



**WOODFIELD  
ACADEMY**

# Woodfield Word

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Issue 6

Friday 20th  
November 2015

## A note from the Headteacher...

team.

We were very proud to be awarded the 'Achievement for All' Quality Mark Award last week. This national accolade recognises not only the impressive work being done by the academy to improve progress in reading, writing and maths for all pupils, but also its work in improving the well-being, resilience and self-esteem of pupils who may be vulnerable to underachievement. We are particularly pleased to be the very first middle school in Worcestershire to achieve this award and huge congratulations must be passed to Miss Shore and the team of teachers and support staff who have mentored and supported pupils, provided materials to support our bid for Quality Mark and assisted the A4A

In other news, last week saw our pupils attend cinema trips as part of the national 'Into Film' festival, to view a variety of informative and entertaining films. Thanks go to Mrs Willshaw, who has been able to secure attendance for all of our pupils. This week has seen both Anti-Bullying Week activities and the big Key Stage 2 Switch Off, led by Miss Knight as part of our eco-schools initiative.

You will no doubt be aware of our continual drive to gain more active support for the Friends of Woodfield and I was very pleased to meet a number of parents at our last meeting, who will support us in preparation for our Christmas Fair on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Whilst FOW events are well supported, the organisation of these events has fallen to a very small group of teachers – any time or help you are able to offer as parents is hugely appreciated. You do not have to attend FOW meetings, but if the FOW team are able to get in touch and you can support the organisation of events in any way, we are eternally grateful!

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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 09/11/15—13/11/15

Year 5 - 95.9%      Year 6 - 96.9%

Year 7 - 94.2%      Year 8 - 94.8%

Whole School - 95.5%

Whole School Target - 94.8%

Congratulations to 6MW who achieved 99.3%, the highest attendance this week.

## Important Dates

27th Nov	Non-School Uniform
4th Dec	Textile/Clothing Bag Collection
9th Dec	Panto 7-9:30pm
10th Dec	Panto 7-9:30pm
11th Dec	Christmas Fayre
16th Dec	Coffee and Carols
18th Dec	Autumn Term Ends
4th Jan	Spring Term Starts



## Contact Details

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.



## 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.

## Children In Need

A whopping £499.70 was raised last week for Children In Need. Huge thanks to everyone who contributed.



## 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 5pm, 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](mailto: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.

## Dark Nights

It's getting darker a lot earlier now, here are some reminders of what you can do to stay safe:

- ⇒ Wear something high-viz (vest, armband)
- ⇒ Wear something bright (scarf, hat, gloves)
- ⇒ Cross the road near a streetlight if there isn't a crossing to use
- ⇒ Look and listen very carefully before crossing the road
- ⇒ Check lights and reflectors on bicycles
- ⇒ Use a safe, well-lit route

Remember - you can see the car lights but can the driver see you?

**DRESS BRIGHT and BE SEEN**



## Non-Uniform

In return for wearing Non-Uniform on Friday 27th November, please bring in items as follows for our Friends of Woodfield Christmas Fayre Tombola:

- Year 5 - Sweets
- Year 6 - Chocolates
- Year 7 - Cans
- Year 8 - Biscuits



## 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

## Christmas Fair at Alcester Town Hall

Come to the Christmas Fair event at Alcester Town Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> November between 12-4pm to support Studley First Responders. **Free entry to all!**



Local businesses will be showcasing their Christmas gift ideas or decorations; there will be hot drinks, a raffle, a nearly new stall where all monies made will be directly donated to Studley First Responders, and a great number of other activities. It will be a great day for everyone involved.

Studley Community First Responders are a team of volunteers who are trained to respond to emergency calls through the 999 system in conjunction with west Midlands Ambulance Service. They provide emergency response to medical incidents in Studley and the surrounding areas of Redditch, Sambourne, Mappleborough Green and other rural areas. In the majority of emergencies a member of the team will be first on scene and can begin lifesaving first aid before the arrival of an ambulance which greatly increases the patient's chance of survival. They do not waste money on merchandising but prefer to use it to purchase the lifesaving equipment that they need to perform their role.

Please support if you are able.

# "DECADES"

*"A time travelling,  
musical adventure!"*

in aid of  
**Alzheimer's  
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The Power to Defeat Dementia

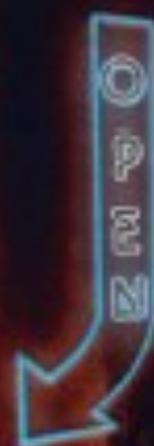
**Friday 20th Nov 2015**  
**Woodfield Academy**  
**B98 7HH**

**Entrance from**  
**7.15pm**

**Workout:**  
**7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Followed by a little**  
**music and time to**  
**socialise.**

**Refreshments**  
**provided.**



Get ready to take a "musical journey through time" in the Mr J's 2015 charity event, "Decades!"

Make a date in your diaries for Friday 20th November 2015 when we'll be swingin', shakin', jumpin', jivin', rockin', poppin' & twistin' the night away for Alzheimer's Research UK. Dress up in the style of any 20th Century decade ...from a 1920's flapper ...to a 1940's G.I ...the Rock 'n' Roll style of the 1950's or the swingin' 60's! Whether it's the flares of the 70's ...or big hair & shoulder pads of the 80's, the night is young and the choice is yours! "Decades" is a very special, one-off, fun workout, with easy-to-follow dance routines to the greatest music tracks of all time!

Due to an ageing population, Alzheimer's and dementia are on the increase. Currently, it affects around 850,000 people in the UK, which represents one in every fourteen of the population aged 65 and over. At the current rate, the number of people with dementia in the UK is set to increase to 1,142,677 by 2025 - an increase of almost 35% in just 10 years. More scary, if no action is taken, by 2051 it will affect 2,092,945 people - a whopping increase of almost 150%.

Alzheimer's Research UK specifically funds scientific research to help find a CURE, and for every £1 raised, 83p goes towards actual research.

To take part in "Decades" we're simply asking people to try and raise at least £10. If you want to raise some money through sponsorship, we can supply you with a sponsorship form so you can ask family and friends for the odd £1 here and there, or alternatively you can simply donate £10, and have a fun night with your friends in the knowledge that every penny goes towards an excellent cause. We want the workout to be accessible to EVERYONE - any amount will be gratefully received - no-one will be turned away if they haven't quite raised £10 ... every little helps as they say!

The event is sponsored by Woodfield Academy who are very kindly providing the use of their facilities for the evening. Woodfield's main hall is large, but space is limited. We're unlikely to reach full capacity, but you can if you wish secure your place by paying in advance, but this is purely optional.

All that's left to say is, choose your decade, and get ready your outfit...



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*"Oh what a night!"*

...it's going to be!