



A note from the Headteacher...

I am conscious that this newsletter will go out on the last day of November and many of us are contemplating how quickly the first term has passed by. This is ironic, really, as we are still working through the second of two very long half-terms! It was a pleasure to host other middle school heads to Woodfield last week and we were complimented on our climate for learning and the work that had gone into implementing our (now embedded) behaviour policy and the efforts to praise and acknowledge the hard work of our pupils. Indeed, I think I have handed out more Headteacher Award certificates (*worth 20 positives, folks!*) in the last half-term than I have done for a long time. It is good to see that pupils are recognising the benefits of extra effort, attention to detail and that they are really taking pride in their work.

Other than that, it has been a focused fortnight. The Year 6 trip to the Black Country Museum was, once again, a great success and allowed for some hands-on learning for our pupils and it was great to see our JASS programme launched again this week. Thanks to Miss Philpotts and Miss Brettle respectively for these great activities and initiatives. Please do look out for our communications regarding the Christmas Fair, which will take place on Friday 14th December. We are hoping that an advanced payment of £2 will pay for pupils' non-uniform on that day and will also help support stall and raffle prize purchases. We hope to see you there!

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Attendance

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

Attendance for the week 19/11/18 – 23/11/18

Year 5 – 94.2% Year 6 – 94.1%

Year 7 – 91.9% Year 8 – 92.5%

Whole School – 90.6%

Whole School Target – 95%

Congratulations to 6CP who achieved 96.8% the highest attendance last week and won a Freddo on Friday.

Positives

Just under 10,000 Positives were awarded with Year 7 being the top performing year group with 2,651 Positives.

Top groups:

5PH – 648 Positives

6CP – 565 Positives

7SS – 637 Positives

8JB – 599 Positives

Important Dates

December 2018

6th Dec: Tea & Teach (Barclays) School Hall 3.15pm

7th Dec: Yr.7 trip to Sea Life Centre

11th Dec: Arts Evening, School 6pm

12th Dec – Ice Skating reward trip

14th Dec – Christmas Jumper

Day/Christmas Fair

17th-20th – Yr. 7 Residential trip to Malvern

21st Dec – Autumn Term ends

24th Dec-7th Jan 2019: Holiday

8th Jan – Back to School



No Drop Offs!



This is a further request that parents/carers in cars **DO NOT use the school drive to drop-off and pick-up pupils.** We have had a number of near-misses on the drive and on the main road, our emergency services access has been blocked and there has been damage caused to parked cars. We request once again: **please park on the roadside** and allow your children to walk the last few metres into the building.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that pupils should not be wearing nose or eyebrow piercings to school, our policy states to wear no more than a watch and one pair of stud earrings.

Christmas Jumper Day

This year's Christmas jumper day will be held on Friday 14th December. Pupils can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper over their school uniform.



MESSAGES

When contacting the school to leave a message on the pupil absence line please can you ensure you speak clearly, and the message should include your name, pupil's name, class and the reason for their absence. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

We are happy to launch our new Breakfast Club from 3rd December. This runs parallel with the launch of our Magic Breakfast scheme which is open to all students.

The Breakfast Club is now open from 7.45am to the start of the school day. It will be staffed by Mr Barnes and Mrs Bibi. The cost for the hour is £2 and includes breakfast (cereal or bagels) and also provision for indoor and outdoor (in the summer) games and activities. If you are interested in this, please complete the form that will be sent separately on ParentMail to register your interest, the days that you require and when you would want provision to start.

We will then confirm places and let you know your child's start date.

Parent Governor Elections

An opportunity has arisen to appoint a new Parent Governor.

Parents/Carers/Grandparents of registered pupils are eligible. Your child will be bringing home a nomination pack.

Any nominations must be returned to school by 4:00pm on Friday 14th December.



JASS

JASS News - Silver Award

Our graduates from last year have now been registered to start their Silver Award. There will be lots of exciting opportunities on offer this year for our pupils to become involved in many activities both in participation and within the school and local community.

This terms target - Two hours completed and signed off for their Get Active, Stay Active section to be entered for the first prize draw. Deadline: 19th December 2018.

JASS News - Bronze Award (Year 5)

The JASS program has now been launched to our new Year 5's. JASS is a program which runs in school to promote each pupils wider achievement in and out of school.

This terms target - Two hours completed and signed off for their Get Active, Stay Active section to be entered for the first prize draw. Deadline: 17th December 2018.

Any questions please direct them to Miss Brettle.

Aspens Christmas

Lunch

This year Aspens Christmas lunch will be held on Friday 14th and Thursday 20th December. Please find the menu below. Please note that **only** the Christmas dinner will be served on these two days, there will be no alternative.





Worcestershire Young Carers

On Monday 26th November we were visited by David King, Education Link worker for Worcestershire Young Carers, who delivered an assembly to our pupils to explain the work they do. This is a fantastic service, supporting children and young people who are providing regular care and support to a family member due to physical disabilities, mental health issues, long-term illness and drug or alcohol dependency. If you feel your child may be a Young Carer and would benefit from this service, please contact our Pastoral Manager – Mrs Freeman to discuss further. You can also access their website on www.yss.org.uk for further information.

Some of our pupils will be selling cakes on Monday 3rd December to raise money to support young carers. Any cake donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Year 6 Girls Football Tournament



Congratulations to the Year 6 girls for coming second in the football tournament against other Redditch schools and receiving silver medals.