



# WOODTHORNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER November 2016



### LETTERS OUT

Year 5 & Year 6 - Maternity cover for Mrs Watkins  
Year 3 - Maternity cover for Miss Day  
Whole School - PTA Newsletter  
Year 2 - Winter PE kit  
Year 1 to Year 6 - Education City  
Whole School - PTA Bauble Competition  
Year 6 - SATs Open Evening & Revision Guides  
Reception to Year 6 - Milk Money  
Nursery - Christmas Party  
Year 2 - Carol Service

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We will be serving up roast turkey, with all the trimmings on **Thursday 8 December** to those children who have indicated they would like a school dinner on this day (a vegetarian option is also available). To help everyone get into the festive spirit on this day, children (and staff) will be allowed to replace their Woodthorne sweatshirts and cardigans with a Christmas jumper!

### CHILDREN IN NEED

The children of Woodthorne had lots of fun and raised an amazing **£1147** on Children in Need day, smashing their £750 target. Well done to everyone involved!

### CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

A reminder of our scheduled Christmas performance dates and times:

**Early Years (Nursery and Rainbows) Early Years Nativity:**

Tuesday 13 December 10:15am & Wednesday 14 December 2:15pm

**Year 1 Nativity:**

Tuesday 13 December 2:15pm & Wednesday 14 December 9:30am

**Year 2 Christmas Concert at the United Reform Church:**

Thursday 15 December at **1:45pm** (not 2pm as stated on previous newsletter)

**Year 4 Christmas Performance:**

Monday 12 December at 2.00pm & Tuesday 13 December at 7pm

**Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert:**

Friday 16 December 2:15pm

### PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Woodthorne Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) would like to invite you to their Christmas Fayre which takes place from **3.30pm on Friday 9 December**.

We're hoping to bring you lots of fun, activities and Christmas shopping for all the family, to help raise funds for the school including:

Santa and his elves \* Temporary tattoos\* Henna \* Nail Painting/Art \* Gift Stalls \* Magic Sand \* Tombola \* Samosas \* Waffles \* Ice Cream \* Mince Pies \* Cakes \* Games \* Children's crafts ... and more. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **PTA CHRISTMAS BAUBLE COMPETITION**

If you would like to enter the Christmas Bauble competition please bring £1 to the school office no later than **Friday 2nd December**. In return, you will be provided with a bauble for you to decorate at home. You must return it to school by **Friday 9th December** labelled with your name and class. They will be displayed in reception or the halls at the Christmas Fayre. There will be a prize for the winner of the best decorated bauble in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

## **PARENTMAIL UPDATE**

The school has terminated its contract with ParentMail due to ongoing technical issues that could not be resolved. Please unsubscribe from ParentMail and uninstall their APP. We will now look to find another provider that will allow us to move towards electronic communications. In the meantime we have set up a new area on the school website under the 'Parents' tab for 'Letters sent home' that will allow you to read and download all school to home correspondence.

## **PARENTS CONSULTATIONS**

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents Consultations. Feedback from the questionnaire was extremely positive and has been posted on the school website in the 'Newsletter' section. A paper copy will go out on the back of the December Newsletter before the end of term.

## **PARKING & TRAFFIC**

Can I **please, please** ask parents to drive carefully and slowly at peak times along roads surrounding the school, especially outside the school gates - children's (and adult's) safety is always of paramount importance.

Too many parents are continuing to park illegally on the pavement outside the main school gates on Woodthorne Road South and The Meadway. This makes it difficult for cars to pass and dangerous for pedestrians. Remember, if you 'park and stride' children benefit from a 5-10 minute walk, it also relieves traffic congestion and makes pedestrian access safer for our children.

## **HOLIDAY CLUB**

Our Holiday Club will be closed over Christmas but will re-open for our PD day on **Tuesday 3 January**.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Christmas Break:**

Monday 19 December to Tuesday 3 January 2017 inclusive (**PD day on Tuesday 3 January**).

### **Half term:**

Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February inclusive

The school will also be closed for teacher training on the following days:

Monday 5 June, Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 July (last day of summer term will be Friday 21 July)

