



Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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Christmas at Woodside

As we immerse ourselves in the Christmas Season, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your fantastic support. It has been a very exciting and eventful term with lots of shared activities in school from shared learning to fund raising events.

We are still looking forward to the end of term parties. We hope you have a refreshing and happy holiday and return to school ready for the new term ahead!

Eco Schools – Switch off week

The Eco Council have been leading the school in saving energy over the last few weeks. They have been monitoring lights left on in empty classrooms as well as checking all outer doors are closed to ensure the heat stays in.

We would like to hear from you if you have noticed any changes from the children at home!

Hazel class were the most successful class at switching off their lights!

Curiosity Cafés

Many thanks to all parents who were able to attend our Curiosity Cafés. The cafés were exceptionally well supported and the children enjoyed sharing craft activities with parents, grandparents and other adults in school.

The Nursery café was set up for children to investigate Nursery Rhymes and adults enjoyed building walls for Humpty Dumpty, sending water down drainpipes as well as lots of other interesting activities.



Attendance

Please make sure you notify school early if your child is not going to be in attendance. A phone call is needed to the office before 9.30am otherwise your child's attendance will be marked as unauthorised.

COMPOST CORNER

Thank you for your help with Bags2Schools

We raised £80

We also recycle ink cartridges and pens.
Please bring your used items in to school for recycling

Compost
Corner

School Productions

Each year group has put on a Christmas production for their parents. For the last few weeks, children have been busily practicing their words, actions and songs for their productions. There has been an enormous amount of time and effort by staff and children ensuring a real treat for all.

We hope you enjoyed the performances!

This year the bucket collection following the performances has raised £337.23p for Nelson's Journey.

Year 1 & Year 2 Choir

On Friday 8th December the choir visited Hethersett Hall, care home, to sing some Christmas songs which they have been learning. The residents of the hall loved listening to the children, and supplied them with refreshments and a small gift to say thank you.

One of the residents Mr Alan Thompson stated: 'The children singing was really lovely! I enjoyed it very much!'

The choir also visited our neighbours at Woodcote on Monday afternoon, the residents thoroughly enjoyed their singing.



Christmas Fair

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Friends of Woodside for their hard work in organising and running the Christmas Fair. The children get an enormous amount of pleasure as well as the opportunity to do hands on learning about money during the fair.

Thank you to all who helped on stalls, provided gifts, made cakes and attended the fair. It proved to be a very successful day and the FOWS made in excess of £1700, which will go towards enhancing activities in school.

Request from the Office

Please make sure you keep your details updated in the office. Christmas may be a time for new mobile phones – please make sure we have the new number! Also please make sure your parent mail account is updated.

Any parent not on parent mail and would like to be, please get in touch with the office!

office@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December 2017

Wear your Christmas jumper to school and make a £1 donation towards the "Save the Children UK" charity!

Your £1 donation could provide a purification tablet to provide a family with safe drinking water.

£150 could buy educational toys for 30 struggling families in the UK to help their children develop and learn

Health & Safety

Please **do not** let your children play on the equipment on the school field and the boat on the playground as they are not insured before & after school.

Thank you.

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Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Sugar Appeal

We have collected sugar for the Buckingham Appeal again this year. Over 40 bags were donated and most were Silver Spoon. Silver spoon will donate a bag for every bag donated!



Christmas Dinner

Monday 11th December was the whole school Christmas dinner day in school.

171 children & 47 adults were served a turkey dinner.

There were a few parents who didn't return their order form which did cause us a few issues.

Please can you ensure in future this is adhered to.

Luckily we were able to accommodate all the children due to illness.

Christmas Charity Market & Four Schools Carol Service.

Our Choir and Year 2 children delighted the audience when they sang at the Christmas Charity Market in the Methodist Church.

The Year 2 children also joined with the other 3 schools in the village in this year's Carol Service at St. Remigius. Zideh, Verity and Charlie read poems and the Year 2s sang Away in a Manger and Alleluia to a packed Church. The behaviour of the Year 2s was outstanding and we were all extremely proud of them!



Dates for your diary

Please also see front page of the Website for all dates

Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper day, please don't forget your £1 donation

Monday 18th December - Party Day

Tuesday 19th December - School closes for Christmas Holiday at 3.05pm

Thursday 4th January 2018 - School reopens at 8.50am - Spring term begins

Wednesday 10th January - Flu vaccinations catch-up session

Monday 15th January - Reception - Hearing, vision, heights and weights.

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Tuesday 16th January - Y1 maths workshop 9-10am

Wednesday 17th January - Reception Maths Workshop 9-10am

Thursday 18th January - Year 2 Maths Workshop

Thursday 18th January - Parents Maths Workshop 7-8pm

Monday 22nd January - Year 1 Multiskills festival at Easton College 12.30-2.15pm

Thursday 25th January - Parents Evening for New Nursery Parents 7pm

Monday 29th January - Family Matters - Coffee Morning 9-10am

Tuesday 6th February - School Discos. More information to follow

Friday 9th February - School closes for spring half term

Monday 19th February - School reopens for second half of Spring Term

Wednesday 21st February - Bags2Schools clothing collection

Monday 26th February - School closed for Inset Day

Wednesday 28th February - Parents evening

Thursday 1st March - Parents evening

Thursday 1st March - World Book Day

Saturday 3rd March - Outdoor-learning Morning 10-11am

Monday 5th March - Year 2 Curiosity Café - more information to follow

Wednesday 7th March - Year R Curiosity Café - more information to follow

Thursday 8th March - Year 1 Curiosity Café - more information to follow

Wednesday 28th March - School closes for Easter.

Monday 16th April - School opens for the Summer Term

