



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER December 2016

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We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Restful Break

What a busy first term it has been. Well done to all the children, from Pre-School to Year 5 who have performed so well in their Christmas productions; we hope you have enjoyed watching them perform and we thank St Peter's Church and Canon Rusk for making KS 2 feel so welcome. Thank you also to all the school staff members who work tirelessly to make these productions come together.

We would like to say **a huge, heartfelt thank you** to all the parents that have contributed to our good causes this year. Mrs Francis and the rest of the staff have been overwhelmed at the generosity of pupils and parents who have bought presents for children who make use of the Frankley Plus Children's centre in Birmingham. Some pupils have even given up their pocket money to buy extra gifts. Your incredible generosity will truly make this Christmas for many, many children who are certainly less fortunate than ours. Please aim to have your gifts in by Thursday morning of this week. We also thank you for donating any used unwanted toys.

Many thanks as well for contributing to our Children in Need day; this raised over £850 which included £117.56 raised by the children and parents of children in Owl's Hoot. Also, our poppy appeal raised over £160.

I would also like to thank all the parents who have volunteered this year in various ways, including in class, at swimming and on trips. It was wonderful to see so many parents in for Decorations Day and the children (as well as the grown-ups) clearly enjoyed themselves.

Mr Hayles

Eid Celebration Event - thank you so much to all the parents involved in this, apart from it being a super community event, nearly £1500 was raised for FoWG funds. Similarly the Diwali night was also a great success and enjoyed by all that attended - thank you again for those who organised it.

Tea/Coffee Morning Success



What a wonderful turn out for our first tea/coffee morning back in November. We had some input on early reading and writing from Mrs Smith and Mrs Henton and every parent went away with a lovely new picture story book for their child.

There will another early tea/coffee morning next term. Thank you to Baljit and the other FoWG members for being involved in this.

If you have a theme you would like us to cover in the next meeting, please let us know.

Holiday Time Child Care

Places may be available to FS children in our Pre-School setting for the February half-term week (commencing 13th February 2017). Please contact the school office after Christmas if you are interested in this. Mrs Francis will email about this again, in the New Year.

Mrs Patel is considering providing childcare in Owl's Hoot for children in Years 1 to 5 for the first three days of the February half-term (Mon to Weds). This will only go ahead if there is sufficient take-up of places but we will give plenty of notice if it is not to go ahead. Mrs Patel can be contacted on 07543 803901 (she will not always answer immediately as she may be working in school).

Term begins on Wednesday 4th January
for the main school AND pre-school.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents for **parking safely and courteously** but we are still getting a few parents parking dangerously on the junction of Wright Lane, as per the photos below. Remember, parents are allowed to park in the Grange Farm pub car park and walk the 2 minutes to school.

Can I also request that parents never park across our neighbours' driveways.

I am quite frankly shocked at the examples below, as such awful parking obstructs views for drivers and **puts our children at risk.**



Houses of Parliament Visit

I was so proud of our School Council who visited the Houses of Parliament in Westminster earlier this term. We learnt all about democracy and the role of MPs in the House of Commons and Peers in the House of Lords. We spent some time on the floor of the House of Commons, in Central Lobby, St Stephen's Hall and Westminster Hall where King Henry VIII used to play tennis. We stood on the very spot where Nelson Mandela gave a speech in 1996. *I haven't got many photographs from the day but I will put photos onto a memory stick if any School Council member brings one in.*