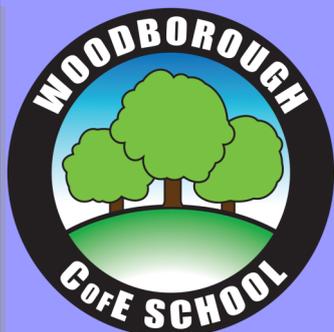


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NEWSLETTER

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...

Keeping you up-to-date...

Welcoming a new face...

I am delighted to let you know that the Governing Body have appointed Mrs Bianca Crichard to join our teaching staff on a part-time, 2 days per week basis.

Mrs Crichard is already well known to pupils in Willow Class where she has been covering for Mrs Ashby's Special Educational Needs subject leader and planning time every Tuesday.

Mrs Crichard will also be responsible for teaching Lime Class (N) every Monday in a job-share arrangement with Mrs Needham. Mrs Needham returned from maternity leave at the end of the summer term and has requested a reduction in her teaching commitment to four days per week to spend time with her family.

Mrs Crichard brings lots of experience and a variety of skills to compliment our staff team. I am sure you will see her around the school in the coming weeks and will join me in making her very welcome.

School jumpers, coats 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.

A couple of extra PTA messages...

WATCH OUT FOR:

MyArtProject.co.uk - sample cards of your children's artwork for christmas cards will be coming out in the next week or so - please keep your eyes open for them in book bags and then choose from a range of cards and gifts to personalise with their artwork.

Nothbrook Fundraising - you should by now have received your Northbrook catalogues for fantastic gift wrapping paper and other small gifts. 22% of your purchase will go towards Woodborough PTA - happy shopping!

School Meetings for the remainder of this term...	
Key Stage 1 (Oak, Sycamore & Maple Classes)	Key Stage 2 (Cherry, Lime (N), Lime (C) & Willow Classes)
13th November, 2.45 pm	27th November, 2.45 pm - <u>CANCELLED due to PTA Christmas Fayre</u>
11th December, 2.30 pm—Extended School Meeting for All Classes	
20th November, 'Open Day', No School Meeting	
4th December, PTA 'Popcorn Club' No School Meeting	
18th December, PTA Hamper Raffle, 11.30 am	
School Term Ends at 12.15 pm	

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Open Day
Friday 20th November
 10.00 am - 12.00 pm &
 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm

Please encourage anyone you know who might be looking for a school place, to come along and see our school in action.

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 'Cinderella' here in school on the afternoon of Thursday 19th 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 11th December**. All children are invited to wear whatever they like for school on that day (we're looking forward to counting how many Christmas jumpers there might be!) 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.

Fingers crossed for some well-stocked Christmas hampers!

Don't forget that the raffle will be drawn on Friday 18th December.

Christmas Performances

Key Stage 1 present:

'Sugar Plum'

Tuesday 8th December ~ 2 pm & 6 pm

Wednesday 9th December ~ 6 pm

Key Stage 2 present:

'When Sasha Got Swept up the Chimney'

Tuesday 8th December ~ 7 pm

Wednesday 9th December ~ 1.45 pm and 7 pm

Admission strictly by ticket only.

News of ticket arrangements will follow soon and tickets will be issued in the week beginning 23rd November

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 Fayre

Save the date - Friday 27th November. Doors open at 2.30 pm. Meet Santa, Christmas crafts and games, raffle, Christmas stalls and gifts. Further details coming soon...

School Post Box

The school post box will be in situ outside the office from **Monday 7th 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

You should by now have received a letter to enable all parents to order a Christmas Lunch for their child(ren) on 15th 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 17th December, all afternoon!

Party Lunch, 12.00 - 1.15 pm. As in recent years, classes from both Key Stages will have their party lunch in the hall. Adult helpers can be quite scarce for this event and 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 Again, as recent arrangements also proved to be successful, 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 17th please.*

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

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

Oak, Cherry and Willow Classes	Savoury foods, e.g. small sandwiches, sausage rolls, pizza, cheese &
Sycamore and Lime (C) Classes	Cakes and biscuits
Maple and Lime (N) Classes	Crisps and snacks

Christmas Carol Service

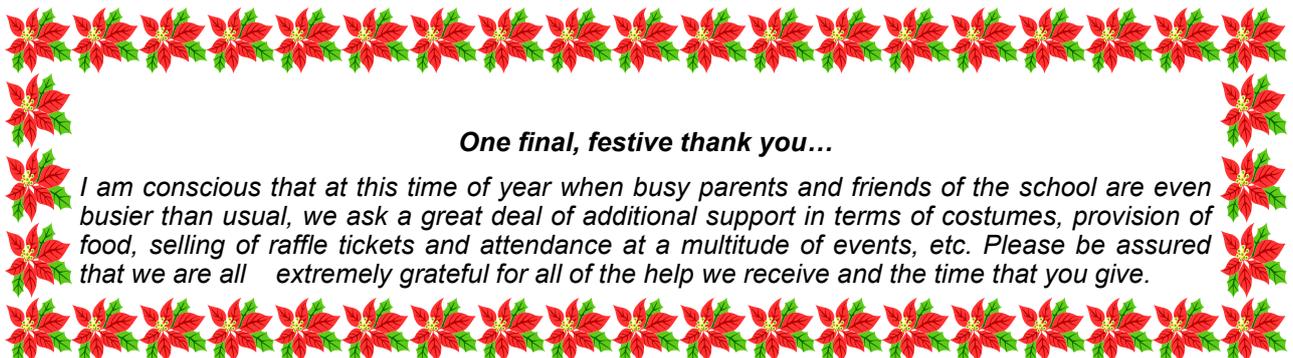
The service will take place at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Woodborough, at 9.30am on **Friday 18th December**. We will meet at Church, although as usual, the staff will walk to Church with any children who need to be dropped off at school.

PTA Christmas Hamper Raffle

Our Christmas festivities in school conclude with this event at 11.30 am on Friday 18th 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.



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Mission Statement

Woodborough School is about...

Christian caring
Happiness
Inspiring
Learning together
Diversity
Rewarding
Enabling
Nurturing

School Website:

www.woodboroughschool.org

Diary Dates

November

11th PTA meeting, 7 pm
13th Children in Need multi day (to include one yellow item)
KS1 School Meeting, 2.45 pm
Shoebox collection
19th Pantomime performance - 'Cinderella'
20th Lime Class cake break
Open Day, 10 – 12 noon, 1.30 – 2.30 pm
PTA Coffee Morning, Woodborough Social Club 9 – 10 am
Governors' Meeting, 7.30 pm
PTA Christmas Fayre, 2.30 pm

December

4th Popcorn Club
8th KS1 performance, 2 pm & 6 pm
KS2 performance, 7 pm
9th KS1 performance, 6 pm
KS2 performance 1.45 pm & 7 pm
11th Christmas Hampers multi day
Whole school – School Meeting. **2.30 pm**
15th Christmas Lunch
17th Christmas Parties
18th Carol Service, Woodborough Church 9.30 am
PTA Raffle 11.30 am
12.15 pm end of term

January

4th Term 3 begins

PTA... RECENT EVENTS & NEWS...

- **SCHOOL DISCO** - Another fun evening, the children had a brilliant time with their friends and Matt Rushton did a great job running the disco. Thank you to all those who helped organise the event and who came to help on the evening itself. The evening made £245 which will all go towards good causes within the school.
- **POPCORN CLUB** - The children loved watching Jungle Book and it was a great adventure for the new children in Reception staying to watch a film. The afternoon made £266 which again will go back into the school.
- **PTA PIZZA EVENING with Oak Class parents** - Held at 'The Ship' at Upavon, this was a well attended get-together with a chance for new parents at the school to meet the Committee, learn more about the work the PTA does, the good causes it supports in school and have a relaxed social evening. The pizzas were superb and everyone had a fun evening.

100 CLUB 15/16 - After such a successful year last year, the PTA are proposing to run the 100 club again this year. This year's draw will be run along the same lines as last year. For just £12 participants will gain a number and be entered into a draw of 100 numbers each month for 12 months to win prizes of £25, £10 and £5 respectively (including a one off additional bonus prize of £50 in December). The first draw for the new year will take place in December and all proceeds will go towards the PTA for good causes within the school.

Results for the September, October and November draws are as follows:

September: 1st £25 - No 56 - Krystin Gregory-Smith, 2nd £10 - No 14 - Emma Flight, 3rd £5 - No 39 - Nic Sutherland

October: 1st £25 - No 50 - Claudia Awoodun, 2nd £10 - No 57 - Andrea Mittelmeier, 3rd £5 - No 92 - Bryan Argent

November: 1st - £25 - No 64 - Michael and Pam Morris, 2nd - £10 - No 34 - Verity Randall, 3rd - £5 - No 60 - Sally Wilkinson

Prizes will be ready for collection from the school office on Monday 9th November. If you would like the prize to be put into your child's book bag, please contact the school office.

Current number holders will be contacted shortly and have the opportunity to renew their numbers. The draw will then be opened up to new participants.

- **COMMITTEE:** Please watch out for PTA communications from your class rep for your respective classes. Thank you to Tana Shanagher for taking on the Procurement role. We still have a couple of roles to fill on the committee - details of these positions are on the PTA section of the school website if you're interested: Vice Chair & Filming/ Video production
- **PTA SPEND:** This month's money has gone towards Global week contributions, PTA Reception Class event, Library contribution, and swimming.
- **NEXT PTA MEETING - Wednesday 11th Nov, 7:00pm.** All parents are welcome to attend, or let us know if you have any questions or points to discuss.