



# Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER January 2019

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## New beginnings

It has been great to see all the children come back to school full of smiles and ready to learn! The Christmas holidays have become a distant memory and we are now looking forward to lighter mornings and afternoons and maybe a glimpse of the sun! There are already lots of exciting things happening. Year 1 & 2 had a wonderful trip to Curve to watch 'The Cat in the Hat'. Theatre staff were very complimentary about the behaviour of our children and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our newest member of the staff team, Miss Murdock, is settling into life at WGPS. It seems as though she has already been here for longer than a few weeks! Clubs and swimming have both started again and the children are making the most of everything that's on offer at Woodland Grange.



## Mid-Year Reports

This year we are bringing our Spring Parents' Evening appointments forward and combining them with a new Mid-Year Report. This simple document will contain a teacher assessment (for the end of Autumn term) for grammar, punctuation & spelling, reading, writing, and maths as well as an attitude to learning score (similar to the end of year reports). Parents will get these ahead of the Spring meetings. They will then have the opportunity to discuss the report and work with staff to support their child at home. Foundation Stage will not be sending home a mid-year report. We hope that parents will find this extra report useful and will feel better informed about helping their child to continue to make progress for the remainder of the school year.

**We will continue to send home a complete end of year report in the Summer term.**

## Being Safe Online...

We will be supporting **Safer Internet Day** on Tuesday 5th February. Our assemblies will cover the positive aspects of a global online community as well as reminding children of the key rules on internet safety. For parents there are lots of good resources out there including the NSPCC and O2. Our school website also contains a good list of links.

One of the most important things you can do as a parent is to share what your child is doing online. Don't let them go online without your supervision, take an interest in what they are doing and remind them that their behaviour online is no different to their behaviour in the 'real' world!



## FoWG News

Our parents' association do an amazing job raising money that we can use for the benefit of all our pupils. This year they are raising funds to replace equipment in the Foundation Stage playground as well as purchasing visualisers for each classroom. Coming up later this term they are organising a family fun/quiz night and the Easter discos.

FOWG is a registered charity and a voluntary group. It only exists because parents are prepared to give up their time to organise and support each event. Can you help? Would you like to get involved with our Parents Association? Contact the school office if you want to find out more...

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## Packed Lunches

Just a reminder to parents who send in a packed lunch for their child. Whilst we recognise that for some children at school eating anything in the middle of the day can be a challenge we also want all our children to recognise the importance of a healthy packed lunch. Please remember that when you send food in it should be enough to fill them up for the afternoon session (we have been concerned about the small size of some children's lunches) and also contain (according to the NHS) **starchy** food: bread, pasta or rice, **protein** food: meat, fish or egg, a **dairy** item: cheese or yoghurt and fresh **fruit**, veg or salad.

*Staff will continue to monitor packed lunches in school, thank you.*

### Let there be music...

We will be having a musical theme to some of our assemblies this term. We have already enjoyed children sharing their talents on the cello and are looking forward to musical showcases on the tabla, piano and violin (to name but a few). Look out for more information on the school Twitter feed during the Spring term. Learning to play an instrument is excellent for many reasons. It teaches the children about the importance of practice, is fantastic at developing their self-confidence as well as enabling them to learn a new skill. We are very pleased that so many children take this opportunity up! Thanks to Mrs Cobbold and all our music teachers for organising these special performances.



A reminder to all parents to not obstruct the kerbs around school. It affects any pedestrians and means that pushchairs have to go into the road to go round cars, which is very dangerous.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING AT HOME

We value the support that parents can provide with reading at home. It is one of the most important things you can do for your child and has a huge impact on their development as they journey through our school. We have put together a small reminder list to help you to help them! **(How many do you follow?)**

Read regularly at home  
(minimum: every other day).

Read to your child: don't just listen to them, share a book!

Read a variety of books  
(library, comics, online, borrowed) NOT just the school reading scheme.



Avoid the temptation to compete through the school reading scheme!

Make time to read,  
**DON'T RUSH.**

Visit the library regularly  
(Oadby has a brilliant one!)

Reading online (websites or eBooks) is still reading.

Talk about the book. What will happen next? What has happened so far?

If they are struggling with a word: remember your phonics.

### We've got the POWER!

The School Council have been on an amazing trip to London. They had the opportunity to visit the Palace of Westminster (The Houses of Parliament) and learnt all about how our country is governed. They had a behind the scenes tour around the House of Commons and House of Lords and found out about the history of government (including the Suffragette movement, the role of the Monarchy and more 'current' issues). The staff at the education centre said that our children were a credit to the school and it was a real treat for staff to accompany them on this special day (special thanks to Mrs Bailey & Mrs Howard).



We even got to meet Neil O'Brien MP for Oadby, Wigston & Harborough.

### Yoga

New year Yoga sessions will be beginning in the school hall. They will begin on Tuesday 22nd January at 6.30pm. The sessions are open to anyone (beginner to expert) and will cost £6.00 per session.

Mats can be provided.

**Adults only please.**

### Dates for your diary:

5/2:	Safer Internet Day
18—22/2:	Half term
8/3:	World Book Day at WGPS
15/3:	Comic Relief
12/4:	End of Spring term

All dates can be found on the school website calendar. Visit [www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk](http://www.woodlandwideweb.org.uk) and click on the calendar on the homepage...



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