



# Woods Bank Academy Newsletter

## End of Term - Winter 2019

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### **School Year 2019/20**

School Term and Holiday Dates

#### **AUTUMN TERM STARTS**

2<sup>nd</sup> September - 20<sup>th</sup> December 19

**Winter Holiday:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 3<sup>rd</sup>

January 2020

**Term starts:** 6<sup>th</sup> January - 14<sup>th</sup>

February 2020

**Half Term:** 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020 -  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

**Term starts:** 24/02/2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup>

March 2020

**Easter Holiday** - 6<sup>th</sup> April - 17<sup>th</sup> April  
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#### **Bank Holidays 2019/20**

Wednesday, **December 25:** Christmas Day.

Thursday, **December 26:** Boxing Day.

Wednesday, **January 1<sup>st</sup>:** News Years Day

Friday, **April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday

Friday, **May 8<sup>th</sup>:** Early May BH

Monday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>:** Spring Bank Hol

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

FREE - (3:15pm - 4:15pm)

##### **Autumn Term**

##### **KS1**

Tuesday Lunchtime - Phonics

Tuesday - Choir (Year 2 Only)

Wednesday - Multi-Skills

##### **KS2**

Monday - After School Football

Monday - Film Club

Tuesday - Choir

Thursday - Cricket

Thursday - Dance

Friday - Girls Only Football

### **Message from the Principal**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the autumn term and the end of the year 2019, it is a good time to reflect on what we have achieved, update you on some important changes and look forward to an even more successful 2020!

Firstly, can I thank you all for your continued support for the school. We could not do it without you! It has been lovely to talk with many of you at parents evening and at our Christmas fair in November and to see many of you attend our parent workshops and our Christmas events held in school and at St Lawrence's church this December. Throughout the year parents come into school to help in class, join in learning activities and to support us in organising events. Our Parent Teacher Association has grown this academic year and I am very grateful to the parents who have joined Mrs Elwell and Mrs Lucas to raise money for the school. Some of these things require a huge and ongoing commitment of time and energy and the support is much appreciated. So far this academic year the PTA have raised £1,600. We are able to use this effectively to support children's learning and to subsidise educational visits. If you are interested in joining the PTA please let us know.

I would also like to thank our wonderful teaching team for their hard work throughout the year and especially for their support throughout these last few weeks of the autumn term in preparation for all of our Christmas events and workshops. We have been working on the development of the teaching of reading and supporting children social and learning behaviours over the last term. I would also like to show appreciation for our administrative staff who greet all visitors, answer the phone and complete all the unseen admin tasks that keep the school functioning efficiently.

#### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Woods Bank Academy attendance is currently 96% which is in line with National attendance figures. Mrs Elwell and Mrs Lucas have done a wonderful job in helping families to achieve this - thank you to both of them. We have had a few children away with winter illnesses over the past few weeks but we are very proud of the fact that we have been able to remain open when other schools have needed to close. This is largely due to Mr Spittle and his cleaning team who have done an amazing job keeping school clean from bugs and the majority of us fit and healthy! Please continue to follow advice on cleanliness, particularly thorough hand washing, to avoid the spread of illnesses and bugs. A reminder; any child who now arrives late to school needs to be recorded as present using our sign in screen in the main reception by the parents. This will also log their time of arrival and the reason that you are arriving late.

#### **Newsletter**

Sign up to our newsletter via the website with your email address and get the latest news and key dates for events at Woods Bank Academy.

#### **Parent Pay**

Thank you to all parents that have signed up to Parent Pay. Please ensure you do not become in debt. If you're having any issues, please discuss these with us so we can assist you with payment plans.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and everyone at Woods Bank Academy, have a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!  
I look forward to seeing all the children return back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

# REMINDER FOR YOUR DIARY TEACHER TRAINING DAY Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## Keep sending in the TOKENS FOR FREE BOOKS

Can you help us collect Tokens!

The Sun Newspaper are giving away free books for schools. We need to collect as many tokens as possible. Please give them to the Main Office. Thank you to the tokens already received!!!



## WOW ASSEMBLY



See the children below that were selected to receive a WOW certificate and the reasons on 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019! Wow Assembly Nominees:-

1LW	Archie W	For always trying his best and always helping his friends to do the right thing.
	Lois D	For her exemplary behaviour throughout each and every school day. Lois has a fantastic attitude to school and always tries her very best.
3JP	Preston G	Attitude to learning is improving and he is becoming much more mature in class. Keep it up.
3LHS	Oliver S	For exceptional work in maths.
3LHS	Shea C	For fantastic progress in maths
5EC	Daniel D  Byron G	Daniel always makes the right choice in class and as a result, he makes really good progress. He also encourages others in the class to make the right choice and is a supportive friend. (Mrs Jealous)  Working really hard with his writing and creating a super diary entry for the viewpoint of the old man in our story.
5DP	Kaileb	Always the first to show they are ready, listening attentively and staying on task which means they are always on the Recognition Mission board.
Swimming	Millie P	
	Kodie-Rae H	

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# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

19TH DECEMBER | 4:30 - 6PM  
Grace Academy Darlaston WS10 8QJ

**FREE ADMISSION**  
*Bring money for attractions*

FOOD & DRINK | ELF ON A SHELF | INFLATABLES | CRAFTS  
RAFFLES | SANTA | TOMBOLA | GAMES

## LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to label your child's items for school.

Lost property can only be kept for a term before we dispose all items, due to lack of storage.