

Teaching and Learning

We have a number of developments going on this term:

Open afternoons for parents

Over the next two terms we are inviting parents to come and join us in the class room to work alongside their children and see what they are learning.

This term parents of children in Year 6 are invited to join our Year 6 classes on Wed 13th January 1.30 – 3pm.

Parents of children in Year 5 are invited to the Year 5 open afternoon on Thursday 14th January.

Open afternoons for Year 3 and Year 4 classes will take place next term.

Y6 SATs meeting for Parents

Parents of pupils in Year 6 are invited to a SATs information session on Monday 18th January. The session will run twice – at 2pm and 5pm. A letter with further details will be sent out by the Year 6 team.

Arts Week

We are holding an Arts Week - week beginning 25th January. Parents are invited to help support workshops running each morning this week – letter will be coming out to you this week. Parents are also invited to come and see what children have produced during Arts Week – Monday 1st February, 9.15am in the school hall.

Y5/6 JASS meeting for Parents

Parents of pupils in Year 5 and 6 are invited to an information session about JASS – the Junior Duke of Edinburgh Award which all our upper school pupils will be taking part in. The sessions will take place on Tuesday 23rd February at 2.30pm and 5pm.

Christmas Wish

A huge thank you for your generosity contributing food packages and toys for those children and families less fortunate than ourselves. Packages were distributed to The Haven, Wolverhampton Food Bank and Midland Langar Seva Society who distributed the food parcels to families in need over Christmas.

Christmas Carol Service

A beautiful Carol Service was enjoyed by all at the end of last term. I know from all the positive comments received from families and friends that you were as proud as I was of our children's performances.

Adverse Weather

We have been very lucky with the weather so far this winter, but this may not continue! I would like to remind you that notification of a general school closure of all Wolverhampton schools will be made by the Local Authority using the Wolverhampton Today Facebook: accessed at www.facebook.com/WolverhamptonToday. It will also be announced on local radio stations.

If there is no general Wolverhampton school closure but the decision is made to close the Woodfield Schools, then we will inform you of this by using our school texting service.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE SCHOOL OFFICE HAS AN UP TO DATE MOBILE NUMBER FOR YOU ON THE SYSTEM.

Please also make sure children have named coats, gloves, hats and scarves in school every



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Welcome Back

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas holiday with friends & family & are now ready for the challenges 2016 will bring.

Marie Manton

Diary Dates

Please refer to the annual Parent Planner that was sent out to you in September for upcoming key dates. Any changes and additions to these dates will be sent out to you via text.

This half term finishes on Thursday 11th February and children return on Monday 22nd.

Safeguarding

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and you wish your child to walk home unaccompanied, please ensure that you have sent in written permission to your child's class teacher. If we have not received this written permission your child will not be able to walk home on their own.

Fundraising

A very big thank you to all parents for supporting the children of Woodfield Junior School with their fundraising. In the Autumn Term we raised £234 for Red Earth, the School Council's chosen charity. We also raised £224.88 from our Crazy Christmas Day for new playground equipment for lunchtimes. We also raised £1323 at the Christmas Fair.

Attendance and Punctuality

We had our attendance assemblies this week and it was fabulous to see so many children receiving awards for their autumn term attendance. Well done to all children who received an award!

Unfortunately, we have a few children who are persistently late. Please can you ensure your child is in school by 8:55 so they have an opportunity to settle and take part in early morning learning activities which ensure they are ready to learn and therefore get the best from the school day.

Did you know? If your child arrives to school 5 minutes late every day this equates to missing **15 hours** of school learning time over the school year.

Home/School Links

One of the areas we are currently focusing on at Woodfield Junior School is developing communication links between home and school and ensuring parents are fully informed about the activities their child is engaged in at school.

We already have a number of regular events which happen across the federation. One of these is our Parent Forum, where parents meet with school leaders to discuss issues and school procedures. Our next meeting is Friday 5th Feb, 2pm in the Community Room – see our website for minutes of previous meetings. All parents are welcome at Parent Forum.

We also have weekly 'coffee & chat' sessions – Friday 9am in the Community Room. These are a social occasion for parents to get together for an informal chat. On Friday 26th Feb there will also be a first aid session for interested parents at the 'coffee & chat' – learn about what to do if someone chokes, stops breathing, suffers a burn or cut. Again, all parents are welcome at 'coffee & chat'.

In the Junior School we also have a number of meetings happening this term for parents to find out more about specific areas of the curriculum – see '[Teaching & Learning](#)' section for more details.

We will also be reviewing our home learning activities this term – please keep an eye out for a parental survey coming out to you soon.

Reminders

Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school every day. Kits should be brought into school every Monday and then taken home on a Friday to wash.

WE HAVE A VERY LARGE AMOUNT OF LOST PROPERTY IN SCHOOL. THIS WILL BE PUT OUT IN THE HALL EVERY DAY AFTER SCHOOL THIS WEEK – PLEASE COME AND CHECK IF ANYTHING BELONGS TO YOUR CHILD. ANY REMAINING ITEMS WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON FRIDAY.

Staffing

At the end of the Autumn Term we said goodbye to Mrs. Bressers, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Rolli. I am sure you will all want to join me in wishing them all the very best for their new challenges.

This term we have been joined by Mrs. Wild who has taken on the role of class teacher of 3AG and Mrs. Chadha who has taken on the role of class teacher of 5PR. Both teachers have settled into life at Woodfield well and are already making very positive contributions to school life.