



Dear Parent/Carer,

Here is our latest newsletter in the run up to Christmas! Please remember to check our school website and school app on a regular basis for news and information. www.woodbank.sch.uk

Children in Need



We had a fun packed day in school on Thursday 22nd November, with a visit from Pudsey Bear, a very special 'Challenge' Assembly and lots of delicious cakes being sold. We made £349, which is fantastic- thank you.

Big thanks must go to Miss Lilley and our school council for organising the day.

Staffing Update



Mrs Garforth has now returned to school on a phased timetable in the run up to Christmas- we are delighted to have her back.

We say goodbye to Mrs Griffin, one of our Lunchtime Organisers, who is going on to pastures new- we wish her the very best of luck.

The Christmas Fair



Once again our amazing PTA team did an amazing job organising our Christmas Fair. A great time was had by all.

Big thanks must go to everyone who helped and supported, especially those who stayed behind at the end to help clear away. Winners of the jar competition were: Aliza Frazer Kelly, (YR), Bruno Jednaszewski (Y1), Poppy Foran (Y3) and Iluna Evans (Y5). A big well done!

EYFS/KS1 Nativity



A huge well done to all the children in Early Years and Key Stage One who did such an amazing job in our school Nativity, 'Lights, Camel, Action'. All the dancers were worthy of '10' from the judges. Also the Year 2 actors and narrators shone brighter than all the glitter balls!! We were so proud of them all.

The Nativity would not be possible without all the hard work and dedication from staff but also the fantastic help with costumes from Mrs Tupper and Helen Laithwaite. A Big Thank You to everyone!

The School Choir



The school choir did us proud on Thursday 6th December singing at Tesco's. Their singing was beautiful- one customer was in tears! Their behaviour was exemplary and they were a credit. They also managed to raise £138, which was an added bonus. Thank you to all those who came along to support.



Our School Reading Library Bus

Good News-we have recently heard from the bus company, Transco, and they have finally found us our bus. We were planning to have it delivered this week, but with all the Christmas activities we have put delivery on hold until the New Year, where we can start with renovating the insides



Social Media and Safeguarding

Can I please remind ALL parents/carers that if you take photos/videos of any school events then this CANNOT be shared on any social networking sites. This is for safeguarding reasons. Please support us in this matter. Thank you.

Some Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

- 11.12.18 Christmas Dinner Day
- 12.12.18 Pantomime Trip and EYFS Show in school
- 14.12.18 Breakfast with Santa 8 am
- 19.12.18 EYFS/KS1 parties
- 20.12.18 KS2 parties
- 21.12.18 Carol Service
- 21.12.18 Break for Christmas at 2.30 pm
- 07.01.19 Return to School

On behalf of all the staff at Woodbank...

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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School Readiness



We are having a big push on making sure our children are 'ready' for school at the start of the school day and are increasing their independence. Please encourage your child/ren to have things such as: P.E kits, Football boots, packed lunches, book bags etc ready at the start of the school day. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Contact Details

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE-can you make sure we have up to THREE contact details for you in the school office. There may be an occasion where we have to contact you if your child is ill or in an emergency. Currently, we have several families who have provided only one number or we cannot get in touch with at all. If a scenario arose where we could not get in touch with you our last resort would have to be the police or social care. PLEASE get your numbers to the office ASAP.

School Uniform



Our children always look very smart in their school uniform. Please ensure your child wears black shoes **not** trainers. Nail varnish is not permitted, and a watch and stud earrings are the only type of jewellery that can be worn. Hair styles and cuts should be smart and appropriate -no tramlines please!