



Seasons Greetings

Dear Parent/carer,

Like most schools, we have had a very busy Autumn Term. As the first Middle School in the area to become an Academy, this has probably made us even busier since June!

Conversion to Academy has already meant we can make decisions more quickly and creatively and make sure everything we do is directed towards helping your child reach his or her potential.

There have been many special events, trips, visits and enrichment activities. I thank the staff for their hard work in arranging and running these, the pupils for their excellent behaviour, and you, for your support.

Finally, I would like to wish you a very happy and restful break.

If Christmas is about anything, it is about timeless values of gratitude, compassion and belonging in the context of family and home.

Do not let us forget those less fortunate or those who may not be surrounded by loved ones. I will re-iterate the message to pupils that nationality, irrespective of faith or background, small actions of kindness do really 'add up' to something much bigger than the sum of their parts.

I look forward to seeing you again in January 2013.

Mr Beardmore

Challenge Day

On Wednesday 19th December, pupils will be enjoying a challenge day and participating in a variety of activities including:

- Year 5 - Can you make it?- Stockings. Listening skills.
- Year 6 - Puzzle Box and problems. Spaghetti Towers.
- Year 7 - Orienteering / map reading. Brain Training.
- Year 8 - Jungle Monkey - build the highest tower. Orienteering / map reading.

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Coffee and Carols

Woodfield are holding a carol concert in the school hall on **Monday 17th December at 10.30am.**

All are welcome to join us.



Bingo Night

Friends of Woodfield will be hosting a bingo night at Woodfield Academy on Friday 8th February 2013 in the school hall.



Look out for more details in the upcoming newsletters.

Party Day

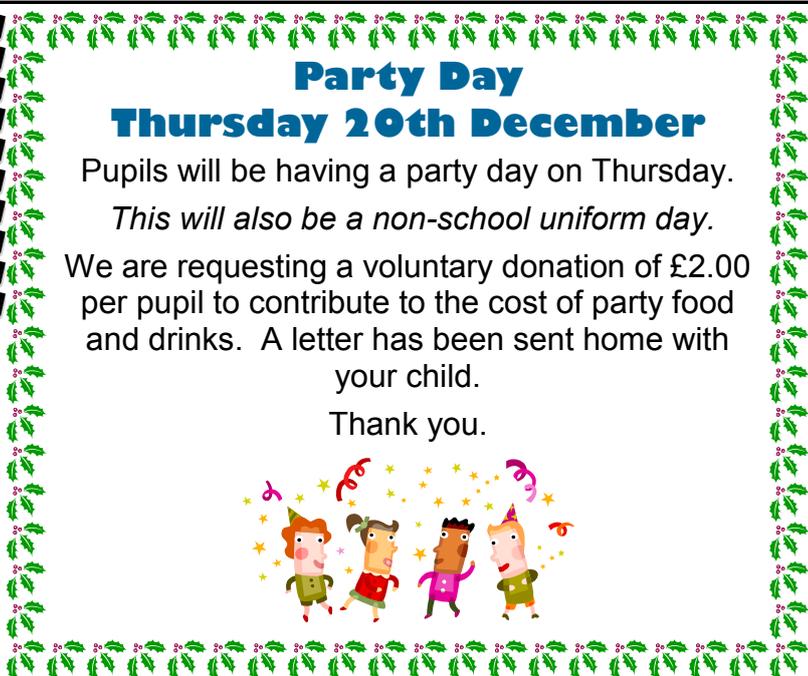
Thursday 20th December

Pupils will be having a party day on Thursday.

This will also be a non-school uniform day.

We are requesting a voluntary donation of £2.00 per pupil to contribute to the cost of party food and drinks. A letter has been sent home with your child.

Thank you.



Request for Donations

As many of us are having a clear out of lofts and bedrooms in preparation for Christmas we are sending out a request.



If anybody has any unwanted board games they would like to donate to school they would be gratefully received.

With the winter weather upon us and the possibility of wet breaks, the extra games would be invaluable to the school.

Donations can be given to Miss Sadler who will distribute to classrooms accordingly.

Thank you.

Attendance

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

Attendance for the week beginning 3rd December

Year 5 - 93.2%

Year 6 - 91.2%

Year 7 - 93.9%

Year 8 - 91.9%

Whole School - 92.3%

Whole School Target - 94%

Congratulations to 7HW who achieved 93.9%, the highest this week.

St Georges First School News

Erik Eriksson visits St George's CE First School by Umar Rehman

I had a good Saxon day on Wednesday. I liked the bit where Erik punished Uwais with the axe. He made me laugh so much. I couldn't stop. After, I held the shield and they are heavy. Also in the morning I liked holding the animal skins. I held the fox's leg.

I liked the Sutton Hoo mask. The objects looked really old and the weapons were amazing. I just couldn't believe it. I was amazed that they still looked old.

If you are 11 you have to get married. The Saxons had one bath a year but the Viking's had one bath a week. I liked the Vikings!

Barclays Bank

Any pupil who has opened a school bank account can make a deposit on **11th**

January when Barclays will next visit school. New accounts can also be opened on this day.



The Wizard of Oz Production

On Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December, students from Woodfield's drama group performed to a public audience in an off-beat pantomime version of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The show had slapstick, unforgettable songs and plenty of humour to keep youngsters and adults entertained.

The production team wish to extend a massive thank you to those that attended the public shows, and the pupils from Woodrow First School, whose behaviour was impeccable and must be commended.

Also a huge thank you to Friends of Woodfield for their sponsorship and for volunteering their help.

Mrs O'Sullivan, Mr Schofield and Miss Walker

Headlice

Parents are advised to check their child's hair as we have had a case of head lice in school.

Consult your local pharmacist if you need to and treat as necessary.

Thank you.



Lost Property

Naming of pupil property is very important. If your child misplaces an item and the clothing is named it can be easily returned to the rightful owner.

With the cold weather upon us please ensure that your child's items, especially winter coats are named.

If your child has lost an item please check before the end of term as all items that remain will be donated to charity shops over the Christmas break. Thank you.



Important Dates



20th December

End of Term

7th January

Teacher Education Day

8th January

Return to School

