

Dear Parents

Welcome to the festively flavoured November Newsletter! The October holiday is now behind us and this term is set to become very busy (sounds of Christmas productions being rehearsed and glitter on the carpets will shortly be a regular occurrence). Hopefully this newsletter will keep you up-to-date with events present and forthcoming. Here goes...

VACANCY FOR A MIDDAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANT

Monday - Friday, 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, term time only.

Job sharing would be considered.

Required as soon as possible (subject to DBS check).

Contact Mrs Budden for further information.

Keeping you up-to-date...

New faces in school...

Mrs Barratt will commence her maternity leave next week and I am delighted to announce that governors have appointed Mrs Catherine Blacker to cover her maternity leave (Mon—Weds) in Sycamore Class.

Mrs Blacker has already completed a number of supply teaching days in our school and taught our current Year 1 pupils in September 2013 when Mrs Wright had fractured her ankle.

I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Barratt all the very best for her forthcoming maternity leave and we'll look forward to sharing news of Baby Barratt's

arrival with you soon.

We are also pleased to welcome three PGCE students from Bath Spa University who have joined us to complete their teaching practices.

Miss Cheal and Miss Shaw have joined KS2 in Elm and Cherry classes and Miss Hodsdon is working in Maple Class.

School jumpers, coats, cycle helmets, lights on bicycles and high viz vests...

Now that the wintry weather seems to have arrived and the evenings are getting dark, please make sure that children are coming to school warmly clothed and suitably equipped.

Thank you!

School Meetings this term... (2.45 pm onwards)

Key Stage 1
(Oak, Sycamore & Maple Classes)

14th November
5th December

Key Stage 2
(Cherry, Elm, Lime & Willow Classes)

21st November
12th December

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PTA Bonfire
Friday 7th November
Gates open 6.15 pm

News of Christmas events and festivities...

As it will soon be the season to be jolly, here are some festive notices of things to come later this term.

'Oh yes it is' pantomime time...

Thanks to the generosity of the PTA we are all looking forward to a performance of 'Dick Whittington' here in school in the morning of Friday 21st November. After that we're certain to be feeling a little Christmassy!

Christmas Hampers

In keeping with tradition, the PTA will shortly be sending out raffle tickets and will be asking parents and friends of the school to contribute items for class hampers. In order to give an extra boost to the filling of the class hampers we are planning to have a mufti day on **Friday 5th December**. All children are invited to wear whatever they like for school on that day and instead of the usual monetary donation we'd like each child to bring a festive contribution, food or otherwise, for the hamper being assembled by their class.

We look forward to some well-stocked Christmas hampers!

Don't forget that the raffle will be drawn on Friday 19th December.

Christmas Performances

Key Stage 1 present:

'Jesus's Christmas Party'

Tuesday 9th December ~ 2 pm & 6 pm

Wednesday 10th December ~ 6 pm

Key Stage 2 present:

'Gold to Bethlehem'

Tuesday 9th December ~ 7 pm

Wednesday 10th December ~ 1.45 pm and 7 pm

Admission strictly by ticket only.

News of admission arrangements will follow soon and tickets will be issued in the week beginning 1st December.

Christmas Help

We will soon be putting up lists, in the area just inside the main entrance, asking for help in the Christmas events being run in and around the school. If you don't come into school on a regular basis but are able to offer some help, please give Mrs Budden a call and she can add your name to a list. These events rely heavily on parental support and are always busy and fun-filled affairs.

PTA Christmas Fair

Hopefully you'll be keeping **Friday 28th November** free in your diaries for this event. With opportunities to visit Santa's grotto and a wide variety of craft activities for the children, it promises to be a busy afternoon. More details will follow soon from the PTA.

School Post Box

The school post box will be in situ outside the office from **Monday 8th December** to enable the children to send Christmas cards to one another. Children from KS2 will be appointed 'post people' to oversee regular deliveries. Envelopes should be addressed clearly with the recipient's Christian name, surname and class. Please!

Christmas Lunch

A letter will follow soon to enable all parents to order a Christmas Lunch for their child(ren) on Wednesday 17th December. Any volunteers to help the staff to serve the children their festive feast would be very welcome.

Christmas Arrangements for Pupils in Reception Class

For parents and pupils new to the school, a note of Christmas arrangements will follow from Mrs Wright in due course.

Christmas Parties ~ Thursday 18th December, all afternoon!

Party Lunch, 12.00 - 1.15 pm. Following the success of last year's arrangements, classes from both Key Stages will have their party lunch in the hall. Adult helpers can be quite scarce for this event so anyone who has some time to help us set up the hall and lay out the food would be very much appreciated, please. Just report to the office from 11.30 am onwards.

Party Food As recent arrangements also proved to be successful, once again we will be allocating party food according to children's classes. Please could parents supply a small amount of food to share according to the following list:

All food donations should be brought into school on the morning of 18th please.

Oak, Cherry and Willow Classes	Savoury foods, e.g. small sandwiches, sausage rolls, pizza, cheese & pineapple, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes
Sycamore and Elm Classes	Cakes and biscuits
Maple and Lime Classes	Crisps and snacks

Party Clothes The children may bring party clothes to change into before lunch, in a named carrier bag, please.

Disco As usual, a disco and party games for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, will follow in the afternoon.

Christmas Carol Service

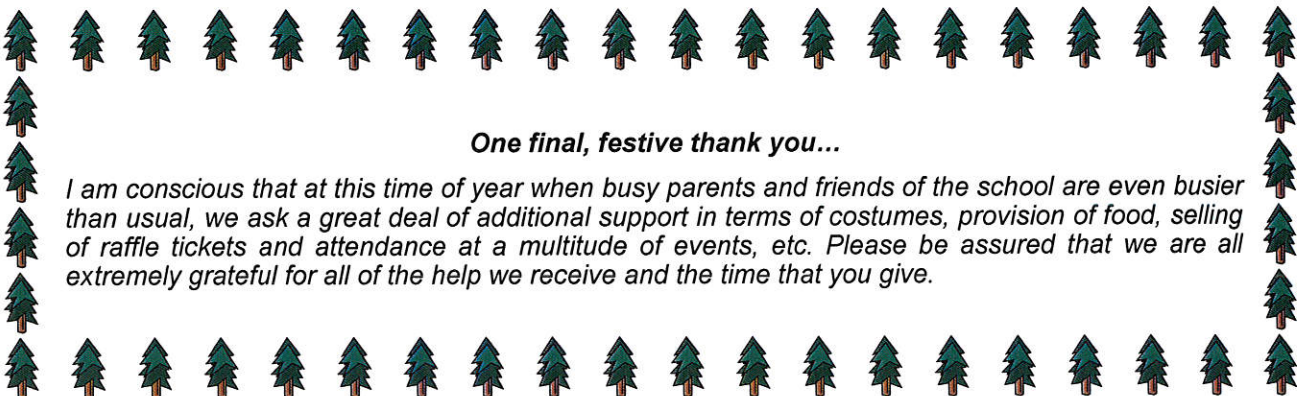
The service will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Woodborough, at 9.30am on **Friday 19th December**. We will meet at Church, although as usual, the staff will walk to Church with any children who need to be dropped off at school.

PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our Christmas festivities in school conclude with this event at 11.30 am on Friday 19th December. Come along with your fingers crossed that your name will be drawn from the raffle and with sufficient boot space in the car to transport your winning hamper home!

So let the holidays commence EARLY...

Once again we will be finishing school early to commence the Christmas holidays. **School will end at 12.15 pm** when the raffle has been drawn. The school buses will be booked accordingly.



One final, festive thank you...

I am conscious that at this time of year when busy parents and friends of the school are even busier than usual, we ask a great deal of additional support in terms of costumes, provision of food, selling of raffle tickets and attendance at a multitude of events, etc. Please be assured that we are all extremely grateful for all of the help we receive and the time that you give.

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Mission Statement

Woodborough School is about...

Christian caring
Happiness
Inspiring
Learning together
Diversity
Rewarding
Enabling
Nurturing

Diary Dates

November

7th
14th

21st

27th

28th

December

5th

8th

9th

10th

12th

17th

18th

19th

Bonfire Night, gates open 6.15 pm

Willow Cake Break

Children in Need – Bring a Teddy to School

KS1 School Meeting, 2.45 pm

Dick Whittington pantomime performance in school, 9.30 am

KS2 School Meeting, 2.45 pm

Governors' Meeting, 7.15 pm

PTA Christmas Fair

Mufti Day, KS1 School Meeting, 2.45 pm

Dress rehearsals

KS1 Christmas Performance, 2 pm & 6 pm

KS2 Christmas Performance, 7 pm

KS2 Christmas Performance, 1.45 pm & 7 pm

KS1 Christmas Performance, 6 pm

KS2 School Meeting, 2.45 pm

Christmas lunch, 12.00 noon

Christmas parties, 12.00 noon

End of term service, Woodborough Church, 9.30 am

PTA raffle, 11.30 am

End of term 2, 12.15 pm

School Website:

www.woodboroughprimary.org.uk

A couple of extra notices...

REMEMBER

REFLECTIONS ON THE FIRST WORLD WAR
THROUGH MUSIC, WORDS AND SONG

PERFORMED BY YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM

PEWSEY, RUSHALL AND WOODBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

AND PEWSEY VALE SECONDARY SCHOOL

FEATURING

PAUL DARBY – SINGER AND COLIN HEBER-PERCY – ACTOR

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER, 6PM

PEWSEY VALE SCHOOL, WILCOT RD

FREE – DONATIONS WELCOME



News from Woodborough Social Club

The committee of the Woodborough Social Club are keen that we promote the 'Family Nights' that take place regularly. They provide an opportunity for groups of friends and families to get together and enjoy drinks and light refreshments.

There will be 'Family Nights' on the following Friday evenings until the end of the year (all from 7 pm onwards):

- 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th November and 5th December.

Also, the following events may well be of interest:

- Saturday 8th November 'Prize Bingo', doors open at 7 pm and eyes down at 8 pm.
- Saturday 6th December 'Xmas Bingo', doors open at 7 pm and eyes down at 8 pm.
- Friday 12th December 'Children's Xmas Party', 7 pm
- Friday 19th December, 'Family Film Night', 7 pm

Further details 01672 852269 / 851579

**One final polite message from the
Woodborough Social Club...**

Please would parents using the Social Club car park avoid using the disabled spaces and blocking access to the fire doors and newly installed defibrillator.

Thank you