

High Academic Standards: Sporting Opportunities: Caring Relationships: Musical Excellence: Christian Values

Dear Parents,

This is our last newsletters of the year and what a wonderful term it has been. As well as all the wonderful learning taking place in class, we have had dance, musical theatre, multiskills and multisports after school clubs. Spanish and French tuition; school disco; trips to the woods, and around Woodborough. Our PGL residential; ancient Egypt drama day; choir, prayer club, girls & boys football clubs; basketball club; running club; tennis coaching; music tuition for over 60 children; handball festival, basketball festival; class assemblies; Harvest Festival and the Christingle Service.

We still have two nativities and a carol concert to look forward to. As well as Christmas dinner, class parties and a special visitor on the last day of term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the all the extras they have offered to make these opportunities available to the children. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to continuing to work with you in the New Year.

Warmest wishes

Mr Hopwell

Reverse advent calendar

We are running the reverse advent calendar and it is our intention to donate to 2 or 3 local food banks and the Salvation Army (in Daybrook) who will collect any donations of food, etc, on the last day of term, who will distribute to the local community.

This is how it works! The concept is teaching the children about giving instead of receiving, (although there will be a chocolate for those children whose day it is to give). There are 14 'school days' during December. Each child has a number (shown at the bottom of this letter), which represents a date of a school day. On that day, the child should bring something into school to put the advent calendar. This could be, toiletries, food items that are related to Christmas or dried cupboard food items, however no alcohol to be brought in. This scheme really does make a difference to those families who are struggling during the festive season, so thank you in advance.

Christmas Tree

Thank you Poppy's mum and dad for the donation of our outdoor Christmas tree, the children's prayers and lights look wonderful. In addition, thanks to Timmerman's for again donating a Christmas tree which is in the hall.

Christmas performances

No spare tickets

Children's Personalised Christmas tree ornaments

The children are painting and decorating wooden Christmas tree ornaments. Every child will make a tree ornament, and it will be its own unique design and ideas. It will have their name and year it was made on the back, so all the makings of a family heirloom! You will be able to purchase your child's finished tree decoration, at their Christmas performance for the bargain price of £2. Year 6 parents, please send £2 in a sealed envelope marked Christmas decorations and we will arrange for it to be sent home.

Newstead Abbey

On Thursday it was our class trip to Newstead Abbey. First we went to the kitchen to make sugar mice out of icing sugar. Next we played with the Victorian toys. Next we played with spice bags. Next we went in the great hall with Mr Webb for such a long time. We played granny's footsteps. We also played flap the kipper. We even played quack quack statue and finally we went back to school.

By Edward Young, Year 2

Stars of the Weeks

Saoirse – Year R, for being a real star in the Christmas nativity rehearsals. She joins in singing all the songs and knows exactly what to do on stage ! Fab !

Louie, year 1 – fantastic maths all week !

Lucy, Year 2 – for always working hard, producing thoughtful work and being a wonderful role model to the class.

Thomas R, Year 2 – for working very hard in maths.

Evie S, Year 2 – for working so hard in class and at home to improve her reading. Well done !

Freddie A, Year 3 - for demonstrating a determined and hard working attitude both at the handball tournament and with his art work later in school.

Lucas, Year 3 - for working as a team player during the handball tournament, supporting and encouraging other members of the team.

Asha, Year 4 – Asha has been working really hard on her problem solving skills in maths and she has grown so much in confidence.

Mia, Year 4 – Mia consistently gives 100% and she has really impressed me with her excellent writing and attention to detail.

Grace G, Year 5 – for always giving her best and never giving in.

Caitlin, Year 5 – always enthusiastic and well-motivated in all subjects.

Brody, Year 6 – for using a range of strategies and methods for overcoming a challenging problem.

Olivia R, Year 6 – for adapting her learning and applying it to new situations readily.

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It's nearly the end of term. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and staff who have helped with all our fundraising events and supported us!

School Disco

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of you that helped at the school disco this term and a big thanks to all parents for buying tickets. We raised over £1,200.67 and will buy 5 new iPads for the classrooms in the new year. Well done everyone!

School Xmas Card Project

We hope you all enjoyed your unique Christmas cards designed by your children as much as we did. We also raised £62.50 for the school! Thank you to all of you that took part.

Grants to School

This term through our fundraising we have paid for the visiting Pantomime, Christmas books for all the children and supplemented a Drama Day experience for Class 3.

We are raising money to help the school buy more interactive white boards (£2,000 each) and are planning to purchase new sports team clothing in addition to our regular items.



Xmas Concerts

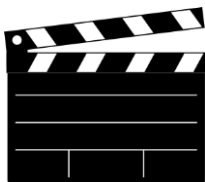


Good luck to all the Children and staff with the Infant Nativities and Junior Carol concerts. We are all very excited to see them! Thank you to all the staff and children for all their hard work! ***The PTA will be serving hot drinks and mince pies at all the shows.***



Festive Dress Up Day (Thurs 20th December)

Dig out those dodgy Xmas jumpers, sparkly tops, reindeer antler and tinsel and enjoy the last day of term! **Free - No donation required!**



Movie Night Tuesday 22rd January 4 - 5.30pm.

£5 to include a hotdog, a drink, popcorn, and sweets

(Further details to follow in January)

Our Next PTA meeting is: Thursday 17th January at 8pm at The Four Bells

Please join us. Everyone is welcome! 😊

Best Wishes & Merry Christmas Everyone Woods PTA



Dates for the diary

Date	Event
December	
Tuesday 11 th	6.30 Y4 and 5 carol concert
Thursday 13 th	EYFS & Y1 Nativity 2.30pm
Friday 14 th	10am Y2 & Y3 Nativity
Monday 17 th	pm Class 5 & 6 party
Tuesday 18 th	9.30 – 11am Panto in school Class 3 & 4 party pm
Wednesday 19 th	Class R, 1 & 2 party pm Christmas Dinner
Thurs 20 th	Festive dress up day – please note there will be no charge for this
Friday 21 st	Inset day
Thursday 17 th January	PTA Meeting at The Four Bells – 8pm
Tuesday 22 nd January	Movie Night

Applying for a place at Wood's Foundation School

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you should apply for a school place soon. You should receive information from the local authority by 17th November 2018 and you will be able to apply for a school place until 15th January 2018. If you have a child who will be starting school next September, or know anyone who has, and would like to visit our school please get in touch. We look forward to meeting you. I am always happy to show people around our wonderful school. You will receive an information pack about applying for a place in Nottinghamshire schools. If you are applying for a place at Wood's Foundation School you should also collect an additional pack from our school office. Children are admitted to the school using the admission criteria. Usually, half of the children who are admitted come from Woodborough, have a sibling or attend church, the rest of the children who join us do not meet these criteria.

Advent Crafts & Tree Lighting

Come and join us in church at Christmas!

9th December

10.00a.m. Nativity Service (Woodborough)

The telling of the Christmas story by children from the Stars & Explorers groups

15th December

3.30p.m. Messy Christmas (Epperstone)

A fun afternoon with crafts, celebration and cake!

16th December

11.00a.m. Nativity Service (Oxton)

The telling of the Christmas story with the children from Scramblers and Sunday Club.

22nd December

10.30a.m. Carols around the Tree (Woodborough). *Time to sing your favourite carol and enjoy drinks and mince pies too!*

Christmas Eve

3.30p.m. Crib Service (Woodborough)

5.30p.m Crib Service (Woodborough)

Come and follow the star to the Christmas story!

Christmas Day

9.30a.m. Holy Communion (Woodborough)

9.30a.m Family Communion (Epperstone)

11.00a.m. BCP Holy Communion (Gonalston)