

15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful half term we have had, here are a few highlights;



**Nursery** have been learning about Winter. They have used stories and art activities to explore the changes that happen during this season. This culminated in their Winter Walk in Barber's Field with parents joining them looking for the changes that have taken place.

**Reception** have been looking closely at the changes in the season as Winter has begun. They have really enjoyed their superhero story 'Nat Fantastic' this half term where they got to make their own capes and be real superheroes! They have also been learning about the Chinese New Year and the celebrations that take place but more importantly some of the yummy food that is eaten during this special time.



**Y1** have been linking their learning to their Superhero topic and they even came to school dressed as superheroes for a day. They have been reading the story of 'Supertato' in English and have written their own versions of the story. They were really lucky to have real life superheroes come into school to visit. A nurse and a firefighter came to tell the children about their jobs and they even let them try out some of their equipment!

**Y2** had a great pirate day as part of their Pirate topic when they all came to school dressed as pirates and had a fun filled day including going on a treasure hunt! In English they have written their own pirate adventure stories using their new skills. Science has been great fun as they designed and made their own pirate ships and tested them in the water to see which ships were the most successful at carrying the treasure. They have also learnt about some famous pirates and written interesting non-chronological reports about them.



created the best structure!

**Y3** have been having great fun during their 'Tremors' topic! They have been writing information texts about different natural disasters around the world and they have identified hotspots where these disasters are more likely to occur. They have made their own erupting volcanoes and have had great fun creating structures for earthquakes. These were tested on a vibration plate and found that, surprisingly, pipe cleaners and Lego

**Y4** have been learning all about the Romans! They have learnt lots of information about their past through their guided reading book 'Thieves of Ostia'. In Design and Technology, they have built their very own Roman catapults. In STEM, they have been aerospace engineers by investigating the qualities of a good paper aeroplane and they have prototyped different models to see how well they fly.



**Y5** have enjoyed their topic all about Ancient Egypt. They have been fascinated by the oddities and skilfulness of the Ancient Egyptians that they have studied through hands-on history lessons and writing. During their Egyptian Day, they made Canopic jars from clay and tried out some authentic Egyptian food - delicious dates and bread with honey and hummus!

**Y6** have been starting at 8.30am and earning Woodseats Cash. They have voted to go to the cinema to watch 'How to Train Your Dragon 2' as their reward this half term! They have been to Crucial Crew where they learnt about fire safety, arson, bus safety and first aid. They had an opportunity to take part in a mock trial at the Magistrate Court. It was a great day!



Well done everyone!



**We need at least two contact numbers for all pupils.** If we only have one number for your child, please could you let us have a second number to contact in case of emergencies. Please also make sure that any contact details we have for your child are up to date, including email addresses.

**We are running low on stocks of reading books in school.** Over the half term break, please could children check at home (on book shelves, under beds, etc) for any of our reading books and bring them back to school?

**Mrs Barlow** and **Mrs Ludlam** are leaving us at Easter to start their maternity leave. We wish them both all the very best and we will let you know when their babies arrive! We will be joined by **Mrs Evans** who will be teaching Mrs Barlow's class and **Mr Chappell** who will be taking over from Mrs Ludlam. We would like to welcome them both to our school.



We are taking part in an exciting promotion in conjunction with **Whitehorne's Estate Agents**. For every house sale that completes through Whitehorne's and where the vendors mention 'Whitehorne's Woodseats Primary School Promotion' when the initial valuation is booked, Whitehorne's will donate £100 to our school!

We will be celebrating **World Book Day at Woodseats on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**, when children can come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. The **Book Fair will be in the dining room after school from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February to Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be lots of activities for the children to take part in to raise the profile of reading and to help develop the children's love of reading. Check out the World Book Day website at [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com).

Our **Woodseats School Choir** will be taking part in the annual MCLT Choir Concert at Meadowhead School on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Woodseats Choir will be combining with choirs from Meadowhead, Abbey Lane, Greenhill, Lower Meadow, Norton Free and Bradway Schools. Our choir are busy practising their songs and we are sure the evenings will be a fantastic success!

We would be very grateful for donations of **construction toys**, such as Duplo or Lego, or **dressing up clothes** that you no longer need, for the children to play with during the lunchtime breaks.



**Please could we remind parents and carers that as per our charging policy, all payments for dinners, extra Nursery hours and trips must be paid for in advance through ParentPay.** Payments can also be made by using a PayPoint barcode letter which can be obtained from the School Office. If anyone needs information to register with ParentPay please also contact the School Office.

We would like remind **all parents not to park in the school car park at any time** as this is for staff use only. It is particularly dangerous during the times when parents are dropping off and picking up their children from school. We would also like to ask that you **do not walk through the car park but please use the path around it**. Please help us to keep all our children safe.



 We would also like to remind parents that children should not bring medicines into school to keep in their bags as this could prove dangerous. Parents are welcome to come to school to give medicine if needed.

**School Holiday Dates**

February Half Term	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
Easter Break	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Easter Weekend	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April - Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019
May Day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019



More dates for your diary and lots of other information can be found on the school website: [www.woodseatsprimaryschool.org.uk](http://www.woodseatsprimaryschool.org.uk)

The **next newsletter is due on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**. This will be put onto the school website and emailed to all parents as we no longer send paper copies home. If you would still like a paper copy, please collect one from the School Office.



**Finally...**

**Our last day at school is today, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February.** We look forward to seeing you all when **school re-opens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**.

We would like to wish you all a restful half term break.

Sinead Fox  
Headteacher

