

A note from the Heads'...

H. Guest
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Bad Weather Update

If we are to believe reports this winter could be...well let's say 'interesting', therefore we would like to remind you of our procedures should we consider to close. Notices will be posted on our school website www.woodfield.worcs.sch.uk, Facebook and Twitter.

We will also email all pupils and inform the County Council. We will also contact local radio, however they do not always list schools, just refer you to their website. Text messages will also be sent out so please register with ParentPay to access this service. (We are happy to help anyone set this up, just pop into reception).



Subsidised Bus Services Review 2013

You will probably have read in newspapers, heard on the radio or watched on television that councils and all public services are facing a severe reduction in funding as Central Government deals with the national debt.

Every year Worcestershire County Council faces tough decisions about where it spends your money and currently needs to save £30 million per year. This will subsequently have an impact on bus services, with a further reduction of £3 million in the subsidised local bus budget being proposed.

Worcestershire County Council is currently consulting on this proposal and the consultation ends on 17th January 2014. Further details and the questionnaire can be found at: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/busservicereview

Dates for your diary

These are some of the trips or events that are taking place this half term:

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| 26th November | Yr7 Band A and Yr8 Band B Cinema Trip |
| 6th December | Yr6 Black Country Museum Trip |
| 16th—19th December | Malvern Residential Trip |
| 18th December | Coffee and Carols |
| 19th December | Yr5 Panto Trip, Challenge Day and End of Term Assemblies |



Celebration Assemblies

We would like to remind parents and carers that you are welcome to attend our celebration assemblies. These are at 8.50am in the school hall.

Here are the dates of the next few assemblies:

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| KS2 | Tuesday 03/12/13 |
| KS3 | Thursday 05/12/13 |



Drama Event

Advance notice that our annual pantomime will be held on :

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December.

This year we are showcasing:
"Alice in Wonderland"

Further details will be sent in the near future.

Christmas Cake Raffle

Tina Schofield of Class Catering has kindly made a Christmas cake for Woodfield Academy to raffle.

The funds raised will help towards 'Claire's Corner' Memorial Garden and Friends of Woodfield.

Raffle tickets cost £1.00.

If you are interested in buying a raffle ticket please see your class teacher.

Attendance

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

Attendance for the week 11/11/13 to 15/11/13.

Year 5 - 96.7% Year 6 - 96.2%

Year 7 - 95.0% Year 8 - 94.5%

Whole School - 95.6%

Whole School Target - 94.2%

Congratulations to 7WT who achieved 98.8%, the highest attendance this week.

Last week's best classes, all achieving 100% were 5FD, 6SC and 5WT.

KS3 Cinema Trips

On Tuesday 26th November, pupils from Year 7 Band A and Year 8 Band B will be walking to Redditch cinema to watch a film.

Please ensure your child brings a warm, waterproof coat and is wearing sensible shoes.

November

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of millions of moustaches around the world. With their "Mo's" men raise vital funds and awareness for prostate and testicular cancer and mental health. Some of our staff are supporting this worthy cause and a collection tin is in the reception for donations. Any amount you are willing to give will be gratefully received.

Giant Advent Calendar

It's that time of year again! The shops are trying to grab your interest and you start to feel a little fragile - what presents do you get for family and friends. However Advent is a special time in the Christian calendar when Christians spiritually prepare for that very special occasion, Christmas.

Advent lasts for four weeks and it is a time for planning, getting ready for the big day when Christians remember the birth of a very special baby.

To help us get ready we would like to create a very large Advent Calendar for the reception area. If anyone would like to design one of the 25 windows/doors and create some Advent/Christmas images please come and see me.

Happy shopping. Miss Williams



Don't forget to book your 2014 holiday with Astwood Travel Lounge and help raise funds for your school.


astwood travel lounge

5 High Street, Astwood Bank,
Redditch, B96 6DB

Any bookings made need to quote **Woodfield Academy** to receive the added extras.

Contact us on **01527 910600**

Email: sales@astwood-travel-lounge.co.uk

Important Dates

20th December

End of Term

6th January

TED Day

7th January

Return to School



SPORTS EVENTS

District Cross Country

Well done to Year 7 and Year 8 for their great effort in Cross Country last week.

3 medals were won by Luke Sealey, Abbie Bailey and Jamie Bainbridge for coming in the top 8, congratulations.

We had a great response from Year 5 and Year 6, with 130 pupils wishing to take part and we thank all of you for your interest.

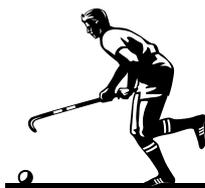
We held trials on Monday and would like to congratulate the pupils who have been chosen to go through to District Cross Country on Friday 22nd November. We wish you all the best of luck!



Hockey

Tournament

Well done to the Year 7 boys who came joint third in the District Hockey Tournament on Wednesday evening.



Children In Need

We have raised £370.00 for Children in Need.

Thank you to everyone who took part.

Miss Anslow



Friends of Woodfield Meeting

The next Friends of Woodfield meeting will take place on Tuesday 10th December at 5.00pm.

If you are interested in joining our committee please come along or contact Mr Schofield on 01527 527081 for more details.



Thank you to all the parents who took part in the survey on our recent parents' meetings. We had 301 responses which is 55% of our parents/carers.

Here are some of the responses and a follow up commenting on two of the areas. As always, please let us know your thoughts, ideas and concerns. You can do this by emailing us at questions@woodfield.worcs.sch.uk or by leaving a message at reception.

Again, your responses were incredibly positive and helps us to focus on areas for continual improvement.

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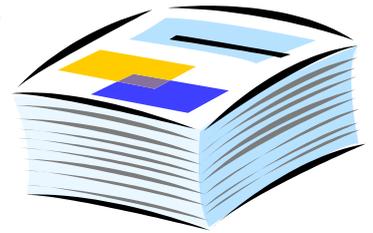
Whole School Percentage

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| I am happy to send my child to Woodfield | 100% |
| My child is making good progress | 97% |
| One reason I send my child here is the school's good reputation/results | 96% |
| Teaching is generally good in school | 99% |
| There are many regular trips, clubs and special events for pupils, which my child enjoys | 97% |
| I am kept well-informed about how my child is doing | 89% |
| There is regular information and communication to parents (letters/newsletters/texts) | 94% |
| Staff expect my child to try hard and do his/her best | 100% |
| My child feels safe in school and knows who to go to with concerns | 97% |
| Behaviour issues are dealt with and followed up | 97% |
| Quality of teaching is important in the school | 99% |



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Over the past 18 months communication on achievement and progress has been increased. Along with Parents' evenings we also send home termly data updates which contain current level in all subject and targets for the academic year. Attendance is also quoted on here. These 'pupil progress' sheets will be sent out, as last year, at the end of autumn, spring and summer terms.



You could also have 24/7 access via our web portal to online reporting. For further details please contact Mrs R Smith.

There is regular information and communication to parents (letter/newsletters/texts) – 94%

We recently wrote to parents reminding you of the main ways we communicate, fortnightly newsletter, website, social media sites, pupil planners. However, one area that has been out of operation this term has been parental texting. This is due to us transferring to 'parentpay' which needs parents to login and register their account, adding a phone number. We are currently in negotiations with the company to see if we can import numbers for use. If not, we will return to the old system, even though financially it's more expensive, to ensure good communication. Either way a resolution will be made in the next few weeks, if not sooner.

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Welcome Back
Welcome back everyone, and a warm welcome to all our new readers. This is the first edition of the new school year and as you can see it is packed with important information. Our school newsletters go out fortnightly and can be viewed online at all times. Should you wish to also receive them via email please contact reception. We have completed our first full school week and we are delighted with how the school year has begun. Well done everyone.
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European Day of Languages
To celebrate the European Day of Languages on 20th September 2013, we are running a special competition here at Woodfield for KS2 and KS3 pupils. It is a general knowledge quiz consisting of 10 multiple choice questions with some yummy prizes in a lucky draw for the winners. It will be a great opportunity for parents and carers to join in the fun and support their child in researching some rather unusual answers. Mr Schofield is putting a link to our quiz on the school website. *Wishing everyone 'Bonne Chance'!*

Polite request...
If you bring a dog with you to collect your child from school can we please ask that you ensure the dog is on a lead. Can we also request that you wait a little further away from the school gates as some of our pupils are frightened of dogs. Thank you for your cooperation.

| Class Catering Promotional Menus | | |
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| Date | Theme | Menu |
| 10th October | Curry Day | Chicken Curry Vegetable Curry |
| 21st October | National Apple Day | Apple Turnover Apple Flapjack |
| 24th October | Wear It Pink | Pizza, Quiche, Chips, Beans Strawberry Mousse Pink Cupcakes |
| 5th November | Bonfire Night | Chilli Con Carne & Rice Hot Dogs & Wedges Bonfire crackle Muffins |

School Meals
Just to let all our new Year 5 children know that Class Catering who provide our meals offer a choice of:
• Hot meal
• Sandwich / baguette / wrap
• Pasta and Filling
• Salad bar
All for the same price - £2.20

ParentPay
A reminder to all parents that you can pay for school meals and trips using ParentPay using credit / debit cards. It is a secure site and means that your child will not have to bring cash into school and avoid queuing to put money onto the cash machine. Payments can be made 24/7. Please follow the link on our website. If you have any queries about ParentPay please contact the school.

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