



NEWSLETTER

Woodthorne Primary School Newsletter

December 2017

Welcome

Is it too early to say "Merry Christmas" yet? Well, preparations are fully underway here at Woodthorne with Christmas singing ringing through the corridors. Welcome to the December Newsletter.



Lateness

Although attendance is in line with national averages, we have noticed a surge in the amount of children late in the mornings. Our doors open at 8.45am and the children start their learning activities straight away. We have noticed some children getting to school as late as 9.30. This means that they miss vital input from the class teacher and discussions with their peers which may not be able to be repeated. With the fast pace of the curriculum, this puts late children in danger of falling behind. Please, please ensure that you arrive to school promptly in the morning to give your children the best chance for the rest of the day. Thank you.

Parking

We have been asked by some of our local residents to give parents a polite reminder about parking at the start and end of the day. We completely understand that parking is very difficult at these key times, but some residents have reported to us that their driveways are being blocked on several occasions. Please could we ask all parents to be considerate to our neighbours when parking. Thank you.

Children in Need

In November, the children raised money for Children in Need. It was an action packed day here at Woodthorne, where the day commenced with a performance poetry competition in the morning. Congratulations to the winning team from Year 6. In the afternoon, the children became entrepreneurs, setting up games, tombolas and other stalls to make money. The children helped to raise £1401.37 which is an amazing amount. Well done and thank you to everyone involved.

Christmas Party Dates

The children's Christmas parties are fast approaching so please see details of dates overleaf. For Nursery and Reception parties, we are asking that children come to school in their own clothes ready. For the rest of the school, we would like children to come to school in their uniforms, with a change of clothes ready for the party. A list of food, for the children to bring in, will be drawn up in classes. Your children or their class teacher will let you know. Thank you.

KS2 Carol Service

Due to popular demand, we are putting on an extra time for the KS2 Carol Service on the last day of term. The event will be ticket only with 2 per child. Please see reverse for dates and times.

Year 4 Production

Just to inform parents that the time for the Year 4 Production will be 7.00pm and not 6.00pm as previously advertised.

After School Club

Due to the Christmas Fayre, on Friday 8th December, After School Club will be located in the Early Years classrooms by the main office.



PTA

Christmas Fayre

Preparations are fully underway for the PTA Christmas Fayre on Friday 8th December. On the day, children can come to school in their own clothes and we are asking for a small contribution of a prize for the Tombola.

We are really looking forward to seeing you at this event to begin the Christmas Celebrations at Woodthorne. Doors open at 3.30pm so bring your friends and family along.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 11th December between 6.00—7.00pm. This is a Special General Meeting where we will be electing a Chair of the PTA to serve for the remainder of this academic year. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Dates... (* denotes that it is an event for parents to come along)

The few weeks before Christmas are always very busy. Therefore, make sure that you do not miss out by looking at our handy guide below. We have split up the year groups to make it easier to see when events are taking place.

Whole School

8.12.17—Own Clothes Day for Xmas Fayre

8.12.17—Christmas Fayre—3.30pm *

14.12.17—Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumpers)

20.12.17—School breaks up for Christmas.

2.01.18—School closed for teacher training.

3.01.18—School reopens for Spring Term.

Early Years

7.12.17—Christmas Workshop *

15.12.17—Reception Christmas Party (Own clothes)

18.12.17—EYFS Nativity—10.15am *

19.12.17—EYFS Nativity— 2.15pm *

19.12.17—Nursery Christmas Party

14.12.17—Year 4 Christmas Production— 9.30am & 7.00pm*

Year 1

15.12.17—Year 1 Nativity—9.30am & 2.15pm*

18.12.17—Christmas Party

Year 2

14.12.17—Year 2 Carol Service—2.00pm *

18.12.17—Christmas Party

Year 3

20.12.17—KS2 Carol Concert—9.30am & 2.00pm *

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20.12.17—KS2 Carol Concert—9.30am & 2.00pm *

Year 4

14.12.17—Year 4 Christmas Production— 9.30am & 7.00pm*

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20.12.17—KS2 Carol Concert—9.30am & 2.00pm *

Year 5

19.12.17—Christmas Party

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Year 6

19.12.17—Christmas Party

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