

High Academic Standards: Sporting Opportunities: Caring Relationships: Musical Excellence: Christian Values

November	
Friday 13 th	Children in need day – Wear Something Bright to Help Every Child Shine!
17 th & 19 th	Parents meetings on Teams
Saturday 28 th & 5 th December	PTA virtual bingo
8 th December	Christingle Video on our Website Flu vaccinations
13 th December	PTA virtual bingo
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for PTA, Father Christmas Zoom Visit, Last day of term
21 st December	PTA virtual bingo
4 th January	School opens for Spring term
5 th July	School Photos
26 th - 28 th July	INSET DAYS

Headteacher citizenship award

R	Ralph	Whilst building a very complex train track, Ralph couldn't find the piece that he needed next. However, he explored turning pieces over and around until he found the one that would fit – very resourceful thinking!
1	Eli	Eli has come back to school with a fantastic attitude to his learning. He has worked really hard in everything this week, blowing me away with his phonics and English and producing from fantastic independent maths. Well done and keep it up Eli!
2	Theo	 <p>Theo has demonstrated great creativity this week. He's worked independently, with care and precision to make a beautiful clay mehndi hand. Theo listened carefully and followed instructions to prepare the clay, roll it out and use the tools to create a perfect hand shape. He then created an intricate design and pattern on the surface without pressing on too hard. Well done Theo!</p>
3	William R	William worked really hard today and as a result, he was much more focused on his learning. He was more positive generally and others in the class noticed the effort he made all day. We are really impressed with your attitude to learning and hope it continues.
4	Sophie	I chose Sophie for the fantastic writing she produced on the Kingdom of Benin. Sophie used different sources to find out what Benin was like. In her writing, Sophie thought carefully about using a range of vocabulary and she took lots of care with the presentation of her work too.
5	Freddie	Freddie has worked hard to make sure that he is consistently focused and on task. He has really taken responsibility over his learning and I'm so impressed with the progress that he is making. His attitude towards his work is really positive and he engages and contributes well to class discussion. It hasn't gone unnoticed Freddie – well done!
6	Benjamin	Ben has worked extremely well since returning from half term. I have been impressed with his attitude of resilience and his desire to improve his work. This week specifically, Ben has been a resourceful thinker: he was able to use an iPad effectively to research information about Greenland and the wider world as well. Great work Ben.

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Friday 13th November Children in Need Day – Wear Something Bright to Help Every Child Shine!

This year for children in need we are inviting children to wear non uniform, wearing something bright and colourful, if they would like to. We've tried to make it so no one should need to buy anything special.

Please donate on line <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Microsoft Teams

As you are aware we are using Microsoft teams for parents' meetings and to prepare for the possibility of classes needing to isolate. School login for teams must not be used at this time, other than for parents' meetings.

In the event of a class needing to isolate please be aware that, depending on the amount of messages your child's class teacher receives, they may not be able to respond personally to every single comment, but we will do our very best in order to communicate effectively and efficiently with your child. By logging on, you and your child are agreeing to the following rules about acceptable online behaviours:

- ✓ The messages I send, or information I upload, will always be polite and sensible.
- ✓ I must not write anything that might upset others.
- ✓ I understand that adults in the school may check messages, files and websites that I have used and may contact my parents/guardians if they are concerned about my safety.
- ✓ If I see anything I am unhappy with, visit a website that makes me feel uncomfortable or receive a message I do not like, I will not respond to it and I will tell an adult in school or my parents.
- ✓ I will use mobiles and mobile technologies in a safe way in line with the above guidance

Clearly, if a child doesn't use Microsoft Teams correctly we will freeze their access and contact parents directly. The aim of the use of Microsoft Teams is intended to support your child's home learning on a more accessible but fundamentally safe basis.

Christmas Events

We are planning ways we can still share with the community the important events to celebrate Christmas. We will update you as these are confirmed, in this newsletter there is information about a special visitor and our Christingle.

Santa needs your help....

Santa would like your input into his virtual visit this term. Please email a well done comment about your child(ren) to office@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk . Examples are; Charles has been so kind to his brother or Polly has fed her dog without being asked. To help us to efficiently sort messages we would be grateful if you would include her child's first name and class number in the email.

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After everything that's happened this year, Christingle is going to be different – but it's more important than ever. In school we are busy planning our event, there will be no Service this year at St Swithun's but the children will be making their Christingles in class as usual as part of the festive celebrations. Please follow the link below if you would like to donate directly to the Children's Society. There is an event button which will take you to the school website, then a second button for donations.

<https://thyg.uk/CUS041876>

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause, there are so many children who will benefit from your warmth and kindness!

Class six will be producing a Christingle inspired video for the school website this year. The tasks below are voluntary for members of class six but we would encourage them to take part in order to help create a fantastic celebratory video.

Children in class six will be requested to send in a video of them singing a Christmas carol to the following e-mail address class6@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk before the 1st of December. The carols in question (and further details) will be confirmed both to the children and will be published on the class six VLE very soon. Please do not use the class6 email address for general communication with Mr Litchfield because it is not being monitored.

All classes:

On the 1st of December this year we will be making our Christingles in school. On the night of the 1st, please take a photo as a family with the Christingle and send that photo into school using the following e-mail address: class6@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk It will form a montage as an introduction to our whole-school Christingle video. The final video will be published on the school website on the 8th of December.

Kind regards, Mr Litchfield. Class 6 Teacher

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The reading cluster approach to whole class reading

On our INSET day in November we joined with our Family of Schools (the primary schools in Lambley, Lowdham and Calverton) to develop our approach to teaching reading, known as reading clusters. A reading cluster is a whole class approach to teaching a collection of linked texts across a half term that is designed to increase vocabulary within a topic area. It builds topic, domain, world and cultural knowledge and provide exposure to increasing text and sentence level complexity. The core text forms the nucleus of the reading cluster and has been carefully selected to offer suitable challenge in the form of new vocabulary, rich veins of new knowledge and structural and syntactic complexity. In addition to this, specifically selected and tailored supporting texts, provide specific background that illuminates the core text. Each lesson is carefully planned, determining major ideas from core and supporting texts. Potential barriers to understanding these major ideas are identified (e.g. unknown vocabulary, knowledge gaps or text and sentence complexity) prior to the lesson, along with a series of queries designed to question the author and promote discussion. During the lesson, children's barriers are addressed and new knowledge is formed enabling greater links and comprehension. To conclude each segment, children summarise the major idea demonstrating their breadth and depth of understanding.

News from the PTA

We are very excited to share some more news on Woodboroughs Christmas Capers, which is a series of events taking place during December to raise money for the PTA. First up we have Virtual Bingo!

Nutcracker Phil (A Woodborough resident) is hosting 4 virtual bingo sessions to win some amazing prizes! If you'd like to take part please contact Phil directly at philjames23@gmail.com to arrange payment and collection of your Bingo tickets. It's going to be a great event. For more information please see the attached flyer.

If anyone would like to donate a prize for our Christmas Bauble raffle, please contact the PTA via email or send us a message via Facebook. All donations very gratefully received! WWoodsPTA@hotmail.com

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order from the Christmas artwork. Class 4s designs should now be available to view. There is still time to view and place an order at: <https://mychildsart.co.uk/order>

Username: Woodborough Password: DtJmU7uY

We have sold quite a lot of uniform and our online shop is regularly being updated, if you wish to purchase anything, please get in touch via Facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/WoodboroughWoodsPTA>

If you use Amazon for any shopping we are now set up as a charity on Amazon smile. Amazon smile donates 0.5% of all eligible purchases to registered charities. We are there as Woods Foundation School PTA. It's simple to set up, and if you have the Amazon App it will automatically remember your preference. More information on how to set it up coming soon. Thank you for your continued support, together we are enhancing every child at Wood's learning experience and education.

Kindest regards, Lisa Ford. PTA Chair.

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Applying for a place at Wood's Foundation School

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you should apply for a school place soon. You should receive information from the local authority by 17th November 2020 and you will be able to apply for a school place until 15th January 2021. If you have a child who will be starting school next September, or know anyone who has, and would like to know more about our school please get in touch. We would usually offer a visit, unfortunately the COVID restrictions means this will not be possible for now. Instead we have arranged Microsoft Teams meetings to show people around our wonderful school. Please contact the office if you are interested.

You will receive an information pack from the LA about applying for a place in Nottinghamshire schools. If you are applying for a place at Wood's Foundation School you should also collect an additional pack from our school office. Children are admitted to the school using the admission criteria. Usually, half of the children who are admitted come from Woodborough, have a sibling or attend church, the rest of the children who join us do not meet these criteria. So please be reassured you have a good chance of securing a place.

Rules for the Use of the Governors Field

Sophie Hopkin (Parish Council) has asked if we can remind you of the new rules regarding the use of the Governor's Field. They have been put in place by the Parish Council for everyone's safety.

LOCKDOWN RULES (5TH November)

We must all play our part in keeping Woodborough safe. The UK Government has set new rules for meeting family and friends.

- you can only meet/play with members of your household and/or support bubble
- **OR** you may, **on your own**, meet/play with one other person (a limit of 2 people meeting outside)
- children under school age who are with their parents do not count towards the limit of 2 people meeting outside
- wait your turn on the play equipment and be considerate if you see others waiting
- keep at least 2 metres away from other groups

Adults: please ensure your children follow these rules

Children: tell your friends to follow these rules

If these rules are ignored, the Parish Council may be obliged to close the Field.

Please note that the Field closing time is now 4:30pm.

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You talk, we listen, we help.

0300 555 0730

Call the **Turning Point Nottinghamshire Mental Health Helpline** to speak to one of our experienced support workers, they're here to give you emotional advice and support, available 7 days a week

www.turning-point.co.uk/nottingham-helpline



You're invited to a
Nutcracker Phil's

VIRTUAL BINGO

All funds raised will be going towards our village school

Woodborough's Christmas Capers

Saturday 28th November
Saturday 5th December
Sunday 13th December
Monday 21st December

£15 for 4 sessions

Email: philjames23@gmail.com

Lots of prizes to be won!

6.30PM



Working with **Woodborough Woods School PTA**

**Your child
has uploaded a
Christmas Drawing
to our website!**

To view, log into our website
www.mychildsart.co.uk/order
using your unique codes below:

Username

Password

NB: Username & password are case sensitive - so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.

VIEW NOW - This drawing will
expire in December



*Woodborough's
Christmas Capers*

During December we are planning lots of fun activities for
you to enjoy!

All funds raised will be going towards our village school

A Christmas Recce round the village by Santa on his
Rotary Sleigh

Christmas Treasure Trail round the village
Post your letter in Santa's post box

Virtual Bingo with 'Nutcracker' Phil

'Jolly' Best Dressed photo competition
for humans and animals!

Buy a Bauble on the Christmas Tree
Santa Sack full of prizes to be won!

An online Christmas Market of local craft and produce stalls



Any contribution to the many
prizes would be warmly welcomed
Please contact
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Sophie Hopkin 07826844330



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