



Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 7th December 2018



Cinderella Pantomime Friday 14th December 2018

We are really looking forward to our whole school visit to the Alban Arena next Friday. May I remind you:

- * Your child will need a packed lunch as school lunches will not be available on this day, this will be eaten on their return to school.
- * Please provide your child with a water bottle, that has a secure top (no fizzy drinks please). We will provide a snack at the interval.
I'm sure it will be a great show!

Meet the Team

Name: Mrs Middleton, HLTA Holly Class

What does your role involve?

As a HLTA, I support the children's learning in small group and 1:1 lessons. I also deliver intervention programmes across the year group, provide whole class teaching cover across the Key Stage as required and I am also a member of the Breakfast Club team.

How did you get into this role?

I left my career in investment banking in the city following the birth of my son, and when he started at Wood End I volunteered as a parent helper. Whilst volunteering,

I studied for my Level 3 qualification in Childcare and Education and became the Deputy Leader at Kinsbourne Green pre-school. During his first term in Year 3, a part-time position as an LSA in KS2 working 1:1 with children was advertised, and as the hours made it possible to perform both roles, I applied and was successful! When I was then offered a permanent role as a TA in Year 2, I decided to leave the pre-school, achieved my HLTA status and the rest as they say is history!

What do you enjoy about it?

Working within a team that is dedicated to ensure all the children achieve their potential is fantastic! No two days are ever the same and although the children work hard there is always time for fun and laughter! It is extremely rewarding to watch them grow and develop the skills they will need for the challenges of life in KS2. One of the things I enjoy most is listening to the children tell stories about the treasures they bring from home in our class 'Golden Box'.

What might surprise people about your role?

I may often be seen in the dining room or playground supporting the children at lunchtime as part of my MSA role. I am responsible for running the annual training session for all new parent reader volunteers throughout the school. Incorporating my love for Computing, I am fortunate to work with a super group of IT professionals (including my husband) as Year 6 Code Club Team Leader.





Christmas Post Box

Christmas post boxes are now available 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.

Changing from Meals to Packed Lunch or Vice Versa next term?

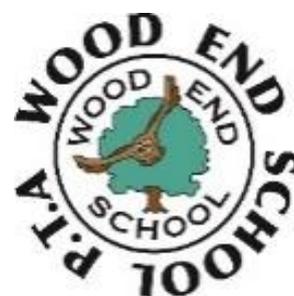
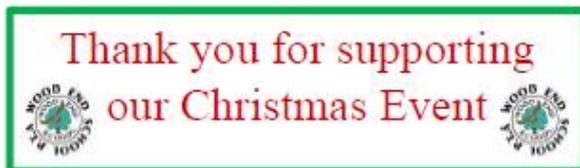
Please call/email to the school office by Friday 14th December. Please pay any outstanding invoices, including dinner money. Thank you.



English, Maths and Topic books home today.

Please return them to school on Monday 10th December. Thank you

PTA News



A massive thank you from the PTA Trustees to everyone who helped with and came along to support last Friday's fantastic Christmas Event.

An extra special thanks to School of Rock and KS2 Choir for their wonderful performances. Together we have raised a very impressive £4,000. (A few cake tins and a scarf are at the school office).

Christmas Choir



School of Rock



This year's Christmas Card order has generated £1,389 for the school; a huge thank you to Joanne Hall and Lisa Morris for organising.



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. (Over 30 have already been requested).



Do please remember to click through from:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodendschoolpta/>

before you do your online shop, and raise donations for the PTA (at no cost to you). There is just over a week left in the competition to find the PTA raising the most via easyfundraising.



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.



Our next PTA Meeting is on **Tuesday 15th January**, 7.45pm start in the staff room. Everyone is welcome. You don't need to be a Trustee, event organiser or have any particular role! Just come along to find out more about plans for how funds will be spent and future fundraising ideas.

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/Information on the School Website:

[Rotary Carol Concert – Wednesday 5th December](#)

[Nursery Christmas Celebration - Wednesday 5th December](#)

[Year 1 Christmas Production 'Born in a Barn' – Thursday 6th December](#)

[Family Support Services – New page on the school website](#)

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: 14th and 21st 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)

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

Looking forward to lots of entries!