

WOODLAND NEWS - December

Dear families and friends,

This will be my final letter to you of 2018. I would like to start by wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. This term, and this month particularly, has been very busy so a big thank you for your support.

Christmas performances

I was overwhelmed by how busy each of the Christmas performances was this week. The children had been practicing hard in class and it was lovely for them to share their performances with so many people.

The Christmas Fair

The children will now be working hard to prepare things to do and sell at the Christmas Fair next Thursday (20th December). The doors open at 2pm please come along and support the school.



Cold weather

The weather has really started to come in cold this last few weeks. Believe it or not, we still have some children who do not have a warm coat and hat for playing outside. Please make sure that your child is wrapped up warm each day for school.



Lunches for the Spring Term

The children have been voting this week on their favourite school lunches and we are busy compiling their votes into a new menu for the Spring Term. Watch out for this being sent home next week - we will also post it on facebook and update the school website.



Gentle reminder: Do you follow us on Facebook?

Please follow us on Facebook to get the latest information and reminders. We now have 200 followers - brilliant!



Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Bradley (Headteacher)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 17th Dec ALL CHILDREN	The children in all classes will be doing a special performance of their favourite songs to some of the elderly residents from Wilton Lodge who are visiting the school after lunch.
Tues 18th Dec ALL CHILDREN	Christmas Dinner day for the children.
Tues 18th Dec FS/KSI	Christmas parties for the children in FS and Year1-2. Children can come to school in their party clothes for the day.
Wed 19th Dec KS2	Christmas parties for the children in KS2. Children can come to school in their party clothes for the day.
Thurs 20th Dec ALL CHILDREN	Non-uniform day - donate some chocolate for the chocolate raffle stall. This year's Christmas Fair. Doors open at 2pm.
Fri 21st Dec ALL CHILDREN	Children break off from school for the Christmas holidays.
Tues 8th Jan	Children return to school.

TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR 2018-2019

Wed 5th Sept	Children return to school.
Fri 26th Oct	Half term
Fri 21st Dec	Break off
Tues 8th Jan	Children return to school.
Fri 15th Feb	Half term
Fri 5th April	Break off
Tues 23rd Apr	Children return to school.
Thurs 23rd May	Half term
Fri 19th July	Break off

FS1/FS2 - Mrs Lazenby

The Foundation Stage children have worked very hard learning their lines and the songs for our performance of Whoops-A-Daisy Angel. They looked amazing in their costumes and I'm sure you will agree gave an amazing performance. From all the staff in the Foundation Stage, we would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas. Have a fantastic new year and we will look forward to seeing the children again in 2019!



Year 1 - Mrs Godwin

Year 1 have had a very busy December. In English we have been adding adjectives to our sentences to make them more interesting and using these to write the Footprints in the Snow story. In maths we have been working on subtraction and learning how to represent calculations in our books. We have enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers and are looking forward to building our fairground rides we have designed.



Year 2 - Miss Iveson

Year 2 have had an extremely busy month! We have tackled column addition and subtraction in maths and have started working on money. In English, we have continued to write our own stories based on footprints in the snow. We enjoyed the fire brigade coming into school as part of the white ribbon campaign.



Year 3 - Miss Stocks

Year Three have had a fantastic end to the Autumn Term. They have been exploring multiplication using multi-link cubes in Maths, learning about The Iron Man in English and have been having fun creating their own blogs in Computing. They have all worked exceptionally hard for their Christmas performance and it certainly did pay off! We are looking forward to starting a fresh, new year in January.



Year 4 - Miss Mangan

Year 4 have been getting in the Christmas spirit. The class worked so hard on their Christmas performance, we hope you enjoyed the 1940s style concert. We would like to say a big thank you for all your generous donations at our rationing cafe. Have a very merry Christmas from Year 4.



Year 5 - Miss Tate

This month we have been working hard on our Christmas performance, Christmas through the ages. In English we have completed our 'Leon and the Place Between' narratives and we have started writing newspaper reports on a magic show. In science we have been researching about Isaac Newton and had a lot of fun creating a lever.



Year 6 - Mrs Hardwick and Miss Kirk

Year 6 have had a very creative month. All children have had their artwork displayed in a public gallery in Princes Quay. It was lovely to hear that many of the children visited to the gallery to show off their masterpieces. The children have also put their singing skills to good practise; learning and performing many Christmas songs and getting into the festive spirit. All children have worked incredibly hard this half term. Keep up the hard work year 6!



Target 96%	Attendance this month	Attendance since Sept	Number of lates (from Sept)
Reception/FS2	92.1%	93.8%	23
Year 1	96.6%	96.4%	81
Year 2	91.2%	96.1%	50
Year 3	97.1%	96.7%	23
Year 4	94.6%	95.7%	35
Year 5	95.6%	97.9%	9
Year 6	95.7%	96.5%	27
Whole school	94.8%	96.3%	248