

Sickness Bug



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a number of pupil absences due to a sickness bug which is doing the rounds at the moment.

In keeping with the Local Authority's advice, please make sure that your child is free from any vomiting for at least 48 hours before they come back into school.

Additionally, please contact the school as soon as possible when your child is off sick, so that we can update our records.

Mr Beardmore

The Wizard of Oz

The cast and crew of this years production have been working hard since the start of term to entertain you all this Christmas.

Pupils and staff will be performing this years pantomime in the school hall on:

Wednesday 5th December and

Thursday 6th December

Doors open at 6.30pm and show starts at 7.00pm

Tickets are now on sale priced at £2.00 per adult and 50p per child.

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)



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.

'Singing for our lunch!'

Some of our pupils will be having lunch and entertaining customers by singing carols at The Foxlydiate on

Thursday 13th December

At

12.15pm

Family Learning

Family Learning takes place here at Woodfield on Thursday mornings.

There are still a couple of places available on this years course.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Miss Gorton on 01527 527081 or come into school on Thursday morning to see what is involved.

Year 7 Adinkra Cushions

It is the time of year when the first completed products are beginning to emerge from the Design Technology department. Some of our Year 7 pupils have been working on an Adinkra block printed cushion project. The Adinkra scheme of learning is intended to raise pupils' cultural understanding and awareness of how fabric is decorated in Africa. Pupils develop research skills by using books, the Internet, others' views and existing products to gather information on Adinkra, block printing and cushions which they have used to help create some unique and interesting designs.

Pupils consider messages important to themselves and use this as a basis upon which to create an Adinkra style symbol. The symbols are then used to produce a unique print block in order for pupils to gain an understanding that the block printing design process has limitations. Pupils have also learnt where cotton comes from and begun to consider the environmental and ethical issues surrounding cotton and the textiles industry. Watch this space for images of completed cushions!

In the meantime here's what some of our pupils' views are on the project:

"I love DT because I love creating new things. I also love exploring new materials. I have enjoyed making the Adinkra cushion."

"I am really excited and looking forward to making Adinkra cushions. We are going to be using printing blocks and foam."

"I really like Design Technology because you get to make different things. I like the Adinkra cushions and am really looking forward to making them."

Ms Theakston

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 19th November

Year 5 - 95.3%

Year 6 - 94.3%

Year 7 - 95.6%

Year 8 - 93.2%

Whole School - 94.5%

Whole School Target - 94%

Congratulations to 7HW who achieved 95.6%, the highest this week.

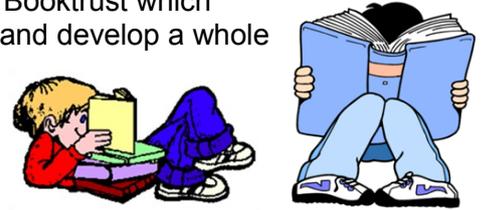


There was much excitement in year 7 this week when the *Bookbuzz** books arrived. Every year 7 pupil has received a book of their choice to keep from a list of carefully selected 17 titles. We very much hope they will enjoy their books and for those who found it difficult to choose and want to read them all, we have a complete set in our library to borrow.

**Bookbuzz* is a reading programme from Booktrust which supports schools to encourage reading for pleasure, independent choice and develop a whole school reading culture.

To find out more about the programme and see the 2012 booklist visit the *Bookbuzz* website:

www.bookbuzz.org.uk



Barclays Bank



Any pupil who has opened a school bank account can make a deposit on the following dates when Barclays will be in school. New accounts can also be opened on these days:

7th December and 11th January

Assemblies

Below is a list of this term's assemblies.

Parents/Carers are invited to attend.

Celebration and Class Assemblies

Friday 7th December	6PJ	8.50am
Tues 11th December	KS3	8.50am
Thurs 13th December	KS2	2.55pm
Friday 14th December	5RL	8.50am

Woodfield community mosaic!

Pupils, staff and parents were asked to get involved and to contribute ideas towards a new artwork for the frontage of the school.

We looked at lots of ideas and tried to use as many as possible to create a design based upon the children's ideas and what Redditch and Woodfield means to them.

Our art work is going to become a GIANT mosaic!

All pupils (and a few staff too!) have been working on the mural for three weeks now and it is looking fantastic and very colourful.

We hope to complete it within the Art department in the next week or two – look out in the next newsletter for a date when we will be installing it and please come along!

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. Thank you.



Important Dates



20th December	End of Term
7th January	Teacher Education Day
8th January	Return to School



Sports News

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls who were runners up in the Schools District Football Tournament.

Well done to all involved.