



Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 14th December 2018



We all had a brilliant time at the Pantomime in St Albans today. The show was terrific! It was a privilege taking the whole school out for the morning. All children and adults thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were a credit to the school.

It's been another great term at Wood End and I am immensely proud of all the children and their hard work. As this is the last newsletter of the term, I wish you all a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr R Boulton, Headteacher

Meet the Team



Name: Revd Sally Goodson, Community Governor

What does your role involve?

As a community governor, I represent community interests on the governing body.

I am an associate vicar in the clergy team in the Parish of Harpenden, with responsibility for St Mary's church, so I am very much part of the local community.

How did you get into this role?

When I moved to Harpenden in 2017 and took up the post at St Mary's I was asked to become a governor.

What do you enjoy about it?

I really like being involved in school. As a priest, I visit school to take assembly or talk to classes, as well as being a governor. My own children are grown up now so it is lovely to be involved with school life. It has been good to find out how the governors work to support the school.

What might surprise people about your role?

I have not always been a vicar. I worked for many years in the NHS as a speech and language therapist, so I have plenty of experience of working with children with special needs. This brings another perspective to my role as governor.

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

Please call/email to the school office before the end of term. Please pay any outstanding invoices, including dinner money. Thank you.

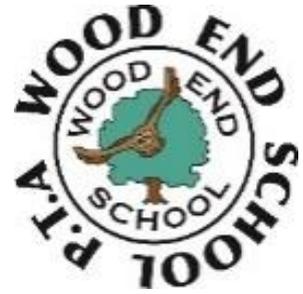
[Link to Spring Term Diary Dates 2019 - Hard copy attached with this email](#)

[Link to view the Inset Days for 2019/20 to view on the school website](#)

Please remember school closes on Friday 21st December at 2pm

PTA News

Best wishes for the festive season from the PTA!



As we look forward to 2019, do you have a great fundraising idea you'd like to run / be involved in?

- Big or small - please get involved! It could be the next movie night or a summer fair, second hand book sale, barn dance, pamper night?!?
- We also have some ideal small roles for newbies, for example:
 - Maybe you have a little time to put some words together to explain and promote "Profit Match" / "Match Funding".
 - Perhaps you could help serve refreshments at the next Fun Run or Sports Day.
 - Do you have a printer along with a laminator and could put up posters at the school gates for us in the run up to events?
 - The PTA Container needs a little tidy up and stock check from time to time, could you be an extra pair of hands?

Please get in touch: do come along to a meeting, or catch Joanne, Morven, Jo, Georgie, Laura or Kirstin at pick up/drop off in the playground, or send us an email: PTA@woodend.herts.sch.uk



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).



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:

[Reception Christmas Performance – The Nativity](#)

[Year 4 Christmas Performance – The Christmas Spirit](#)

[Year 5 Christmas Performance – The Christmas Spirit](#)

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)

Miley Close – No Parking

This is a private road with parking enforcement. There are parking enforcement signs on every lamppost and next to the road signs.

There will be increased patrols in the coming days, and it is the residents' wish for parents who park illegally to be able to make an informed choice, as it is not easy to win an appeal through the Independent Appeals Service.



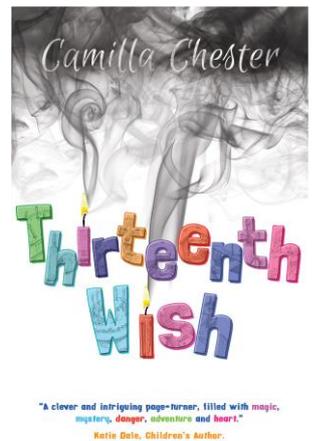
ASK THE AUTHOR EVENT: Christmas Special

ALL YOU'VE EVER WANTED TO ASK A CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

You are invited to a FREE event with local Children's Author, Camilla Chester on: **Tuesday 18 Dec 4-5.30pm** at **Harpenden Library**

You may remember Camilla from when she visited our school. She writes for children aged 8-12 and has three books that she will be selling and signing on the day. Perfect Christmas presents!

"I bought Jarred Dreams for my granddaughter and after hearing how amazing it is I've decided to read it myself!" Sue B, Amazon Review. "EATS is a whacky tale that keeps you turning the pages." Carl M, Amazon Review. "Thirteenth Wish is an amazing book for many different reasons." Daisy M. Amazon Review. The event is aimed at children aged 8-12 but everyone is welcome. Just come along on the day and remember to have your questions ready!



Leaflets Attached:

Pilates Classes at Wood End School – Spring Term 2019
St Albans Junior Parkrun Family – 9am Sunday 6th Jan 2019, Verulanium Park