



Newsletter 14

Thursday, 7th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well.

Next week promises to be a very exciting one with several Christmas events including Nativities for the Foundation Stage (Oaktree Nursery and Acorn Class / Reception) and also Key Stage 1 (Y1 Ash Class & Y2 Cedar Class). Please see below for full details about these performances.

Oaktree Nursery & Acorn Class Nativity Performance – Tuesday 12th December at 2pm – School Hall

The children have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity performance in the school hall. After the performance Acorn Class will go back to the classroom to change and you may collect them early from the classroom door if you wish. There will be mince pies for audience members after the performance in the hall.

Key Stage 1 Nativity – A Miracle in Town

Y1 Ash Class Parents – Wednesday 13th December at 2pm – School Hall

Y2 Cedar Class Parents – Thursday 14th December at 2pm – School Hall

The children in Ash and Cedar Classes have also been working hard to prepare for their Nativity. The children will go back to the classroom to change after the performance but you may collect them early from the normal classroom doors if you wish.

You may take photographs of the performances but please can I remind parents not to post any photos/videos on any social media as not all children have permission for their images to be used.

Book at Bedtime - Christmas Story Night

It was wonderful to see so many children coming back into school to join their teachers for a special Book at Bedtime evening to launch the start of the Christmas season at Woodlands. They enjoyed a selection of Christmas stories, along with some hot chocolate.



Christmas Disco – Tomorrow - Friday 8th December

Many thanks to Mr Whittle who has been selling the tickets before and after school this week.

Tickets are £2.50 if bought in advance and £3.00 on the night - so please take advantage of this early bird offer.

Reception & Key Stage 1 - Acorn (Reception), Ash (Y1) & Cedar (Y2) – 5.00pm-6.00pm

Please drop off Reception and KS1 children outside the Main Hall doors and collect them from the Main Entrance.

Key Stage 2 - Hazel (Y3), Willow (Y4), Beech (Y5) & Maple (Y6) – 6.00pm-7.00pm

Please drop off and collect Key Stage 2 children from the Main Hall doors.

*****All children must be dropped off and collected by an adult – children are not allowed to walk home on their own*****

Christmas Parties & Father Christmas Visit – Monday 18th December



The cost for the Christmas Class Parties this year will be **£2.00 per child** and will need to be paid by Friday 15th December. This can be paid via the schoolmoney app or in cash. There will be no normal school lunches on this day.

For the Christmas Parties all children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper and/or “Santa” hat, reindeer antlers or any Christmas headwear for the day with their school uniform.

Acorn pupils are invited to come to school wearing party clothes for the day.



The Christmas Bazaar – Friday 15th December – Starts at 2pm – School Hall

Many thanks to the PTA members for the hard work that has gone into planning and organising the Christmas Bazaar. Parents may arrive from 2pm onwards to collect their children (from the normal outside classroom doors – Y5 parents may collect from the classroom door at the back of Y5) and take them to the Bazaar in the school hall. Every class has made a product to sell, so make sure you come along and buy your child’s item! Please make sure you sign your child out from their classroom and that your child then remains with you for the rest of the afternoon.

Christmas Bazaar – Y5 & Y6 Pupils only

If you are not going to the Bazaar but you would like your child to have a look around the Bazaar from 3.00pm-3.30pm then please complete the separate permission slip to allow them to walk home at 3.30pm.

Christmas Bazaar Stalls:

- **RAFFLE – 30 PRIZES!**

- **SANTA’S GROTTTO – Please see the separate booking form for this**

If you are unable to attend the Bazaar but you wish for your child to receive a present from Father Christmas during the school day then please complete the separate booking form and hand it in.

- **BOTTLE TOMBOLA**
 - Refreshments
 - Guess the Sweets
- **Guess the Name of the Bear**
 - Sweet Stall
 - Jewellery Stall
 - Cake Stall
- **Wreath & Totes Stall**
 - Soft Toy Stall

- **Book & Ornament Stall**
 - Reindeer Biscuits – Y6 Maple Class
- **Christmas Tree Decorations – Y5 Beech Class**
 - Christmas Cards – Y4 Willow Class
 - Christmas Decorations – Y3 Hazel Class
 - Mini-Snowman Lamps – Y2 Cedar Class
 - Tree Decorations – Y1 Ash Class
- Clay Pots with Tea Lights – FS2 Acorn Class
- Christmas Tree Decorations – Oak Tree Nursery

Spotlight on the Curriculum: Music – Y5 & Y6 School Choir – Song for Christmas



On Tuesday we received a special visit from Andy Munns at Salisbury Radio. He recorded the children singing 'Walking in the Air' and he was very impressed with the wonderful standard of their singing. This will be broadcast on Salisbury Radio on Tue 12th December at 8.20 am and again at 3.20 pm during the station's Song for Christmas item. Many thanks to Mrs Lamb (Head of Music at Salisbury School) for giving up her valuable time to lead the Woodlands Choir.

Spotlight on the Curriculum – SEN / Inclusion - Miss Turnbull and Mrs Hollands need your help!

What does Inclusion mean to you?

We would like to hear and include everybody's voice in our school vision of inclusion.



There will be a drop off box in the main reception for any comments, pictures or personal experiences that you would like to share. We will be re-designing our school SEND policy with a focus on pupil and community voice over the next term.

We would love to hear from you 😊

Health & Safety – Dogs on the school playground

Please can I remind all parents that **no dogs** should be brought onto the school playground at any time (**this includes small dogs and puppies**).

Health & Safety – Adverse Weather Policy

It is the policy of the school to make every effort to remain open whenever possible.

The decision to close the school either before or during the school day will be made by the Headteacher (or, in absence of the Headteacher, the Deputy Headteacher). The school will only be closed if one or more of the following conditions apply:

1. Insufficient staff are able to come in to keep the school running safely;
2. Conditions on site are dangerous;

3. Conditions are considered to be, or are anticipated to later become, too hazardous for travel.

If the school is to close then all parents will be informed via email and text message. In addition to this Salisbury Radio (found on the internet and DAB) will also broadcast details.

End of Term Dates & the Start of Term 3 2024

Final Day of Term 2	Wednesday 20 th December	1.00pm finish (after lunch)
TD Days	Thursday 4 th January & Friday 5 th January	School Closed
Start of Term 3	Monday 8 th January	8.45am Gates Open

Safeguarding – Online Safety

As part of our commitment to help you keep your child(ren) safe online please look under the Safeguarding tab in our Online Safety section.

<https://woodlands.wilts.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safety/>

Please click here for the latest **Online Safety Newsletter – November 2023** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). This month's edition includes information on how to stay safe on the Playstation, Roblox & WhatsApp's editing feature.

Dates for the Diary

Y5 & Y6 Choir to St Thomas' Church for the Christmas Tree Festival	Friday 8 th December	10.15am
Christmas Discos Acorn Class & Key Stage 1 Key Stage 2	Friday 8 th December	See information regarding drop off/pick up 5.00pm-6.00pm (Acorn & KS1) 6.00pm-7.00pm (KS2)
Acorn Class (Reception) Christmas Concert	Tuesday 12 th December	2.00pm Hall
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Ash Class Parents	Wednesday 13 th December	2.00pm Hall
Key Stage 1 Nativity – Cedar Class Parents	Thursday 14 th December	2.00pm Hall
Woodlands Christmas Bazaar & Santa's Grotto	Friday 15 th December	2.00pm Hall
Christmas Parties (a Christmas jumper can be worn on this day) – no school lunch on this day	Monday 18 th December*	Lunchtime & all afternoon
Christmas Assembly – Open The Book – Led by Rev Steve Hawkes – all parents welcome	Tuesday 19 th December	9.10am Hall
Christmas Lunch (a Christmas jumper can be worn on this day)	Tuesday 19 th December	Lunchtime
Final Day of Term	Wednesday 20 th December	1.00pm finish
TD Days	Thursday 4 th January & Friday 5 th January	School Closed
Start of Term 3	Monday 8 th January	Gates Open 8.45am
Year 6 Residential – Osmington Bay	Wednesday 20 th – Friday 22 nd March 2024	all day

*This has changed from Tuesday 19th December because the Christmas Lunch is now on that date.

Kind regards,
M Kitley

Matthew Kitley
Headteacher



Song for Christmas

Listen to our Song for Christmas

We're on Salisbury Radio on
Tue 12th December at 8.20 am and again at 3.20 pm



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PER CHILD PER DAY
Every child receives
BREAKFAST

PACKED LUNCHES PROVIDED
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SCHOOL MEALS

21st & 22nd December
8.30am - 3.30pm

Christmas Sports Camp

with Astrella Primary Stars

Pembroke Park Primary School, Devizes Road, SP2 9LY

Football Fun Factory
Active Sports Club

Hockey - Tennis - Cricket - Rounders - Gymnastics
Dodgeball - Handball - Netball

Dance & Drama Programme



Open to ALL children in Years 1-6
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11.15AM**

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ON!**

