



Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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Harvest at School

On Friday 7th October all staff and children at school put on their wellies and went for a walk to join The Great African Welly Walk.

With your generous donations we raised £145.77 for Farm Africa. During the week children learned about how the money could be used to support Farmers in Africa.

Many thanks for all your support!



Reception Visit to Easton College

During the week beginning the 10th October all the Reception children, over several days visited Easton College to learn about farm life.

The children enjoyed a walk around the college's farm discovering how the animals were homed and what they needed to grow. They also found out about why animals are reared and their produce, talking about eggs, milk and meat.

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%**

Missing school can affect progress and we appreciate your continued support making sure your child is at school whenever possible.

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!

Persistent absence has changed. Any child, with attendance below 90%, will be monitored by the school attendance officer. Parents will have received letters in the summer term to offer support for children falling into this category. If you are worried about your child's attendance record and would like help please come and talk to us!

English Workshops

Reading in School

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on Wednesday 21st September for a "Lesson in Reading and Phonics". If you have any further questions please contact us at school.



Our children always enjoy sharing their learning! Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and grownups who joined in English lessons during the week beginning the 3rd October.

We have joined the Primary Writing Project this year along with other schools in Norfolk. The main focus of this is "Talk for Writing" where children learn various stories using actions. This then gives them a structure for writing their own stories.

Thank you to all adults who supported this event and from your feedback, you also enjoyed this experience. We hope you will try out some of the activities at home.



November Inset Day

Please don't forget, there is an Inset day for us here at Hethersett Woodside. Tuesday 8th November, school will be closed for all the children.

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and money towards making our coffee morning a great success!

You raised £189.15

A big thank you to everyone who supported the event!

**Macmillan
Coffee
Morning**



COMPOST CORNER

Bags2Schools will be collecting all the donations of clothing brought into school on Thursday 3rd November.

Please have a look around at home to see if you have anything you would like to donate and bring them in by Thursday 3rd 9am.

Many thanks



Staff Changes at lunch time



Jo Adcock has been our Midday Lead Supervisor for more than 3 years. She has now decided it's time to "hang up her boots". We would like to thank Jo for all her hard work during a tricky time of introducing Universal Free School Meals.

Sarah Catton has agreed to step up to this position from half term and we look forward to welcoming Emily Draper to the team of dedicated staff.

Jo will still be working in the office and will be available to support Sarah in her additional role.

Students at Woodside

At Woodside we believe in investing in the future and creating a learning environment for all. We currently have several students working in our school from City College who are studying Health and Child Care.

We would also like to welcome Ellie John who is studying at Lincoln. She is in her third year of her teaching degree and working under the guidance of Samantha Goreham in Year 1.

Friends of Woodside (FOWS)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The FOWS AGM was held on Wednesday 5th October 2016. The meeting was attended by 14 parents.

Events and activities organised by the FOWS committee and parent helpers raised over £6000 last year. This means that the children at Woodside enjoy a more enriched curriculum and environment than the School Budget can provide.

If you would like to find out more about FOWS please contact **Louise Copeland** (Chair of the Committee) - details are available at the office.

FOWS Christmas Fayre



The next big event is the Christmas Fayre. This will be held on Friday 2nd December, 2016. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to use money in a real context. During the day all children are given the opportunity to spend their money supported by school staff.

The fayre will run until 5.30pm. Santa will be here in his grotto with other attractions such as an adult tombola.

If you can offer help in any way please contact Louise Copeland on email: loulou691@hotmail.co.uk



Winter Clothing

The weather is changing as we approach winter!
Please ensure children all have appropriate clothing in school.
All children need coats and wellingtons please!
These all need to be named!

A couple of Christmas dates for your diaries

Some of Woodside children will be performing at the Village Christmas Bazaar which follows on from our Fayre on the 2nd December.

The 4 School's Carol concert will be held in St. Remigius on Monday 5th December.





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.

Snack Donations

Thank you to those parents that have made their voluntary contribution towards the snack, baking and party costs for their class. This is an invaluable donation that parents make to help with the costs incurred for these activities that would otherwise not be able to take place.

This is a one off yearly donation of £10. If you have not donated yet but would still like to, please could you give this to the office in a named envelope.

Thank you



Parking

We seem to be having more and more parking issues around school.

We recently had a very close encounter, where a parent with a pushchair and a car nearly collided; luckily the parent was able to get the pushchair out of the way before the car hit them. The driver didn't seem to be aware that people were around them.

Often people park on the path not leaving enough space for pedestrians giving them no choice but to walk in the road.

Please be vigilant of pedestrians when parking and keep off the paths. Parking is available on the park car park, use these spaces first.

PSCO Darrin Sore is aware of the situation and will be making random checks.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary

Please also see front page of the Website for all dates

- Friday 21st October** - Non-uniform day for tombola prizes for FOWS Christmas Fayre
- Friday 21st October** - Nursery Party day
- Friday 21st October** - School closes for half term
- Monday 31st October** - School opens after half term break
- Wednesday 2nd November** - Year 1 and 2 flu Nasal Vaccination
- Thursday 3rd November** - Bags2schools clothing collection
- Week beginning 7th November** - Book Fair
- Tuesday 8th November** - School closed for Inset Office staff will be in school to help with the book fair
- Wednesday 9th November** - "Breakfast with a Book"
- Wednesday 9th November** - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6pm
- Thursday 10th November** - "Breakfast with a Book"
- Thursday 10th November** - Parents' Evening - 5pm - 7.30pm
- Saturday 12th November** - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s
- Tuesday 15th November** - Year 1 Reading café - 2.15pm
- Wednesday 16th November** - Year Reception Reading café - 2.15pm
- Thursday 17th November** - Nursery Reading cafés 8.30am & 12noon
- Thursday 17th November** - Year 2 Reading café - 2.15pm
- Friday 18th November** - School Discos - Information to follow
- Wednesday 23rd November** - Reception and Year 1 Visit to the Playhouse
- Friday 25th November** - Prospective parents visit for new reception Sept 2017
- 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 3pm
- Friday 2nd December** - Village Christmas Bazaar - 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
- Wednesday 7th December** - Reception Christmas Performance - 9.30am
- Wednesday 7th December** - Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance - 2pm
- Thursday 8th December** - Year 1 and 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** - Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
- Friday 16th December** - School closes at 3.05pm for Holiday
- Monday 19th December** - Friends of Woodside Crafts morning 10am - 12.30pm
- Tuesday 3rd January** - School reopens for Spring Term
- Saturday 14th January** - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s