providing there are sufficient funds available on the Schoolgateway (Year 3 to Year 6).

If your child has a medically diagnosed allergy and hasn't had school dinners before, and you would like them to start, please follow this link to complete the registration procedure and receive confirmation from HCL **before** you book a meal for your child: [HCL Special Menu Website](#).

**If your child currently has a school meal, prior to start of school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, please:**

- Check your balance is in credit within the Schoolgateway (Years 3 - 6)
- Pre-order your child's meals from home (from one day to 3 weeks in advance)
- Please discuss your choices of pre-booked meals with your child, as we will not be able to override your choice of meal



## Christmas Performances

Tickets, in the form of a programme, will be sent home via your child w/c **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Entry will only be gained on presentation of the programme.

### Buying Books for Christmas?

We have signed up for the [Big Book Boost!](#) The school will receive £1 to spend on books for our new library for every order over £10. Thank you!





# PTA News



Thank you to Morven and Joanne for organising, and to everyone who got involved and helped make our **Christmas Event last Friday** such a great success. Especial thanks to the KS2 Choir and the Ukulele band for their fantastic performances, and also to Penny from Cellar Door Wines for the donation of Mulled Wine.

The Christmas Event has raised over **£4,600!**



Please do remember to support the PTA when you shop online via Easyfundraising and AmazonSmile – thank you.

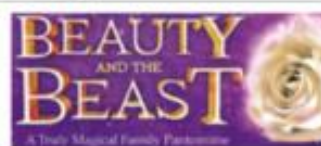


A final call to order **discounted pantomime tickets** to Beauty and the Beast at Harpenden Public Halls. **Order by Thursday 5th December.**

If you would like to purchase tickets via the PTA, please email [woodendptaevent@gmail.com](mailto:woodendptaevent@gmail.com) sending your **name**, the **number of tickets** you would like, and which **date & time**. If you have a preference for where you would like to sit, please state, 'Front', 'Middle' or 'Rear' post-Christmas shows for £10 each (regardless of age). £4 of which is donated to the PTA.

The dates and times available are:

- 27th December @ 2.30pm
- 28th December @ 2.30pm & 6pm
- 29th December @ 2.30pm & 6pm
- 30th December @ 2.30pm



## Harpenden Schools Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Support our PTA by purchasing a **Christmas Tree!** Friends of Harpenden Academy have again organised a "Christmas Tree Shop", buy through them and chose "Wood End School" for a commission to be donated back to the PTA.

Collection or delivery on 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> December.

For more details and to order please see the Friends of Harpenden Academy website: <https://foha.ecwid.com/Fundraising-Christmas-Trees-2019-c25042182>

The deadline for orders is noon on Monday 9th December.



## We have a vacancy in our friendly team of Trustees

for someone to be a point of contact for external organisations such as the Charity Commission and Parentkind and help us manage our obligations for events and activities. No previous experience is required, just a willingness to support the school, the PTA and our activities.

If you would like to learn more or are interested in this role (or helping out in another way); please have a chat with us or email at [pta@woodend.sch.co.uk](mailto:pta@woodend.sch.co.uk)

Check our pages on the school website: <https://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/home-1/about/news>

Follow our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/WoodEndPTA/](http://www.facebook.com/WoodEndPTA/)

Email: [PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk)

Email for Harpenden Public Halls Panto Tickets: [woodendptaevent@gmail.com](mailto:woodendptaevent@gmail.com)

Christmas Tree Orders: <https://foha.ecwid.com/Fundraising-Christmas-Trees-2019-c25042182>

Details on Easyfundraising or AmazonSmile: <https://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/home-1/about/commissions>



Thank you for supporting  
our Christmas Event



## Community

**The St Nicholas Christmas Festival** is on Saturday 7 December 10am -1pm where you will be able to enjoy fabulous festive fayre from our Christmas café, listen to live music including carols and jazz from local school choirs, and investigate the wonderful variety of stalls and crafts.

The Church will be beautifully decorated and Father Christmas will be in his grotto.

A warm welcome and a fun morning in Church awaits!

### **Harpenden Plus Partnership – 4 My Family and Me**

Fridays: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January 9.30-11.45am, at Sauncey Wood School, Harpenden.

A free 4 week course for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 18 about recognising and trusting feelings, making safe choices, improving relationships and communication, and raising personal confidence and self-esteem.

Register your interest by emailing [dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk)



### **Snow Angels – Harpenden Town Council**

Snow Angels help clear footpaths in the local area which may not receive as much attention as main high streets and pedestrian routes. 'Snow Angels' must sign health & safety forms and are provided equipment such as grit, a shovel, hi-viz vest. For further details please follow the link below.

<http://www.harpenden.gov.uk/snow-angels>

Also if you are interested in joining a working party to help clear the school grounds on snowy mornings, please contact the school office. Thank you.