



Newsletter 14

Friday, 13th December 2024

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).

Important Christmas reminders for the final week of term.

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Party Day - Christmas Jumpers can be worn. No school dinners will be provided on Wednesday as they will be having party food at lunch time instead.

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Dinner Day - If you want your child to have a **Christmas dinner or School Dinner they must be in on time for registration! We need to order the Christmas meals by first thing** and won't be able to accommodate late arrivals on that day. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day as well

Oaktree Nursery Nativity Performance



Acorn Class Nativity Performance – Baby Jesus



Key Stage 1 – Simply the Nativity



The Christmas Bazaar – Monday 16th 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 – A great range of prizes!
- SANTA'S GROTTTO – Please see the separate booking form for this
 - BOTTLE TOMBOLA
 - Refreshments
 - Face Painting
- Peppermint creams and Christmas Dipped Digestives – Y6 Maple Class & Y5 Beech Class
 - Christmas Baubles – Y4 Willow Class
 - Christmas Decorations – Y3 Hazel Class
 - Christmas Stockings – Y2 Cedar Class
 - Christmas Decorations – Y1 Ash Class
 - Calendars – FS2 Acorn Class
 - Reindeer Heads and Feed – Oak Tree Nursery

If you can supply a cake for the cake stall the PTA would really appreciate it. If they can be brought in with the children in the morning even better. Please try and bring change for the stalls as I know they will appreciate it. If you also want to buy a raffle ticket in advance, then they will be on sale after school today.

Santa's Grotto - Santa will be visiting Woodlands on Monday and all slips will need to be in by the end of today with the £3 to ensure your child receives a present when they visit. Please bring your £3 to the office at pick up if you still need to pay.

Headteachers' Awards

Today, we celebrated: **Jaxxon** and **all of Y1** for their great effort in the Nativity (Y1); **Rosa** and **all of Y2** for their great effort in the Nativity (Y2); **Corey** and **Freya** (Y3); **Evie F, Tina-Louise** and **Isabelle** (Y4); **Arwen, Harry** and **Rose** (Y5); **Lucy, Hollie** and **Kason** (Y6).

This week the awards are for **Aspiration** and producing **excellent work**. Huge congratulations to these children. **Resilience, Respect, Community** and **Kindness** form our other core Values.

Spotlight on the Curriculum: Music – Y5 & Y6 School Choir – Song for Christmas – The Christmas Tree Festival & Salisbury Radio Carol Concert



The Woodlands Song for Christmas 'Diamond Bright,' was broadcast on Salisbury Radio on Thursday 12th December. The Woodlands song can be downloaded for £1 from the Salisbury Radio website and all proceeds will go to the Trussell Trust Foodbank. The Year 5 and Year 6 Choir should be very proud of their fantastic singing. On Friday 6th December the Choir sang at the St Thomas' Church Christmas Tree Festival and then took part in the Salisbury Radio Song for Christmas Carol Concert at Sarum Academy on Tuesday evening this week. 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.

Today, **Red House** won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points for the second week in a row. They had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.

| Team Points Cup | | | | | |
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| Date: 13.12.24 | | | | | |
| | Green | Yellow | Red | Blue | |
| Y1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
| Y2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | |
| Y3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | |
| Y4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | |
| Y5 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | |
| Y6 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | |
| | 14 | 9 | 20 | 17 | |



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 – December 2024** -> [Woodlands Primary School and Oak Tree Nursery](#). The October issue looks at a variety of topics including **how to safely set up new devices with parental controls**.

Class Attendance Cup – every week we have a competition that celebrates the class with the highest attendance. This week **Acorn Class** are the winners for the first time this year. Well done Acorn!

Ash Class are the League winners and will enjoy a treat for having the highest attendance in Term 2.

| Attendance Cup after 6 Weeks | | Pts |
|------------------------------|--------|-----|
| 1 | Ash | 28 |
| 2 | Maple | 23 |
| 3 | Cedar | 22 |
| 4 | Acorn | 21 |
| 5 | Beech | 16 |
| 6 | Willow | 11 |
| 7 | Hazel | 13 |

Dates for the Diary

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| Woodlands Christmas Bazaar | Monday 16 th December | 2.00pm in the school hall |
| Christmas Parties – <i>children can wear a Christmas jumper on this day</i> | Wednesday 18 th December | Pm – No school lunches food to be provided |
| Woodlands Christmas Lunch Final day of Term 2 | Thursday 19 th December | 1.00pm finish time |
| TD Day | Friday 20th December | School Closed to all pupils |
| First Day of Term 3 | Monday 6 th January | 8.50am (<i>usual start time</i>) Gates open 8.40am |

Kind regards,
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