



# Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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## Christmas at Hethersett Woodside

As we head towards the Christmas holiday, 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!

## New School Site – Coachmaker Way

If you have been near the Village Hall recently you will be aware that the new school build is moving on and the building is now watertight.

Four year 3 children (Eco-Council) joined Mrs Jermy on celebrating this on the roof on Friday! We climbed to the top of the build having walked down the corridors and were treated with an amazing view!

Everything is currently going to plan. Windows are in and the brick work started. The builders are facing a challenge with mud following the wet weather we have experienced recently but are working Saturdays to keep the roads clear and safe.

On Thursday there was a neighbourhood meeting to keep everyone informed. If you are interested in attending the next meeting you can get more information from the website set up by Morgan Sindall:

[www.hethersettprimaryproject.co.uk](http://www.hethersettprimaryproject.co.uk)

## Staff changes at Woodside!

Mrs Samantha Easey begins her maternity leave in January and we wish her a few restful weeks before welcoming her new arrival!

We look forward to welcoming Mr Jem Brereton who will join our team in January. Mr Brereton will teach Laurel class for the remainder of the school year as well as taking on the role of Deputy Head at Woodside.

We have also appointed a new caretaker who will join us in January. Mr Chris Avery has many years' previous experience as a caretaker of a school in **Hampshire** as well as working with Scouting in Norwich for the last **10 years**.

Hethersett Parish Council's  
Environmental Action Team

## **LITTER PICK**



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2pm**  
**Village Hall**

Please join us on our last pick of the year.

Equipment provided. Wear sensible footwear, wrap up warm and bring some Christmas cheer!

**\*note the change of starting point**  
Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult  
Following picks: 11<sup>th</sup> January, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 14<sup>th</sup> March,  
11<sup>th</sup> April & 9<sup>th</sup> May.

You may have missed this Saturday's litter pick but you may be able to make the forthcoming dates.

## School Productions

Well done to all the children and adults for the Christmas performances this year! I think you will agree that yet again these were outstanding. There was an incredible amount of hard work and effort put into their success. The children immersed themselves into acting, singing and dancing and the reward was total enjoyment to all the audiences.

This year the bucket collection following the performances raising money for the Big C charity. **With your generous donations we raised over £551**

Thank you!

## Snack Contributions



## 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 for 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 evening and the FOWs made in excess of £1600, 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](mailto:office@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk)

## Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Thank you for all your kind donations for "Save the Children UK" charity!

We collected £158.43p

## 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.



## **Christmas Charity Market & Four Schools Carol Service.**

*Our Choir as well as Year 2 and 3 children delighted the audience when they sang at the Christmas Charity Market in the Methodist Church.*

*The Year 2 and 3 children also joined with the other schools in the village in this year's Carol Service at St. Remigius. 3 of our year 2 children read poems and the Year 2 and 3 children sang "Can you hear the Angels singing?" to a packed Church. The behaviour of the Year 2 and 3 children was outstanding and we were all extremely proud of them!*

### **Lunch boxes**

We have notices that chocolate is still appearing inside the lunchboxes.

We are a healthy school and please refrain from putting chocolate/sweets in the lunchboxes

### **Woodside Choir**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December the Choir visited, Hethersett Hall Care Home, & Woodcote Sheltered Housing to sing to the elderly residents.

The children enjoyed it as much as the residents!

### **Bags2Schools**

Thank you to everyone who contributed with a bag of clothing.

We received £104.00

Thank you

# Dates for your diary

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – party day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – School finishes for Christmas Holiday at 3.05pm

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019**– School reopens at 8.50am – Spring term begins

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January** – 2pm Open Session for new parents

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 Maths Workshop 9am

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 1 Maths Workshop 9am

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Reception Maths Workshop 9am

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 3 Maths Workshop 9am

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – 7pm Early Years New Parents Information Evening

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Height, Weight & Vision Reception Children

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Height, Weight & Vision Reception Children

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Height, Weight & Vision Reception Children

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January** – Members of Norwich Castle to visit Year 1

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – School Discos 3.15pm Year R and Year 1

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** – School Discos 4.30pm Year 2 and Year 3

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** – School closes for half term at 3.05pm

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – School reopens for second half of spring term

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6pm

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening 5 - 7.30pm

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Dress up Day

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** – Bags2Schools Collection Day

**Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Curiosity Cafés – more information to follow

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – School closes for Easter.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** – School reopens for Summer Term

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Governor monitoring day in school.

