



# Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Christmas Performances



Tickets, in the form of a programme (Yr3 and 6 tickets), will be sent home next week via your child (w/c **Monday 3rd December**). Entry to the performances will only be gained on presentation of the ticket/programme.

The requested 'extra' tickets/programmes will also be distributed next week. If you haven't yet booked your tickets please call the school office who will be happy to help.

**Last Celebration Assembly of the Autumn term is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Charity Collections: Children in Need - a fabulous, record breaking £814.56

Poppy Appeal £662.87.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to these worthy causes!



## **Christmas Post Box**



Christmas post boxes will be available from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** for the children to post Christmas cards to their friends in school until the last day of term. The boxes will be in the Infant Library/Junior Hall and will be emptied daily. The Year 6 post people will deliver them on the same day. Post Office Reminder - It is really important that the children address the envelope with their friend's full name and class. Thank you.



## Meet the Team

**Name: Miss Lore – Willow Class Teacher**

### What does your role involve?

As a class teacher, I am responsible for the learning, safety and happiness of the children in Willow Class during the school day. I am also Geography Subject Lead, a new role which I am excited to be involved in as Geography is a passion of mine.

### How did you get into this role?

Ever since I can remember, I have always wanted a career in teaching. Growing up, teachers were my role models and so I couldn't see myself doing anything else. After completing an undergraduate degree at the University of Leicester in Human Geography, I came back to Harpenden and undertook the role as a Teaching Assistant at Wood End. I then completed my PGCE and couldn't resist but come back to Wood End as a qualified teacher!

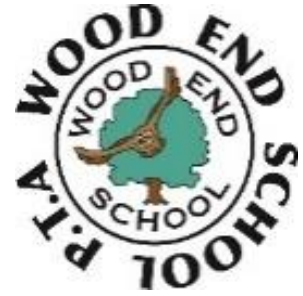
### What do you enjoy about it?

No day is the same! The variety in my working day keeps me on my toes. Also, nothing is better than those 'lightbulb' moments when the children understand something new or find their feet with something they've previously found challenging. Their enthusiasm is also infectious.

### What might surprise people about your role?

I always love to tell the children that I am a previous student of Wood End School! However, the school feels quite different since I attended and I now associate it with being a fantastic place to work.

# PTA News



Last call to order a Christmas Tree and fundraise for the school! **Order by midday (12pm) Monday 3rd December** via Friends of Harpenden Academy's website and choose "Wood End School" to allow a commission to be donated back to the PTA.

For more details please see the website: <https://foha.ecwid.com/Fundraising-Christmas-Trees-c25042182>

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We have been offered 50 discounted tickets to Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Harpenden Public Halls. Tickets are £10 for the following performances:

- 27 December - 2.30pm
- 28 December - 2.30pm and 6.00pm
- 29 December - 2.30pm and 6.00pm
- 30 December - 2.30pm

Each ticket we sell raises money for the PTA. Please email Julia on woodendptaevent@gmail.com to request tickets.



**This year**

Best raising schools this week

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| 1. Biggleswade United Academy          | £530.70 |
| 2. Owens Schools Association           | £413.90 |
| 3. Friends of Roundwood Primary School | £289.04 |
| 4. Curry Mallet Primary - Taunton      | £283.62 |
| 5. George Abbot Schol - Burpham        | £279.66 |

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It's week 3 of our easyfundraising competition and Biggleswade United Academy have come from nowhere to take the top spot with an amazing fundraising total. Curry Mallet Primary have featured for the past 2 weeks and are still there, occupying position 4 - keep it up!

If you can raise the most by December 16th, you'll win a £500 donation for your school. Not registered yet? Sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/parentkind>

**This time last year**

Parent POWER Top 5 raising schools

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| 1. St John's & St Clement's PTFA - Peckham   | £530.65 |
| 2. Aldersbrook Primary School PTA - Wanstead | £438.20 |
| 3. Wood End School PTA                       | £242.74 |
| 4. Friends of Daubeney School - Hackney      | £203.18 |
| 5. Busbridge Infant School PTA               | £182.17 |

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We're 3 weeks into the easyfundraising.org.uk Parent Power Christmas shopping challenge. £45,000 has been raised by our schools in just 3 weeks. In the race to win £1,000 courtesy of Viking...

Thanks to parents shopping online, St John's & St Clement's PTFA in Peckham have risen to the top of the power list. Almost £500 (out of last week's leaders Aldersbrook. Next week is a huge week in the race, with Black Friday ready to make a huge difference to the final outcome, so make sure your school is ready!

To find out more about this competition and Parent Power, visit <http://pages.easyfundraising.org.uk/ptakickstart-power/>

Sponsored by **Viking**

Last year we won the competition from Easyfundraising to raise the most in the run up to Christmas. In week three we aren't too far off getting into the top five; Friends of Roundwood Primary have currently got the spot we had at this point last year. Can we pip them to the post again?! An extra £500 is up for grabs.

Click through from [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) before you do your online shop and raise donations for 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.

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

Email: [PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk)

### **Links to Recent Events on the School Website:**

[Reception Walk to the Post Box – 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 the School Gateway (Schoolcomms).

## **Community**

### **St Nicholas Church on the Green – Soup and Carols**

On Fridays: 30<sup>th</sup> Nov and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December (1-1.30pm)

### **CALLING ALL BUDDING PHOTOGRAPHERS**

Budding photographers (in three categories, Juniors aged 7-10, Intermediates aged 11-13 and Seniors aged 14-17 - all ages as at 31st August 2018)) are invited to enter their work in the Rotary Young Photographer Competition, the Harpenden heat of which is being run by Rotary in Harpenden.

This year's theme is "Beauty of Nature" and we would ask you please to encourage entries from Wood End School students to be received by **26th January 2019**. Winners of the Harpenden heat will receive a £20 WH Smiths voucher.

In last year's competition Hannah Burns, winner of the 11-13 intermediate section in the Harpenden heat, went on through district heats to take third place in the national finals, a truly wonderful result for one of our local schools.

For guidelines and an entry form please go to <https://tinyurl.com/yphotdoc> noting entries should be delivered or posted to Kelvin Goodson, 86 Tuffnells Way, Harpenden, AL5 3HG (Email: [kelvingoodson@gmail.com](mailto:kelvingoodson@gmail.com))

To read about last year's winners, the judges' opinions and see pictures of the winning entries go to: [rotaryinharpenden.org.uk](http://rotaryinharpenden.org.uk), scrolling down the Home page to "New Challenge for Young Photographers".

Looking forward to lots of entries!

### **Spotlight on Africa – Double your Christmas Donation**

For one week only – From midday on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to midday Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Please see the attached flyer for details.

### **Carols by Candlelight at Harpenden Public Halls – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

4pm Family Carol Service and 7pm Carols by Candlelight.

Free admission and refreshments.

Carol Services for All the Family - Harpenden Public Hall

On Sunday 2 December there will be two carol services held in Harpenden Public Hall.

4pm Family Carol Service - especially for families with young children

7pm Carols by Candlelight - a service of carols and readings with choir and orchestra.

Free entry and free refreshments after both services. Everyone welcome.