



# Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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## Welcome to the New School Year

Welcome back to a new school year at Hethersett Woodside. We warmly welcome all new and existing parents and children to our school and hope you will be very happy and enjoy your time with us!

We have an exciting year ahead as we begin to embrace the Curriculum in a way that reflects our fully inclusive approach to learning. The staff at our school, continue to be committed to develop an environment and ethos for our imaginative enquiry based learning approach.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Nurses on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We need your help!

Please make cakes to sell on the day to help raise money!

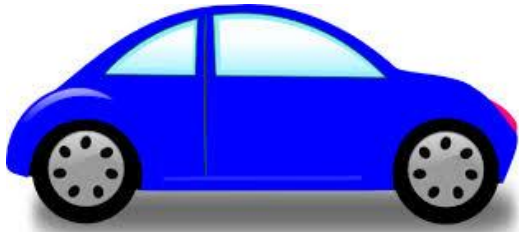
Can anyone give some time to help sell cakes and run the coffee morning?  
(please speak to the office staff)

Lastly come and join us for a coffee and a chat,

from 9-10am in the School Hall, cakes will also be for sale on the playground from 2.45pm, if there is any left!!

## Year 1 & 2 "Meet the Teacher"

It was good to see you all on Tuesday & Thursday. If anyone was unable to stay on these days, please speak to your child's class teacher to catch up on any information you may have missed.



### Message from the Office

*Please ensure that the office is informed immediately of any changes to emergency numbers ie new mobile phone numbers and phone numbers of designated people to pick up your child if you are unavailable.*

### From the Office

If you need to send money into school, please put it in a named envelope or purse with the return slip and place in the register box to go to the office.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason you need to phone school and leave a message at the office. If you have not phoned by 9.30am we will phone you. Our policy is to carry out "first day" calling.

### Parking

**The staff car park is only meant for staff.**

If you are bringing children to Breakfast Club, please only park in the staff carpark up until **8am**.

We have 2 disabled bays in school for parking. Please do not use these unless you have a blue badge.

Please be sensitive to our neighbours and other road users when you park. **Do not** park in front of driveways or on the corner where vision is then obstructed.

Thank you for your cooperation!



### COMPOST CORNER Recycling

The following things are what we are currently recycling in school.

- Clothing – you will receive a bags2schools bag 3 times a year
- Pens – please put in the Bic box in the school hall
- Ink cartridges – place in tray at the front of the school

## Reading at Woodside

At Woodside we are committed to involving and supporting parents in their children's learning. We aim to work alongside parents at all times, as in the early years at school parents are the main educators of their children.

We are offering a workshop to parents to support literacy development and to give you an understanding of how we teach literacy at Woodside. For **Reception Parents** and **new parents** throughout the school we have planned a "Reading Information" evening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September starting at 7pm in the school hall.

As many of you are aware we teach **phonics** using the "Read, Write, Inc." scheme of work. We teach **reading** by using a combination of this scheme and other colour coded reading books alongside various methods of small group and whole class teaching. It is vital that children have access to many sources of reading materials in order to develop all the skills required for reading including fluency and comprehension.

You are welcome to choose as many reading books from the coloured boxes as you wish. Your child's teacher will advise you on the appropriate coloured box to choose books from.

**We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September!**

### Lost Property

**If your child comes home with clothing with a different child's name, please return to school the following day!**



## Attendance!

Each year we are set attendance targets for school and these are regularly monitored by the school attendance officer. Last year our figure was set at 96% and our attendance figure was 96%.

As you are probably aware Head Teachers are not allowed to authorise term time holiday however we still need you to put in writing any holiday requests. Thank you for your continued support!



## Reminders regarding food and medicine

If your child requires medicine of some description, we can administer this at school but it would need to be prescribed by the doctor and in its original container with the prescription label on it.

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school and that sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks are not permitted in lunch boxes either.

Chocolate biscuits are acceptable.

## Safeguarding

It is the responsibility of the staff in school to safeguard your children at all times. Your cooperation in this is vital. We do need to know who your child is going home with. If there is a regular routine to this, please put a copy in the "going home book" in each classroom.

This can be a challenge for parents who work shifts; for those parents please inform the class teacher via either the "going home" book or the "home/school" sharing book. For children's well-being, they need to know who is collecting them at the end of each day as this can be an anxious time for them.

When bringing your child into school do not leave your child on the playground it is your responsibility to pass your child over to an adult in school.

# Dates for your diary

**Please also see front page of the Website for all dates**

- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - Reception Reading Meeting - 7pm  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** - Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9am  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - Literacy workshop Reception 9-10am  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - Literacy workshop Year 2, 9-10am  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October** - Literacy workshop Year 1, 9-10am  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - FOWS AGM - more information to follow  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - School Photos  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Prospective Parents Visit for Reception 2017, 1.30pm  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Family Outdoor Learning - 9.30-11am  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** - Prospective Parents Visit for Reception 2017, 9.30am  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** - Dress up day - bring a prize for FOWs tombola  
**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** - Back to School  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** - Book Fair in school all week  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - "Breakfast with a Book"  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents Evening 3.30 - 6pm  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - "Breakfast with a Book"  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents Evening 5-7.30pm  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November** - Curiosity Cafés - Year 1, 2pm  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Curiosity Cafés - Year 2, 2pm  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Curiosity Cafés - Reception 2pm  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - Curiosity Cafés - Nursery 10.30am/2.15pm  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** - School Discos - more information to follow  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** - Reception & Year 1 Playhouse Trip, more information to follow  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Prospective Parents Visit for Reception 2017, 1.30pm  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Flu Vaccinations - More information to follow  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Four Schools Christmas Concert  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception Christmas Performance 9.30am/2.15pm  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Nursery Christmas Performance 10.30am & 2pm  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 Christmas Performance 9.30am - 2.15pm  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Whole School Christmas Lunch  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.30am/2.15pm  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Party Day  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - School closes for Christmas Holiday at 3.05pm  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - School opens 8.50am