



# Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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## Happy New Year!

It is good to see everyone back in school after the holidays and we hope you all had a good break. Classes are busy working on new enquiries and outside visits are being planned.

Last term there was a focus on reading and phonics for parents and this term we are focussing on maths with opportunities for you to share children's learning.

## Maths Workshops

You are invited to join the children in their learning of Maths during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Activities and resources will be available to explore and share with your children with the guidance of the adults in school.

Year R 9-10am Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Year 2 9-10am Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Nursery 8.30am and 12 noon Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January

## Parents Workshop

You are invited to attend a Parents' workshop on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in the school hall.

The workshop will last about an hour and will explore how maths is taught at Woodside. Following feedback from last year, Miss Goreham has lots of ideas and activities for you to try at home!

We look forward to seeing you!



### Prospective Nursery Parents Information Evening

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - 7.00pm - School Hall

Before Nursery places are allocated, we are offering prospective parents an opportunity to attend an information evening and to look around the school. If you have a child due to start Nursery in September 2018 or you know of someone who may be interested, then please join us on Thursday to find out more. We look forward to seeing you!

### Fundraising for Charity

*The Christmas performances raised*

*£337.23*

*For "Nelson's Journey"*

*Christmas Jumper Day raised*

*£193.47*

*Many thanks for all your contributions and support!*

*Also a big thank you for all the contributions to the Norwich Food Bank, these were delivered in time to hand out at Christmas.*

### Attendance

Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances. At Woodside our aim is to work with parents to ensure that all our pupils receive the most from their education and reach their full potential.

This is a reminder for all parents/carers that the law requires you to ensure that your child attends school regularly. The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children's attainment.

If your child is absent from school on any day you must notify school early. Please phone the office before 9.30am otherwise, your child's attendance will be marked as unauthorised.

Holidays in term time will **not** be authorised but we do still need notification 2 weeks in advance.

### **A huge thank you to the Friends of Woodside!**

Many of the Friends were extremely busy before Christmas with various fundraising events.

The Christmas Fair was extremely successful yet again. The children were excited to meet our special visitor in his Grotto. The Fair made in excess of £1500.

Many thanks to all who arranged and supported this event.

### **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! It is parents responsibility to make sure their Parentmail account is updated.

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

[office@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk)

Well done Beech class and Holly class!

**All** parents have signed up for Parentmail!

If you have not yet signed up for parentmail please speak to Helen in the office.

We are aiming to get all parents on parentmail in order to save paper copies and also ensuring parents are informed immediately.



### **Reminder!**

Please note the school will be closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February for staff training.



### **Reading Volunteers!**

Jenny Pearson is involved in a new initiative in school concerning reading with adults. We are looking for adults to be trained in listening to children read. We have already had several people who have completed DBS checks in the autumn term who would like to support children in school.

Please speak to Jenny Pearson or let the office know if you have some time to spare to join us with this.

# Dates for your diary

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

- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January** - Reception Maths Workshop 9-10am
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 2 Maths Workshop
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** - Parents Maths Workshop 7-8pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** - Nursery maths Workshops 8.30am & 12pm
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** - Year 1 Multiskills festival at Easton College 12.30-2.15pm
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** - New Nursery Parents Meeting 7pm
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Family Matters - Coffee Morning 9-10am
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - School discos - School Discos - Nursery & Reception 3.30-4.30pm
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - School discos - School Discos - School Discos - Year 1 & Year 2 - 4.45-5.45pm
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - School closes for spring half term
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - School reopens for second half of Spring Term
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Bags2schools collection.
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - **School closed for Inset Day**
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - World Book Day
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - Parents' Evening 5-7.30pm
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - Outdoor-learning Morning 10-11am
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 2 Curiosity Café - more information to follow
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Year R Curiosity Café - more information to follow
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1 Curiosity Café - more information to follow
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - School closes for Easter.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** - School reopens at 8.50am for Summer Term
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April** - Governor monitoring day in school.
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Reception Multi-Skills Festival at Easton College 9.45-11.30am
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Fundraising day for "Finnbars Force"
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- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** - Outdoor-learning Morning 10-11am
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Year 1 Dance Show, more information to follow
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - Dress up day for tombola prizes for the summer Fair
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** - School closes for May half term
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - School reopens at 8.50am
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June** - Bags2Schools collection