



# Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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## Spring Term at Woodside

It has again been a very active term at Woodside with visits and visitors coming into school. We have had a focus on reducing waste in school and the Eco-Committee have been leading an assembly about waste reduction in school as well as carrying out a survey about measuring waste produced in each classroom.

The Year 2s are off to the village hall this week to see a production of Annie performed by the children from the Academy. Reception has had a visit from Banham Zoo staff and a bearded dragon.

Next term looks just as exciting!

Happy Easter to you all and we look forward to Summer Term at Woodside.

## May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you!

We are going to have a



dress-up & theme day raising money for Finnbar's Force, a charity set up in Finnbar Cork's name to support brain tumour research.



## Staff News

*We have some sad news! Mrs Suzanne Hall will be retiring in July having spent 23 years at Woodside. Suzanne has worked with the Nursery children at Woodside seeing second generation of children moving through our school. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her retirement.*

*Also Mrs Claire Holmes is taking a career break. She has been working at Woodside for over 10 Years. Claire has led our Nurture group for several years and has a real talent for working with children with additional needs. We wish her well as she moves onto "pastures new". All staff and children will miss her valuable input into school life.*

## COMPOST CORNER

Bags2schools raised £56 last time which is a fantastic amount.

Thank you!



## Year 1 Dance Show

Some of the year 1 children are once again getting ready to participate in the Norwich Schools Sports Partnership Dance Show. This is a fantastic event held at the Open venue on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

There will be 2 performances and tickets will be soon on sale.

## Inset Days for Next Year

The Norfolk County Council 2017/18 term dates have been published. Please note that the inset day 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 will be a normal school day

Instead school will be closed on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 for Inset.

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor available. The hours are 12.00 - 1.15pm daily. If you are interested please see the office for more details

## Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Please keep collecting your vouchers until the 2<sup>nd</sup> May

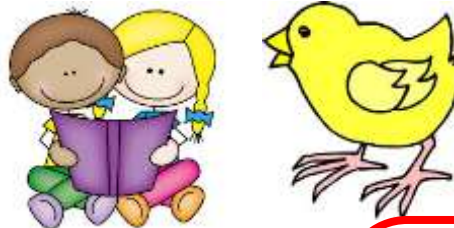
Thank you!

## World Book Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

A fantastic day was had by all! We had all sorts of different characters from "Aliens love underpants" to "Cat in a Hat".

The children spent time during the day finding out about different book characters and story lines.

The staff changed classes to read children their favourite story.



**Daffodils are currently on sale at the office**

## Bike Sheds

It's lovely to see all the bikes and scooters coming in to school, making the most of the lovely weather we are having at the moment. Please can you be mindful as to where you leave your bikes and scooters. Make use of the bike sheds and please be considerate to others

Thank you

## Governors in School Day

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

Each year the Governing Board of Woodside spends a day in school monitoring various aspects of school life. During this time there is an opportunity for parents to meet and get to know the people who are governing our school.

Governors will be in the Staffroom before and after school and also on the playground on this day. They will be wearing identification badges so will be easily recognisable. Please spend time talking to them. They want what's best for your children.

**School governors are people who want to make a positive contribution to children's education.**

Governors are one of the largest volunteer forces in the country and have an important part to play in raising school standards. The role of the governing board is absolutely key to the effectiveness of a school. Time and time again Ofsted (the national inspection body for schools) has noted that the most effective schools demonstrate effective leadership and management - including by the governing board.

### What do governors do?

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. Governors appoint the head teacher and deputy headteacher. In some schools the site is owned by the governing board. It is governors who hold the main responsibility for finance in schools, and it is governors who work with the headteacher to make the tough decisions about balancing resources.

### Multicultural Week

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June sees the start of our Multicultural Week here at Hethersett Woodside.

If there are any parents that could help us this week, talking about their experiences, places they have visited or lived. It could be from the different things that are eaten around the world, clothing worn, photographs to share, this would be fantastic.

It's lovely to have parents in school sharing their experiences.

If you can help please speak to your class teacher.





# Dates for your diary

Please also see front page of the Website for all dates

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 to the Academy to watch a performance of "Annie"

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** - School closes at 3.05pm for Easter Holiday

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** - School reopens for summer term

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Governor Monitoring Day

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April** - Earth Day

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Compost awareness

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5 has been **cancelled**

**Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April** - Science/ DT workshops - more information to follow

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 1 Science Workshop 2pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - Year Reception Science Workshop 2pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 2 Science Workshop 2pm

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - Nursery Science Workshop 8.30am & 12pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** - Reception Multiskills - 9.45-11.30am

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with you! Star Wars Day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - School Disco - Reception & Nursery 3.30-4.30pm

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - School Disco - Year 1 & Year 2 - 4.45 - 5.45 pm

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - Litterpick

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Walk to school week

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2s to Brandon Park

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 2 leavers' photo

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 1 Dance Show at the Open in Norwich

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - Dress up day - bring a tombola prize for the Summer Fayre

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May** - School Closes at 3.05pm for half term break

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - school reopens for second half of summer term

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Bags2Schools clothing collection

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - Purple Picnic - Nelson's Journey

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 2s to Stranger's Hall

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June** - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s (last session)

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Reception trip Sea Life Centre, Great Yarmouth

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** - New Reception Parents Evening 7pm

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery am to Thetford

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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Nursery pm to Thetford

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Summer Fair

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Year 1 & 2 Sports Day & Picnic Lunch starting 10am

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Reception Picnic Lunch & Sports Day from 12 noon

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Multicultural Week at School

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Multicultural Day for Year 2s at Mulbarton Infant School

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 2 visit to Junior School 9.30am - 12noon

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 2 visit to Junior School all day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Transition Day in school, Move up day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Open Evening 5-7pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - Canary 4s - more information to follow

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - Hearing & Vision checks for Reception

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**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers' Assembly

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers' Disco 3.30pm

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - School closes at 3.05pm for Summer Holidays