



5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents,

As Christmas rapidly approaches us, we thought it may be useful to let you know the plans for the next few weeks. As always, these last few weeks of the Autumn term are jam packed, and we are so pleased to be able to celebrate with Nativities, productions, concerts, and lots of general festivities. Most of all, we are delighted to be able to invite you in to school to join in these celebrations with us.

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December will be school Christmas Dinner day where children are invited to join us for a traditional Christmas dinner, as opposed to the usual menu option on this day. There will of course be a vegetarian option available. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch as part of the government free school meals initiative. This continues to apply on this day also.

On this day children are also invited to wear a Christmas top or jumper as part of 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper day'. Donations of £1.00 to support the charity would be welcomed via our online ParentPay system. Children should wear their usual school uniform with the exception of their Christmas jumper/top/ cardigan

On Friday, the PTA Christmas fayre will take place at 3:30pm in the main school halls. Please collect your children from the usual place at the usual times before making your way to the halls to attend the Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you to the PTA and everyone who has donated items, prizes, and their time to support this wonderful event.

On this day, After School Club will be held in the Reception classrooms, please collect your children from the Reception classroom via the main school entrance. Football clubs will commence as usual, however there will be no Karate club on this day. If you need a place in After School Club, please let Miss Edwards know as soon as possible.

### Christmas Productions and Carols

The children have been working hard and the glorious sounds of carols and songs and celebrations have been filling our classrooms and corridors for some weeks now. We are absolutely delighted to be able to invite you back into school this year as part of our



celebrations. Performances are detailed below but please see separate letters with details of the events:

- Mon 12<sup>th</sup> December - Early Years Nativity 2pm in the Key Stage 1 school hall
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December - Early Years Nativity 10am in the Key Stage 1 school hall
- Wed 14<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 Production 2pm in the Key Stage 1 School hall
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December - Key Stage 1 Production 2pm in the Key Stage 1 School hall
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 3 & 4 Carol Concert 10.30am in the Key Stage 2 School Hall
- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> December - Yr 5 & 6 Carol Concert 11.30am in the Key Stage 2 School Hall

### Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will be held on the last day of term **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, in classes. Children are invited to wear party clothes to school on this day, please ensure they have coats and suitable footwear as children will still be on the playground for break and lunch times. Following the success of our jubilee party food boxes, we have made the decision to send home party boxes again for our Christmas parties. A named box will be sent home with your child on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Please return these boxes on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**, filled with a few party snacks treats and a drink for the children to enjoy at their parties. As always please ensure you do not pack any products containing nuts as we are a **nut free school**. Children will have their lunch as usual on this day before enjoying their parties and food from their party boxes during the afternoon.

### January 2023

As we are sure you are aware Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of January is a national bank holiday and therefore school is closed to both staff and pupils. Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January is an Inset Day for staff training and will also be closed to all pupils, as you will have seen on our diary dates. We look forward to seeing all the children when they return to school on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**.

### Thank you

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support over the last term, we are very grateful for the positive feedback you shared with myself and staff on Parents Evening. In particular how well you felt children had settled into their new classes, how happy the children are at Woodthorne and how beneficial you find our online communication platform Class Dojo.

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Please look out for our Christmas newsletter which will be landing in your inbox in our last week of term.

Wishing you all a peaceful Break.

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Headteacher