



# 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 30<sup>th</sup> September. We need your help!

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

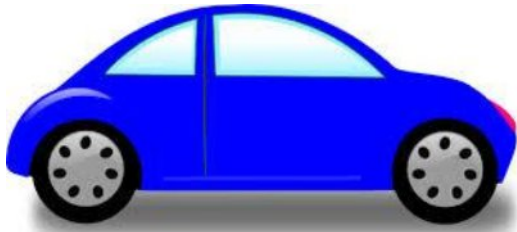
Can anyone give some time to help sell cakes and run the coffee morning?  
(please speak to the office staff)

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

From 9am in the School Hall. We will also sell cakes on the playground at 2.45pm.

## Year 1 & 2 "Meet the Teacher"

It was good to see you all on Thursday & Friday. 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.*

### Parking

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

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!



### ParentMail

We have been experiencing problems with Parentmail so far this term. Hence the reason for paper copies of this newsletter!

If you have had any messages through via Parentmail, please ignore. Hopefully in the next couple of days things should be back to normal.

For those parents that aren't signed up to Parentmail, and would like to be, please get in touch with the office.

### COMPOST CORNER

Bags2schools clothing recycling dates for this year have been set. Please see dates below. For those of you that have just joined us, three times a year we have a charity clothing collection. A bag will come home to you just before the half term holidays. If you have any unwanted used clothing that's in good condition that you no longer require, these could generate funds for the school.

Return the bags with your donations inside on the dates below to contribute.

Dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 23<sup>rd</sup> February & 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Thank you!

## 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 21<sup>st</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 21<sup>st</sup> September!**

### Second hand clothes

Thank you for all the second hand uniform you have donated to the school. In Reception we are short of spare pants and socks. If anyone has any Age 4-6 (boys and girls) that are no longer required, we would be really grateful



## **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 95%.**

**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!**

## **Bereavement Group**

A new bereavement group is to be launched in Hethersett. The first meeting will be Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at Woodcote, 5.30-6.30pm.

To find out more visit

<http://heartofhethersett.weebly.com/>



## **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.



Hethersett Woodside Infant School are looking for a new Midday Supervisor to join our current team.

Working hours are 12noon to 1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only.

Duties will include assisting in the dinner hall and supervising/organising lunchtime play activities.

If you are interested, please ask at the office for an application form.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children/young people and vulnerable adults. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosure will be sought, along with other relevant employment checks and completion of the disqualification by association declaration form (Childcare Disqualifications Regulations 2009).

# Dates for your diary

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

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September** – Planetarium in school for Year 2s

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September** – Reception Reading Meeting – 7pm

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9am

**Week Beginning 3rd October** – Curriculum workshop week – more information to follow

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October** – FOWS AGM

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception Easton College Trip, Rowan Class

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception Easton College Trip, Maple Class

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – School Photos

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception Easton College Trip, Sycamore Class

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Prospective Parents Visit for Reception 2017, 1.30pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October** – Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – Prospective Parents Visit for Reception 2017, 9.30am

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – School closes for half term

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Back to School

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Bags2Schools clothing collection

**Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> November** – Book Fair

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November** – School Closed for INSET (Office staff will be in school to help with book fair)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – "Breakfast with a Book"

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Parents Evening

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – "Breakfast with a Book"

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**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s

**Week Beginning 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Reading Cafés – more information to follow

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – School Discos

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Year 1 & Reception Playhouse Trip.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – Prospective Parents Visit for Reception 2017, 1.30pm

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Friends of Woodside Christmas Fayre

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** – Four Schools Christmas Concert

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Christmas Play 9.30am

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Nursery Christmas Play 10.30am & 2pm

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Reception Christmas Play 9.30am

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play 2pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play 9.30am & 2pm

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Prospective Parents Visit for Reception 2017, 9.30am

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Party Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for Christmas Holiday at 3.05pm