



Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

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The School Council would like to invite the children to wear pyjamas (any design), or a 'onesie' (with t-shirt under the onesie in case of getting too hot) on **Friday 16th November** to raise money for Children in Need. There is a voluntary contribution of £1 for wearing your pyjamas/onesies.

Every penny donated goes towards helping disadvantaged children and young people right here in the UK. Their vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is: safe; happy and secure, and allows them the chance to reach their potential.

The School Council also plan to hold a cake sale after school on Friday 16th November so we are asking for donations of small cakes, biscuits, flap jacks and brownies (no nuts please), with a Spotty theme if possible, to be brought in on the morning on 16th November to the classrooms.

Please send in between 6-12 cakes per family. Many thanks in advance for your support.

From Mrs Timms and The School Council Team.

Mid-day Supervisors – Please Help – We Need You!!

We are looking for more people to join our MSA team. This can be either on a voluntary or paid basis. If you (or any other member of your family/friends) could spare a few hours each week, Monday to Friday (or any day), 11.30am to 1pm, please contact the School Office. It is a rewarding and valued role and we have a friendly team who will welcome you on board to help make the lunch hour a safe and happy time for our children.



Meet the Team

Name: Miss Emma Honess

Title/Position: Teacher Chestnut Class

What does your role involve?

As a class teacher I am responsible for the learning of all the children in Chestnut Class. I am also Art co-ordinator alongside Mrs Dona-Paz.

How did you get into this role?

After I graduated I started volunteering alongside work and I eventually ended up working for a charity in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Part of my role involved working in universities, colleges and schools and I found I really loved the teaching aspect. When I came home I started working as a Teaching Assistant, completed my PGCE and began working at Wood End.

What do you enjoy about it?

Year 1 is always a big change for the children coming up from Reception and they learn so much over the year. It is lovely to see them grow in confidence and achieve so much during Year 1.

What might surprise people about your role?

Despite my degree being in illustration, my class still laugh at my terrible and wonky drawings on the whiteboard!



Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 19th December.

The deadline for ordering on the Schoolgateway is Friday 16th November 2017.

Please state clearly if your option for this day is either:

RED or GREEN or Packed Lunch

(please do not write anything else in the option box).

If your child has a nut allergy or any other medically diagnosed food related allergies then you must have completed the online special diets system at Hertfordshire Catering Ltd **before** your child can have a school meal. For further details please contact the school office. Thank you.

Christmas Performances

Please refer to your [Autumn Term Dates List](#) for the dates and times of the Christmas Performances.

We will be using the 'Parent Evening' software to allocate tickets for the Christmas performances again this year. The system will **open on Saturday 17th November** and close at **23.55pm on Thursday 29th November**.

Tickets, in the form of a programme, will be sent home via your child w/c **Monday 3rd December**. Entry will only be gained on presentation of the programme. Due to health and safety restrictions we can only offer a **maximum of 2 tickets per family**. This will ensure everybody is able to come to at least one of the performances.

In the event of spare seats, extra tickets may be available. These will be distributed after the initial 2 tickets per family have been allocated. If you would like an extra ticket please speak to the school office. An email with a link to the booking system will be sent to you on Friday 16th November with a short guide on how to book your tickets.

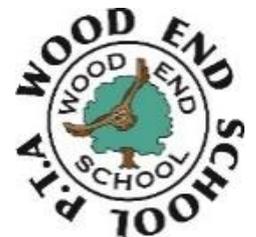
If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office who will be happy to book tickets on your behalf.

PTA News



On Friday 30th November we are holding a **Christmas Event!**

- Children are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper/top to school (for a suggested donation of £1).
- 4pm to 6pm will be a Christmas Market in the Junior Building including: Choir, Refreshments, Secret Gift Room, Children's craft stall, Jam Jar Tombola, Glitter Tattoos, Candy Canes and Reindeer Hot Chocolate Cones, Bottle Tombola, Photo Booth, a fantastic Raffle and more!



With Black Friday approaching(!) if you haven't already; please do register at www.easyfundraising.org.uk and select "Wood End School PTA" as the cause. Then next time you do your online shopping; click through from the Easyfundraising website, and a percentage of your online shopping cost at many shops can be automatically donated back to the PTA (at no cost to you!).



Save the date: The ever popular **PTA Quiz Night** will return on Saturday 2nd February. Doors (and bar!) will open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. More details to follow soon.



Support our PTA by purchasing a **Christmas Tree**! Friends of Harpenden Academy have organised a "Christmas Tree Shop", buy through them and choose "Wood End School" to allow a commission to be donated back to the PTA. **Last orders by 3rd December.** Trees can be collected or delivered on 7th/8th December. For more details please see the website: <https://foha.ecwid.com/Fundraising-Christmas-Trees-c25042182>

Wood End PTA held our **AGM** this week. We were delighted to recap on a very successful year and look forward to more events and fundraising to come. Joanne, Morven, Jo, Laura, Georgie and Kirstin are pleased to continue in their roles as Trustees for another year. The PTA is much more than just Trustees of course (!) - we have many parents involved: including planning and running events like fairs, discos, movie nights and quizzes, promoting commission, selling second hand uniform, organising Christmas cards, checking stock... the list goes on! And we always need and appreciate more help. Even if you think taking on a role isn't for you, if you would like to know more about the PTA do have a look on the school website, catch us in the playground at drop off/pick up, or drop us an email.

PTA Key News and Dates: <http://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/home-1/about/news>

Email: PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk

Links to Recent Events on the School Website:

[Harpenden and District Chess Tournament – Tuesday 6th November](#)

[Girl's Football Tournament – Thursday 7th November](#)

[Year 5 Visit to the National Space Centre – Wednesday 7th November](#)

[Year 4 Visit to Tring Museum – Thursday 8th November](#)

If you wish to receive news reminders and view past events from the website on your phone please download the **School Jotter App**. For iPhone users go to the App Store and for Android users go to Google Play. Follow the instructions on screen to find Wood End School. There is no need to add your payment details as all payments are made via Schoolcomms.

Community

Video Standards Council (VSC) Presentation at St. Helen's School

What games should I buy for my child this Christmas?

We're the VSC Rating Board whose job it is to review every video game released in the UK and then apply an appropriate age rating. We do this using the PEGI rating system – you've probably seen our symbols on game packaging. Our ratings aim to ensure that you get to make informed buying decisions for your children.

We will be giving a presentation on our work and how you can keep your children safe in the gaming world:

7pm Wednesday 21st November

St. Helen's CE VA Primary School, Brewhouse Hill, Wheathampstead, AL4 8AN

We would urge you to come along and attend our presentation. We are sure that you will find it useful and informative. We're keen to show you, with video examples, why we rate games,

including some of the more mature games, as we do. It will also give you a chance to let us, the UK video games regulator, answer any questions you may have about video games and your children's gaming habits. Most importantly, we can go through any games that are on your children's Christmas list and explain what PEGI rating it received and why!

Due to the nature of the content, this presentation is for adults only.

Hope to see you there!

The Harpenden Christmas Carnival

The Christmas Carnival will take place on the 25th November down the High Street. A spectacular event in Harpenden High Street, encompassing a carnival procession, walkabout entertainment, charity stalls, a farmer's market, turning on of the Town's Christmas lights, fairground rides and festive shopping!! Father Christmas and his Elves will be stopping by again to visit the children of Harpenden, and our famous Christmas Lights will be switched on as the sun goes down at 5pm.