



Newsletter 15

Friday, 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

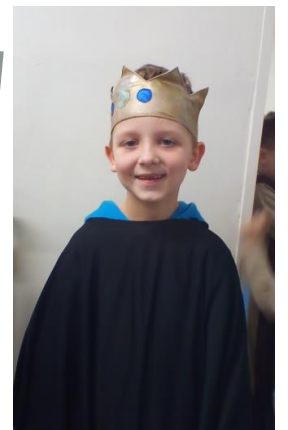
I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well.

This week has seen Woodlands entering fully into the Christmas spirit with the children performing brilliantly in the Nativities for the Foundation Stage (Oaktree Nursery and Acorn Class / Reception) and also Key Stage 1 (Y1 Ash Class & Y2 Cedar Class).

Oaktree Nursery & Acorn Class Nativity Performance – Baby Jesus



Key Stage 1 Nativity – A Miracle in Town



Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Jaxxon** and **Theodor** (Acorn Class); **Casey** and **Daniel** (Y1); **Jasmine** and **Jerome** (Y2); **Vlad** and **Darcie-Mae** (Y3); **Princess** and **Ethan** (Y4); **Hollie, Kason** and **Jake** (Y5); **Fraser, Sienna** and **Kele** (Y6).

Huge congratulations to these children who have worked hard and made very good progress during the whole of the Autumn Term.

Kindness, Community, Respect, Resilience and Aspiration form our core Values.

Woodlands is an Inclusive School

This part of the newsletter is a reminder to all parents that we are an inclusive school. The first sentence of our May 2023 Ofsted report says, “**Woodlands is a highly inclusive school.**” This means that we are able to cater well for pupils with different/additional needs. Therefore as a community we expect tolerance and **it is never acceptable for parents/carers/any adults to approach another child and speak to them in an intimidating or threatening manner.** If there is ever an issue that you are concerned about, then class teachers and the school leadership team are available to help discuss and resolve any concerns. I am available most days on the school gate and I always aim to respond to parental concerns as quickly as possible.

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.



Attendance Cup Winners for the Autumn Term

Attendance Matters



Today Willow Class won the Attendance League for the whole of the Autumn Term and will enjoy a reward in the Spring Term. Willow were the winners because they gained the most points and had an average attendance of over 93%. This is an attendance level that every class should be able to achieve and I hope to see more classes reaching this level in the Spring Term 2023. Congratulations also to Hazel Class who have won the weekly trophy with an attendance of 93.6%.

Attendance Cup Autumn League Table

Attendance Cup: Week Beg: 01/12/23 - 14/12/23	
Willow	66
Beech	52
Hazel	49
Cedar	48.5
Acorn	45.5
Ash	45
Maple	44
Hazel	93.6
Ash	92.9
Acorn	92.7
Beech	91.9
Cedar	91.8
Willow	91.4
Maple	91.3

Spotlight on the Curriculum: Food Technology – Y4 Pizza Making

On Wednesday Y4 had great fun making Pizza using fresh yeast to create the perfectly risen crust! They learned how to prove the dough and added a range of delicious toppings. Well done Y4 and thanks to Mrs Stokes for finding the fresh yeast from a local bakery!





The Christmas Bazaar – TODAY - 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. **If you have arranged for another parent to take your children to the Bazaar you must pre-arrange this by contacting the school office by email or telephone.**

Christmas Bazaar Stalls:

- **RAFFLE – Now 50 PRIZES!**
- **SANTA'S GROTTTO – Please see the separate booking form for this**
 - **BOTTLE TOMBOLA**
 - Refreshments
 - **Guess the Sweets & Guess the Name of the Bear**
 - Sweet, Jewellery, Cake & Soft Toy Stalls
 - **Wreath & Totes 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



The Woodlands Song for Christmas 'Walking in the Air,' was broadcast on Salisbury Radio on Tue 12th December at 8.20 am and again at 3.20 pm. The Year 5 and Year 6 Choir should be very proud of their fantastic singing. Many thanks to Mrs Lamb (Head of Music at Salisbury School) for giving up her valuable time to lead the Woodlands Choir and also to Mrs Hollands our Music Leader for arranging this.

Please make sure you listen to Salisbury Radio on Saturday 23rd December from 1.20pm to find out the winner of the competition that 12 Salisbury Primary Schools have entered.

Today, **Blue House** won the final trophy of 2023 for achieving the most Team Points and they had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.

Team Points Cup					
Date: 15.12.23					
	Green	Yellow	Red	Blue	
Y1	3	1	2	4	
Y2	4	1	2	3	
Y3	2.5	1	4	2.5	
Y4	2	1	3	4	
Y5	1.5	1.5	3	4	
Y6	1	3	4	2	
	14	8.5	18	19.5	



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

Dates for the Diary

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
Year 6 Visit to the Army Flying Museum as part of their WW2 History Unit.	Friday 2 nd February 2024	all day

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

Kind regards,
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Matthew Kitley
Headteacher



ONLY
£15
PER CHILD PER DAY
Every child receives
BREAKFAST
PACKED LUNCHES PROVIDED
FOR THOSE ENTITLED TO FREE
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
TEXT or email us for a booking form

07714 021366 or email: astrellafootball@gmail.com



Xmas Create and be academy

21st and 22nd December



Join us in a celebration of creativity, colour, culture and fun! **Create, relax, enjoy and BE HAPPY!**

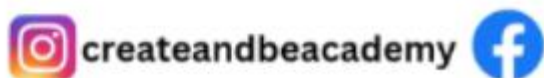
*Freedom to choose
the activities based on interest*

Learn creative techniques,
experiment with
new materials & make friends.
All materials & Xmas snack included

£75.00 total for 2 days
Discount available for siblings

Bookings and Information
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Harnham Scouts Hut
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