

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

28 Nov & 5 Dec	PTA virtual bingo
30 th November	Reading Reward in class
8 th December	Christingle Video on our Website Flu vaccinations
12/13 Dec	PTA treasure trail through the village
13 th December	PTA virtual bingo
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day £1 in bucket, Father Christmas Zoom Visit, Last day of term
21 st December	PTA virtual bingo
21-23 Dec	ACE Sports Holiday Club at WFS
4 th January	School opens for Spring term
5 th July	School Photos
26 th - 28 th July	INSET DAYS

Self managers	Effective participators	Resourceful thinkers	Reflective learners	Independent enquirers	Team workers
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R	Scarlett	After learning about the autumn season and animal habitats, Scarlett worked tirelessly and independently, using a selection of given pictures to cut and stick them in suitable places on her autumn tree.
1	Max	I am so proud of Max! He has worked so hard on his writing this year. He is trying really hard to put finger spaces and use his phonics to sound out his words but what I am most please with is the way that he will now settle to his work quickly and independently! Max you are a star!
2	Camilla	I am very proud of Camilla as she's working extremely hard to learn all the phonemes. She now blends many of the sounds with greater success and it's a pleasure to hear her read with increased confidence. Well done Camilla – Keep up the super work!
3	Will	I am very proud of Will for the effort he's given to all of his learning this week but especially with his writing. We have started writing our own version of The Egyptian Cinderella and Will was able to say his sentences orally and then copy them down, remembering finger spaces and writing his letters neatly on the line. Will you have some super ideas for writing, keep up the good work!
4	Edward	Edward has done some super independent writing this week. He used some well-chosen vocabulary and phrases which made his writing really exciting to read. Edward also thought carefully about punctuation. Well done Edward!
5	Amelie	Amelie shows incredible determination and perseverance in all her work. We have been so impressed with her attitude and focus particularly in Maths this week. She always presents her work beautifully and takes pride in doing everything to the best of her ability.
6	Mala	Mala has really impressed me this week with her ability to work independently and resourcefully. Whilst creating her map of Greenland she was able to accurately plot different points of interest, such as schools or National Parks using a six-figure grid referencing system. Excellent work!

Christmas Event Reminders

27.11 We still have a few children without comments... Please can you email a well-done comment for Mr Claus about your child(ren) to office@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk

1.12 Christingle - donate directly to the Children's Society <https://thyg.uk/CUS041876> & take a photo as a family with the Christingle and e-mail to: admin@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk

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PTA

As part of Woodborough's Christmas Capers, we are excited to announce that you can now buy raffle tickets for our fabulous 'Buy a Bauble' Raffle. We have over 40 fabulous prizes to be won. It's not too late to donate a prize, just contact us! Raffle tickets are £5 each and can be purchased by emailing:

WWoodsPTA@hotmail.com and payment made via BACS. You can also contact us through our Facebook Page or ask a member of the PTA. Tickets will also be on sale (socially distanced) over the weekend of 12/13th December as part of the treasure trail through the village. More details to follow soon. We hope you are able to support us by buying a ticket or 2. Santa will be drawing the raffle on Saturday 19th December 2020. All the money raised will go to the PTA to help fund the purchase of new interactive whiteboards and treats for the children.

There is still time to view and purchase your child's Christmas picture at:

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/school-login/Woodborough/DtJmU7uY/>

Remember you can add Woods Foundation School PTA as your charity on Amazon.com, every time you shop through the app or www.smile.amazon.co.uk you will generate a donation to us, at no cost to you! Thank you for everyone who has chosen us as your charity so far, every little helps.

Thank you for all your continued support. Kind regards, Lisa Ford. PTA Chair.

Arnold Foodbank

We are mindful that this is a particularly difficult time for many families. If you are struggling to put food on the table there is help available for you. If you would like to contact Arnold food bank direct please call: 07854 690694 or email info@arnold.foodbank.org.uk.

If you feel more comfortable our admin team can organise for food to be delivered to you or collected from school. We will handle any approach to school in a confidential and sensitive manner. Please email office@woodsfoundation.notts.sch.uk or telephone our admin office. Please don't skip meals so your children can eat or go hungry to make your rent – we can help.

Water Bottles

We would be grateful if you would send your child in with a water bottle labelled with their name each day. If they don't have one we supply them with a single use plastic water bottle which is bad for the environment and our budget! Thank you for your help with this.

Naming PE Clothes

Could you please make sure your child's PE kit (black sweatshirt and black jogging bottoms) have your child's name in them please. We have had a few go missing, (particularly KS1) and we have not been able to locate the owners! A name would really help – many thanks.

Christmas Productions

Like many theatres, our Christmas productions are going online this year. More details about when you can view them, will be available in the coming weeks. However, here is a taster of what to look forward to!

- Class R's nativity is going to be a re-telling of the nativity story with all the traditional carols and songs to accompany our story.

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- Class 1's nativity is based on the Michael Foreman book 'The Cat in the Manger' and is the nativity story told from the point of view of the animals in the stable.
- Class 2's rhyming nativity explores the true meaning of Christmas when an angel takes two sleepy children back in time to show them the very first Christmas.
- Class 3 are using sign language for Silent Night and doing actions for the Twelve Days of Christmas.
- Class 4 will be re-telling the Christmas story through poetry and actions.
- Class 5 will be sharing poetry and songs.
- Class 6's is the Christingle Service.

Advent Booklet for Families

Annie, our family worker from St Swithun's, has created an advent booklet. They will be available just inside the Church door from this Sunday between 10am and 3pm people can just help themselves. We have saved a copy on our website too, it's in useful links – RE.

Thank you!

We'd like to share a great big thank you to Timmermans Garden Centre for donating our gorgeous Christmas tree again this year. It's a beauty! The Woodborough School community are grateful for your kind donation – Thank you!

Christmas Parties

This year, we are still planning to have our Christmas parties, but they will be in Class bubbles, rather than the usual 'Key Stage' parties. Each bubble will be able to have time in the hall for party games and then go back to their classroom for cake, a drink and to watch the Panto kindly provided online by the PTA. Each child will also have a 'goody' bag provided by the PTA as well, which will be made up beforehand and then quarantined for 72 hours before being given out to the children. Each class will have a party day (we are finalising these at the moment) and the children will be able to come in their party clothes for that day, so they don't need to change.

Due to restrictions, the children are not able to bring in a cake for themselves and a cake to share like they would normally do. So, this year, we are asking parents if they would be kind enough to send in just a £1 voluntary donation to help fund the food and drink for their child's class party. This roughly equates to the cost of providing the two cupcakes that children would have brought in. The parties will take place in the final week of term (W/C 14 December 2020). We will let you know the exact day for your child's class and when to send in your £1 donation.

RSE and PSHE Survey Response

The governor strategic development committee received the responses from the parent survey on RSE and PSHE this term. There were 26 responses. Four parents asked for further information regarding the RSE curriculum. Full details can be found on the school website in useful links – PSHE and RSE. Another question was raised about how we celebrate the diversity of families at our school. This is taught throughout the curriculum, the key message being that all families are different and all have love at their heart. For example, in Y1 the class discuss Who can we go to for help? How do we feel to be cared for? The class think of as many different family members as

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possible and read The Family Book by Todd Parr (it's read aloud on this you tube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76P3HU8WQh0>).

ALL FAMILIES CAN HELP EACH OTHER BE STRONG.

Thank you for your responses to this important survey.

Reading Reward

This term, (as mentioned in previous newsletters) we have been running our reading reward in school. This is where we encourage all children in school to do a minimum of three reads a week at home and record it in their online reading journal. As with all new technology, there have been a few issues with access and getting used to doing things online, but we have ironed them out and we have to say a big 'Congratulations' to the children (and parents and staff) for making such a success of the new way of reading.

Because of all the time and effort that has been put in by the children, as a staff we have decided to reward all the children for their hard work. With this in mind, we are going to be having our reading reward video, in class bubbles, on the afternoon of Monday 30 November 2020. The film will be an adaptation of a book (to link with our promotion of the enjoyment of reading) and each child will have a bag of popcorn to enjoy (just like the cinema!).

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.

Christmas Lantern Village Walk – 12th and 13th December 2020

Gedling Borough council are encouraging local residents to make a Winter Lantern this Christmas, to light up the borough and brighten up houses, shop windows and community buildings. Please find below an instruction leaflet on how to create your own lantern using a plastic bottle and a few other simple craft materials. They are also encouraging people to keep their lantern and reuse it again next year.

We look forward to spotting all your lantern creations throughout the village over that weekend!

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Gedling Winter Lanterns



We are so happy that you will be making a Winter Christmas Lantern to bring a bit of cheer to Gedling this year. In early December, the lanterns will be displayed in Arnold Town Centre and across the borough. The instructions below will show you how to make your own Christmas or Winter themed Lantern. We hope you have lots of fun being creative, making your lantern. We are excited to see the lovely lanterns that you create.



We would also love you to share photos of your lanterns with us:

 @gedlingborough

 @gedlingbc

#GedlingWinterLanterns

To Make your Lantern you will Need

1 clean large plastic bottle
the straighter the sides the better

Coloured tissue paper

PVA glue

Marker pen

Scissors

Pots for glue & paint brush
for gluing

Cover for your table

Battery operated lights:
strings of fairy lights or
small LED lights

string or wire

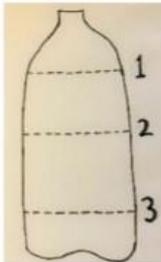
hole punch

Two wooden skewers
(for the Santa and
snowman only)

Clear tape



How to make your Bottle Lanterns



First decide on what style of lantern you would like to make; you can have different designs and sizes. You can cut the bottle at different points to have different designs. 1-tall standard, 2-Santa/small standard, 3- Snow man.



WARNING – sharp, adults only: Draw a line where you want to cut. Cut a hole in the bottle using a sharp knife on this line. Then using your scissors cut along the line. Some bottles you can fold and cut into to start a hole. Trim the edge smooth.

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So that you can hang your lantern up, use a hole-punch to make 2 holes and thread with string or wire. If you are doing a Santa or Snowman skip this step. Using a marker pen draw your design onto the bottle or put a picture inside the bottle to follow. Big bold designs work best.



If you are doing the Santa or the snowman you need to put something to attach your light to at the bottom. **WARNING – sharp, adults only:** Make four holes across from each other at the bottom using a hole punch. Take yours skewers and run them through the holes (they should form a cross). mark and trim the skewers to length with some scissors. Secure the skewers with plenty of clear tape.



Thin the PVA glue with a little water. Tear your tissue into small pieces and glue them onto the bottle, coating the bottle with glue then placing the tissue where you want it. Cover the whole bottle, you can

trim any overlapping tissue from the top once dry. Coat all your tissue in a thin layer of glue to seal the tissue down and leave to dry.



Once dry you can add extra details with marker pens or neaten up your outline drawing that is showing through. To hang up the Santa and Snowman lanterns tie your wire or string around the neck of the bottle. You can also cut the tissue into shapes or add decorated cardboard shapes, like Santa's pompom and snowman's hat.



For the standard lanterns you can just place you lights right inside. For the Santa/Snowman you need to feed your lights in though the bottom and then tape the battery pack to the wooden skewers.

Well done! You now have your finished lantern



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ASC Christmas Holiday Clubs
Held at Woodborough Woods C of E Primary School

During the day we will have lots of activities to keep the children active. These will include :
 A mixture of sports
 Team building
 Christmas arts and crafts
 Team competitions
 Christmas disco plus much more...

Full day runs 8am - 5pm (Half days available)
 £25 per child, siblings booked on same day will be £20.
 Open to children aged 4+, from all schools

All government guidelines will be followed throughout our holiday clubs to ensure everyone's safety.

We will be running the following dates:
 December 21st, 22nd and 23rd



To make a booking please email:
ASCHolidayClubs@yahoo.com



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www.facebook.com/PhotowithSanta/
 Or email santaphotonorthpole@gmail.com



Woodborough's Christmas Teapots

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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