

Hethersett Woodside Primary & Nursery Community Newsletter

December 2023

Message from Mrs Mainwaring, Head teacher:

It hardly seems possible that we have reached the end of the Autumn Term. It has been a fast paced term; full of learning, enrichment activities and other exciting opportunities for all children.

I have been so delighted to see our children working hard and following our Values so well this term.

They are proud to share their learning and behaviour at our weekly celebration assemblies; and staff are incredibly impressed by all they achieve.

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school to join in with the Christmas celebrations (performances, fayre, family learning, music concerts – to name but a few). Community liaison is at the heart of all we do, and I am excited to see this develop further as we increase our links with our extended community at Woodside.

Thank you to all of you who regularly provide suggestions and constructive feedback to me in terms of learning opportunities in our school. It is fantastic to work alongside such enthusiastic parents and carers.

I would like to finish by extending my sincere thanks to all Woodside staff; who work so hard to ensure your children have a positive school experience. They deserve a rest!

We are saying farewell to a number of staff this week; who are moving onto new ventures. We bid farewell to Mrs Pearson who currently teaches in Year 2. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to our school. We also say good bye and good luck to Mrs Blake (Reception TA), Mrs McDonnell (KS2 Cover Supervisor) and Mrs Rab (KS2 TA). They have all worked so hard for our children and will be missed greatly. We wish them all the best in their future work.

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Finally, I extend my thanks to our FABULOUS children. They have worked enthusiastically and resiliently this term, achieving very well.

On behalf of our staff and Governors, I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break.

We look forward to working with you again in 2024, and welcoming children back to school on Thursday 4th January 2024.

Warm wishes,

Louise Mainwaring

Sleep Advice

The Sleep Charity runs a National Sleep Helpline which is available for parents and carers. They offer lots of supportive information for children, young people and adults. Please click [here](#) for some of their helpful guides.



the national sleep helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle with your child's bedtime?
Will your child not sleep in their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

03303 530 541
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am

The Phil's Children's Concert



the national sleep helpline

50% Around 50% of children will have a sleep issue at some point*

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?
In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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The Norwich Philharmonic Orchestra presents a wonderful new opportunity for young children and their families to experience live orchestral music in a special fun and informal children's concert. It features the story book *The Knight Who Took All Day* by Mayhew and other heroic deeds in music! Children can dress up, sit close to the players and even have a go on some instruments themselves.

Saturday 10th February 2024 at 2.30 pm and 4.30pm (50 minutes)

The Kings Centre, 63-75 King St, Norwich NR1 1PH. Parking nearby at Castle Quarter, Rose Lane or Rouen Road car parks.

Tickets: £5 Children and £12 Adults www.ticketsource.co.uk/norwichphil

Office Messages:

We have a new Facebook Page please search Hethersett Woodside. The old one has now been deleted. We also have Twitter/X please follow us.

Parents please remind your children to hand in their phones to the school office upon arrival at school, the children do not need their phones during school time.

Leave of Absence Form - For all absences other than illness a leave of absence request form is requested at least two weeks prior. (forms available on our website or from the office).

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone each day and leave a message on the absence line. If we do not hear from you, it is our safeguarding responsibility to contact you, so we appreciate you telling us first.

Book Fair - thank you for attending the bookfair during the W/C 20th November, the sales were so good the school has £500.00 commission to

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spend on books for the library. Thank you to the Friends of Woodside for their support.

Parking - Please be considerate when parking outside school, on the road, please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school and nursery gates. And whilst you are waiting please turn off your engines.

Please note Stevensons uniform shop is closed from 18th December until 1st January 2024, and reopens on Tuesday 2nd January.

Friends of Woodside

I'd like to take this opportunity to say hello from all of us at the Friends of Woodside (FOWS).

We are a small group of volunteers who like to raise money for the school by holding fun events. We organise the Summer Fayre, the Christmas Fayre, discos, the Hethersett Scarecrow Trail and more. We aim to put the 'fun' back in fundraising!

I recently took on the role of Chairman, after Louise Cooper - who led the charge for many years - decided to step down. Louise did a fantastic job of championing all of the above events in her own time, sometimes at her expense, just to see the smiles on children's faces. We thank Louise for all of her hard work over the years, and we hope that we can carry on your amazing legacy. I've got massive boots to fill!

On Friday 1st December, we held our annual Christmas Fayre, which we were planning for a few months. We loved seeing many of you there supporting us and the school. We were pleased how the event went this year with the buggy park and the use of a couple of classrooms to use to ease the congestion. Total Money raised was £1,744.60



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We are always looking for more volunteers, so please get in touch with a FOWS member or the school office if you'd like to get involved. We also have a dedicated WhatsApp group for volunteers where you can opt in to do as little or as much as you like, again, if you would like to be added, please reach out.

Sarah Lawrence - FOWS Chair

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Upcoming events in our local community

Hethersett Pantomime Group
Presents

JACK
&
The
BEANSTALK

January
20th-27th
2024
at
Hethersett
Village Hall

Tickets £8.50
Proudly supporting local
charities, groups & good causes

For Tickets Visit www.hethersettboxoffice.org.uk

Matinees: 20th & 27th at 2pm
Evenings: 20th, 23rd - 27th at 7:30pm
Sunday 21st Performances 11am & 3pm