



Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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Eco-Schools

The Eco-Council has been monitoring the amount of electricity we have been using in school. From the 14th November they have been involved in a project to “switch off” unnecessary lights and to carry out a survey to find which class are our best “electricity savers”. This survey lasts for two weeks and the Eco-Council will be reporting back to the whole school their results.



Book Fair

The annual “Book Fair” returned to Woodside during the week beginning Monday 7th November. This year the school benefitted from the book sales by receiving books to the value of £450.

Many thanks to Friends of Woodside who were able to sell books and ensured the books were left tidy for the next session.

Holiday!

As you are aware we are unable to authorise holiday during term time, however we do still need to record children’s absence from school.

Our policy states that parents need to inform school by writing a letter to explain the reason for taking holiday during term time. Please do not use the holiday form from the NCC site.

Thank you!

An appeal from the Office!

Please help by phoning the office before 9.30am if your child is absent from school.

Our attendance policy states that we will contact you if we haven’t heard from you by 9.30am and this is recorded.

COMPOST CORNER

Bags2schools donations were brilliant this month.

The collection was on Thursday 3rd November. Together we raised a whopping

£112

Thank you so much!

Parents Evenings

If you have still have not had chance to catch up with your child's class teacher please arrange a convenient time with them to do so.

Children in Need! Friday 18th November

Children came in non-school uniform to raise money for Children in Need.

£ 225

Was raised on the day!
Thank you for your support.

Sickness

We have had a lot of sickness this term. If your child has been sick or has had any diarrhoea, we must insist that your child stays off school for at least 48 hours after the last bout.

This is to stop the bug spreading. We would appreciate you help with this matter



Safeguarding at Woodside

If there are changes of plan during the day and your child is to be picked up by someone else you must inform the office.

At the start of the day a book is available in each classroom to write in daily changes to plan for your child's collection.

If, on a regular basis, different people are picking up children from school please inform the class teacher in writing.

If someone different picks your child up who we aren't expecting we will not allow the child to go with that person until we have made contact with parents. This has led to some embarrassing situations recently.

Thank you with your continuous support in safeguarding your children!



English in School

Our reading cafés were again highly successful with extremely positive comments from parents and children. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend. Nursery read “Nursery rhymes”, Reception and Year 1 read “We’re Going on a Bear hunt” and Year 2 read “The Rainbow Bird”. The children enjoyed making jointed bears, sewing bear puppets and making Rangoli patterns as well as lots of different activities in Nursery.

Thank you to all adults who were able to attend and join in the children’s learning

Primary Writing Project

On Tuesday 8th November all staff attended training to support a project Woodside is involved in with several schools in the County.



You will be aware the children have been learning stories in their classes and possibly performing them at home. This is to enable the children to have a bank of stories they can use to support their writing. It is based on the “3is” - “imitate, innovate and invent” - the children learn the story, then change the story and eventually invent new stories of their own.

The project lasts two years and we are looking to see an improvement in the children’s writing ability. If you would like to find out more about this please speak to Samantha Goreham (Head of KS1) or Jenny Pearson (English Lead)



A big thanks to the Friends of Woodside!

Wednesday 23rd November

FOWS are part paying for all the children in Reception and Year 1 to visit The Norwich Playhouse to see a production of “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt”. This will provide valuable learning for the children. In reception the children are learning about “Bears” and in Year 1 the children are learning about “Toys”

Friends of Woodside Fundraising!

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and FOWS are looking for support in various ways. Letters have gone out to explain what will happen on the day and what needs to be done prior to the event.

If you are able to support in any way please contact Louise Copeland on the following email address: loulou691@hotmail.co.uk

If you have any contacts with local businesses that would be able to donate a raffle prize please contact Louise on the above email. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

Please also see front page of the Website for all dates

Wednesday 23rd November - Reception and Year 1 Visit to the Playhouse

Friday 25th November - Prospective Parents visit for Reception 2017 1.30pm

Tuesday 29th November - Year 2 Multi skills trip

Friday 2nd December - FOWS Christmas Fayre - children to visit during the day with staff - parents invited at 2.30pm to join the fayre

Friday 2nd December - Village Christmas Bazaar - Choir & Year 2 children from school will be singing at this event at 6.15pm

Monday 5th December - 4 Schools Carol Service at St Remigius

Tuesday 6th December - Reception Christmas Performance - 9.30am

Tuesday 6th December - Nursery Christmas Performance - 10.30am and 2pm

Tuesday 6th December - Year 1 and 2 Nasal Vaccination for flu - returning for children not already received vaccination

Wednesday 7th December - Reception Christmas Performance - 9.30am - Adults Only

Wednesday 7th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance - 2pm - Adults Only

Thursday 8th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performances - 9.30am & 2pm

Saturday 10th December - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s

Monday 12th December - School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December - Christmas Party Day

Friday 16th December - School closes at 3.05pm for Holiday

Monday 19th December - FOW's Craft session 10-12.30pm £5 each

Tuesday 3rd January - School reopens for Spring Term

Saturday 14th January - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s