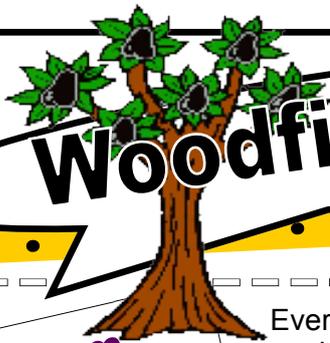




Woodfield Word



14/15
Issue 4

Friday 7th November
2014

A note from the Headteacher...

Everybody appears to have returned from the half-term break refreshed and keen to crack on with the key business of teaching and learning. This week has been particularly engaging and moving, as we have engaged in a whole school focus on the centenary of the First World War. We have learned a lot and I would like to thank teachers for devising some incredibly varied learning opportunities and our pupils for engaging so purposefully and sharing stories and experiences from their own family backgrounds. We have wrapped up the week with a moving 'Last Post' assembly and I would like to thank our special guests from the British Legion and Armed Forces for attending.

On a lighter note, our children have enjoyed free trips to the cinema this week, to celebrate the National Film Festival and it has been a joy to see such a wide spectrum of experiences available to them this week! I wish to express a huge thank you to Tesco and their community team for assisting us over the half-term break, by completely transforming our school gardening plot. The project was completed in order to revitalise a very tired and neglected area of our school and now we have an area that can be easily accessed and used by our pupils. We also have several green-fingered members of staff, so I anticipate some squabbles over the seed catalogues this winter! Many, many thanks again – we are very grateful!

After saying farewell to Mrs Athey, we welcome Mrs Ellis to the Year 6 team and wish her all the very best in settling into the school. We also welcome Mrs Palmer, our new School Crossing Patrol. Please support our new patrol by encouraging your children to use Mrs Palmer to cross the road and, if you travel by car, please set an example to other drivers, who need to get used to slowing down outside our school!

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Attendance

Attendance is very important to ensure pupils reach their full potential and is something that Woodfield monitor very closely.

Attendance for the week 20/10/14 - 24/10/14

Year 5 - 95.7% Year 6 - 95.0%

Year 7 - 94.2% Year 8 - 91.5%

Whole School - 94.2%

Whole School Target - 94.8%

Congratulations to 5MP & 6BS who both achieved 98.3%, the highest attendance this week.

Important Dates

14th November

Non-Uniform

(£1 for Children In Need)

14th November

Bingo Night

18th December

Coffee & Carols

19th December

Autumn Term Ends

5th January

TED

6th January

Spring Term Starts



Lost Property Sale

On Monday 10th November we will be holding a 'lost property sale' in the school reception from 3:00-3:30pm. Any unclaimed lost property that was left in school over the summer break will be for sale including shirts and trousers starting at 50p per item, and blazers at £5.00. Please come and take a look.

Sickness

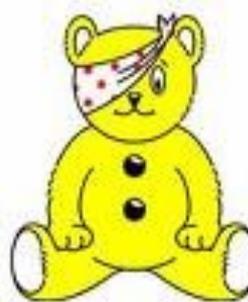
There is still a sickness bug circulating around school.

If your child is sick please ensure they are not sent into school for **48 HOURS** following the last bout of sickness. This will help to stop the virus from spreading to other pupils and members of staff in school.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Children in Need



Friday 14th November is Children In Need.

The whole school will be in non school uniform and to support the charity we are asking pupils and staff to contribute £1.

Thank you.

Follow the Firework Code!



Be a Bright Spark
Teach Your Family The

FIREWORK CODE

- 1 KEEP FIREWORKS IN A CLOSED BOX – take them out one at a time and put the top back at once!
 - 2 FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON EACH FIREWORK CAREFULLY – read them by torchlight NEVER a NAKED FLAME!
 - 3 LIGHT END OF FIREWORK FUSE AT ARM'S LENGTH – preferably with a safety firework lighter or fuse wick
 - 4 NEVER THROW FIREWORKS!
 - 5 STAND WELL BACK!
 - 6 NEVER RETURN TO A FIREWORK ONCE LIT – it may go off in your face!
 - 7 NEVER PUT FIREWORKS IN YOUR POCKET!
 - 8 KEEP PETS INDOORS!
- NEVER FOOL WITH FIREWORKS!**

Friends of Woodfield Bingo Night

Come join the fun on Friday 14th November, ticket price includes game book and sausage and chips (veggie option available)!

Adult tickets £5, Kids £3.

Starting at 7.00pm till 9.30pm.

Bring your own alcohol!

Tea and coffee available during the interval.

The flyer game will be £1 (6 ticket game) payable on the night.

Tickets must be booked in advance.



Barclays Bank Charity Event

Woodfield are collecting donations of tins and bottles for the Barclays Community Event Tombola which takes place on Monday 15th December.

Pupils from Woodfield will be attending the event singing Christmas carols and selling craft items.

Barclays are hosting the occasion in support of the Redditch Community First Responders and Friends of Woodfield.

If you wish to donate items please send them into school reception.

Thank you.

A huge thank you to Tesco!

We are very grateful to the 'Community Team' at Redditch's Tesco Extra, who came in over half-term to revitalise our school garden plot.

The team did an amazing job and transformed a very tired and overgrown space into a beautiful gardening area that our pupils can maintain and use to the full.

We are already getting excited about the variety of vegetables we can grow!

We want to express a huge thank you to the team for taking the time and hard work to making the area usable again. It really means a lot and at last, we can cultivate vegetables instead of thistles!



Friends of Woodfield Christmas Craft Fayre

On Friday 12th December, between 3pm and 5pm, Friends of Woodfield will be hosting a Christmas Craft Fayre in the main hall. A small number of stalls will have work created by the children on sale. However, we are looking for local traders/hobbyists to bring their own craft items to sell. To "rent" a table(s) all we ask is that you make a cash donation to the Friends of Woodfield organisation and this can be made at the end of the event.

If you are interested and would like to enquire about the event please contact Mr Schofield on the following email address – dls37@woodfield.worcs.sch.uk

The event will also be the day we will make the draw for the "Friends of Woodfield Christmas Raffle". Further details on this exciting raffle will be released later this month, including details of the fabulous prizes that will be on offer.

