



**WOODFIELD
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A note from the Headteacher...

Last week's Road Safety messages were vital, now that we are truly in the midst of dark mornings, nights, and sometimes dreadful weather, I would like to stress again that a little high-visibility material on a coat, or stuck to a bag, goes a long way to helping other road users spot our children and keep them safe.

Sadly, this week we say goodbye to our interim receptionist, Miss Stafford . We also welcome Miss Sealey, who has taken over the post and we look forward to working with her. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to the Woodfield team and Miss Sealey is looking forward to getting to know you as parents, as our first point of contact on the front desk. We also welcome back our data manager, Mrs Smith and also Miss Cross, who has returned from maternity leave.

Next week is where 'the excitement' begins: the transformation of our old Community Room into a new Thrive Base and office will commence, there is a festive feast to look forward to for those who have booked a Christmas lunch, our seasonal Pantomime will be unveiled, and of course, our Christmas Fayre takes place on Friday.

We hope you will be able to support these latter events and we look forward to your company.

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Attendance

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

Attendance for the week 23/11/15—27/11/15

Year 5 - 92.4% Year 6 - 98.0%

Year 7 - 95.5% Year 8 - 92.0%

Whole School - 94.6%

Whole School Target - 94.8%

Congratulations to 7NA who achieved 97.6%, the highest attendance this week.

Important Dates

9th Dec	Christmas Lunch Panto 7-9:30pm	
10th Dec	Gold Members Cinema Trip Panto 7-9:30pm	
11th Dec	Christmas Fayre	
14th Dec	Y5 and Y6 Trip to Palace Theatre	
14th-17th Dec	Y7 and Y8 Trip to Malvern	
16th Dec	Coffee and Carols Penny Race	
17th Dec	Barclays Community Christmas Party	
18th Dec	Autumn Term Ends	
4th Jan	Spring Term Starts	

Contact Details / ParentMail

Please ensure we have your correct contact numbers. A number of times we have tried to contact parents / carers but have been unable to because of having incorrect details.

important

Kindly note that we will no longer be issuing paper copies of newsletters. ParentMail is a system we are using to communicate with you about trips, general information, emergency notices etc. and we need you to register. If you haven't already received a registration email/text from ParentMail please contact reception as this means we don't have your correct details.

Sickness

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.

Christmas / End of Term

We start our festive period on Wednesday 16th December with Coffee and Carols, please join us at 9am in the hall.



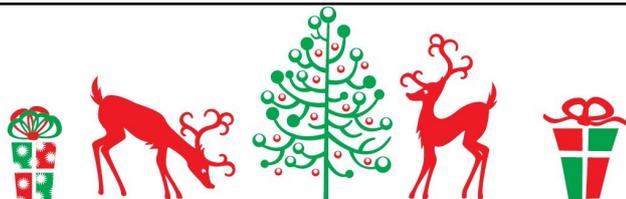
Our Christmas and end of term activities will take place on Friday 18th December. To help towards the cost of this, we are asking for each child to make a donation of £2 towards the cost of prizes, food and drink. This will also enable them to wear non-school uniform on this day. We would very much appreciate it if all monies could be in school by Monday 14th December at the latest. Like all reward activities, we reserve the right to withdraw

pupils whose behaviour does not warrant such a reward. Any child who is withdrawn will be refunded their money.

Thank you very much for your support.

Message from PE Dept...

An extra layer of clothing may be required for PE lessons now the weather is colder. Please be reminded that pupils are not allowed to phone home for forgotten PE kit and that PE kit is required in all PE lessons even if your child is not taking part.



Christmas Fayre

On Friday 11th December, between 3pm and 4.30pm, Friends of Woodfield will be hosting a Christmas Fayre in the main hall. The children will be selling some of the work they have created.

We are also 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 Friends of Woodfield 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

At the fayre 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.

Cakes Needed

Calling all bakers... cakes are needed for our Christmas Fayre. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated.



Please take cakes to Mrs Gough on Friday 11th December.

School Uniform

A reminder that **'skinny' trousers are NOT school uniform.**

Please ensure that all uniform (including coats) are labelled.

Second-hand ties are on sale for £3, please see Mrs Dufrane.

Bloodwise

Leukaemia research has changed its name to Bloodwise. This encompasses ALL cancers of the blood. Used postage stamps are still being collected which are sent to Great Ormond Street to help raise funds for cancer patients there. Please hand any used postage stamps to your class teacher or Mrs Dufrane. Thank you

Woodfield Drama

On Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December the Drama Club are performing 'Beauty and the Beast', a pantomime based on the Disney film and set in a bakery. The cast have been rehearsing for the last term and have worked really hard to perfect their acting and song and dance routines. It should be a fantastic show and we hope that the families and friends of the children involved will come and enjoy this production and support our incredibly talented pupils.

We look forward to seeing you there!

