



**WOODFIELD  
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## A note from the Headteacher...

We are two weeks into the new term, but please can I wish you all a very Happy New Year! It seems that all of our pupils and teachers have returned refreshed from the winter break and I hope that 2016 offers exciting prospects for you all. The new term has started extremely positively and everyone seems to be fully re-engaged with their learning. I am happy to see so many smiling faces of pupils who seem glad to be back!

You may not be aware that we welcome a number of new staff to the academy this term: Miss Davies and Mr O'Brian have joined our English department, Miss Leskow is our new addition to the academy finance team and Mr Hodgkinson has joined us as an apprentice IT Technician. We welcome them warmly and look forward to working with them all.

I am pleased to share with you that our new website has finally gone live! We are very pleased with the new format, which is bigger and brighter and I hope we can populate its pages further over the coming months, so that the site offers a real slice of Woodfield life, reflecting all the hard work and amazing opportunities undertaken by our children. I invite you to peruse the site and please feel free to offer feedback.

Please wrap up warm in this winter weather! The number of children arriving to school without coats is alarming!

S Bond

## Attendance

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

### Attendance for the week 04/01/16 - 08/01/16

Year 5 - 95.8%      Year 6 - 97.4%  
Year 7 - 97.5%      Year 8 - 94.9%

Whole School - 96.5%

Whole School Target - 94.8%

Congratulations to 5IF who achieved 100%,  
the highest attendance this week.

## Important Dates

19th Jan	Y7 and Y8 'Follow Me' Production
1st-5th Feb	National Story Telling Week
4th Feb	SATS Meeting for Parents
5th Feb	Non-School Uniform for Cancer
8th Feb	Parents Evening
15th-19th Feb	Spring Half Term
22nd Feb	Y6 SATS Boosters start
24th Feb	Parents Evening
26th-28th Feb	Y5 Manor Trip



## Bloodwise

A massive thank you to Lucy Overton who brought in a carrier bag full of used stamps for Bloodwise (leukaemia research). These will be sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital to help raise funds for cancer patients there.

Please hand any used postage stamps to your class teacher or Mrs Dufrane. Thank you

## Parking

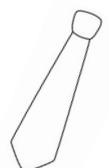
A friendly reminder, please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of school. This is for the safety of our pupils. Thank you.



## Second Hand Sale

Ties £3 and blazers £5-£7 (depending on condition) are for sale.

Please see Mrs Dufrane.



## Redditch 1964 - The Start of Something Big

Year 7 pupils are going to be involved in the above oral history project, run by Jestaminute Community Theatre CIC, and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project will collect the memories of people living and working in Redditch between 1960-1984. The pupils will be trained to carry out interviews to help gather these memories. This project fits in with the schools work on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

1960-1984 was an important time for the town not only in terms of a significant increase in population from circa 39000 to over 74000 but a move from the larger traditional engineering industries to smaller businesses. Key industrial developments which took place in the town during that time included work on the new materials needed for Concorde by Mettis Aerospace (then High Duty Alloys). This exciting project will be taking place all around Redditch throughout the year and aims to preserve the memories of this time for future generations.



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This is where you can help. We need people for the pupils to interview. So, if there is anyone in your family, or you know of a friend or neighbour who lived or worked in Redditch at this time, please could you ask if they would like to be involved and then send in their details to school.

## Chef of the Year

Woodfield will be running a Chef of The Year competition for each year group, each half term until summer, starting with Year 8 this half term.

Students can sign up for the competition and will either be invited for food auditions or will be invited for after school workshops depending on demand. The competition will culminate in a 3-4 hour final where students will create a 3 course meal of their choice to meet a given brief. We are looking to have guest judges in for the final and will decide the winner of the competition based on judges feedback.



We are hoping this will be an annual event with Year 8 students taking part in Spring 1 term, Year 7 in Spring 2 term, Year 6 in Summer 1 term and Year 5 in Summer 2 term.

I would like for the Year 8 winner to help younger students in the Year 7 competition next half term.

Miss Lawrence

## Barclays Community Christmas Fair

As part of a community cohesion drive Barclays Bank held a Christmas fair on Thursday 17th December and we were invited to take part. Barclays' intention was to raise money and then donate it to Woodfield Academy and the Redditch First Response teams.

A small group of pupils helped to produce craft items to sell at the fair and a group of 6 volunteers were able to practise their business skills on the day of the fair helping to sell our wares. We were very pleased to have raised over £30 just on our little craft stall. Miss Lawrence, our new Food Technology teacher, sent over some delicious gingerbread biscuits that had been decorated by some of our pupils that morning. The tombola raised a generous amount and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the items sent in.

We were also delighted to be able to take our KS2 school choir to sing in the foyer of the bank. The choir was enjoyed by customers and by those who passed by, many offering comments of appreciation. Two of our Year 8 pupils were given the opportunity to develop their DJ abilities and helped to run the DJ equipment, musically entertaining the customers and keeping the Christmas cheer going when the choir rested.

## Assessment 'Drop-Ins'

Every Wednesday after school until 4pm we will be holding assessment 'drop-ins' for parents to come and ask any questions they may have regarding their child's assessment/attainment.

If you cannot attend but have a query please email [learning@woodfield-academy.org.uk](mailto:learning@woodfield-academy.org.uk)

