



Woodside Matters 7

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New families

We are pleased to show lots of prospective parents around the school at this time of year, as they make decisions for reception year in September. We have fantastic feedback on meeting new parents as they say they come to us due to hearing good things about the school.

A quote from Ofsted:

'The headteacher has worked with determination and a relentless drive to improve the quality of education that pupils receive. She is ably supported by a highly committed staff team. She has established high expectations for staff and pupils through initiatives such as peer reviews carried out by local headteachers and 'Aspirations Week'. This work motivates staff to provide the very best education for the pupils at Woodside Primary School. Pupils thrive in this caring and supportive learning environment, where they achieve both in their academic and personal development.'

The Twelve Schools of Christmas! Mrs Fawkes has written a Woodside song for Chris Evans' Breakfast Show Christmas song competition. Twelve shortlisted schools will have their songs aired on the breakfast show and judged; then the show will be broadcast from the winning school on the last day of term. We will start learning our Woodside song shortly so watch this space!*

*Mrs Fawkes will record the whole school singing the song and submit it to the breakfast show (audio only). Please tell us if you do not want your child recorded.

Old Scholars' Association Thank you to Mrs A Davis and Mrs Matthews for attending the most recent Old Scholars Lunch and many thanks to Mr Bent and the Association for donating £500 for books for our library. Their support is always very much appreciated.

Community links We are looking forward to welcoming visitors from Crossroads again soon and our drama group is looking forward to performing their play at the Village Hall for the Luncheon Club.

Crisp packet collection Over 5kg of crisp packets have been collected! Thank you Mrs Cotterell!

Well done everyone!

£150 was raised for the Poppy Appeal and £115 for Children in Need! Thank you so much for all your support and especially for sending in cakes- we know how busy everyone is.

Clubs Thank you to the volunteers who run clubs as well as to the leaders of paid clubs. We appreciate the commitment to volunteering.

Meal update

As Christmas lunch will be on Friday 20th December, Wednesday 18th December's choice will be fish and chips/ Jacket potato.

Birthday celebrations- please don't send cakes and sweets into school for birthdays. Thank you for your support with this.

PTFA news

Please complete this slip and return it to the office

We had a PTFA meeting on Tuesday and would like your feedback on the following please:

What would you like PTFA fund raising for?

Please tick the ideas you think we should go ahead with:

- Christmas story time and hot chocolate evening
- January children's book donations- £1 to buy a book
- Easter tea afternoon (tea and cakes for wider community to come in)
- Street party fundraiser just before the May Bank holiday commemoration of VE Day



This term's value is
RESPECT
for ourselves and each other

Dates for your diaries:

Thurs 28th Nov British Horse Society visit (Woodpeckers)
 Weds 4th Dec Crossroad Care carol visitors singing to the children
 Fri 6th Dec Non-uniform day-please bring in an item for the Christmas raffle
 16th Dec-20th Dec Christmas events as above
 Fri 20th Dec end of term
 Mon 6th Jan back to school
 Fri 14th Feb Inset day
 Mon 17th Feb-21st Feb Half term
 Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April Easter holiday
 Fri 8th May Bank Holiday
 Mon 25th May to 29th May Half term
 Fri 17th July last day of term

Christmas performance and events dates:

	9:30 am	1:30 pm	5:30pm
Mon 16 th Dec		KS2 play	EYFS and KS1 play
Tues 17 th Dec	KS2 play	EYFS and KS1 play 2:30pm Drama club performance for parents and school	
Weds 18 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 play	Drama club performance at Village Hall 2:30pm Raffle Draw in hall	KS2 play
Thurs 19 th Dec	Class parties		
Fri 20 th Dec	Panto followed by Christmas lunch		

Update on performances:

Thank you again for useful feedback about the play tickets. Based on this, the evening performances will be at Ruardean Village Hall (same dates and times as above). There is enough space for two tickets per family for the evening performances and yours are attached to this newsletter. The hall will not hold more than two adults per family due to fire regulations. Please ensure you have your ticket when you arrive to avoid disappointment. To enable these evening performances, please bring your child to the hall (in costume) between 5pm and 5:15pm. EYFS and KS1 will need their costumes in school on Tuesday please.

The morning and afternoon performances will still go ahead in the school hall using the one ticket per family that we have already issued. **To avoid disappointment please ensure you have your ticket when you arrive** as we have allocated them fairly and according to capacity. If you no longer want your morning or afternoon ticket, please return it to the office as we are happy to do a 'waiting list' system and will keep a list-please let us know if you want to be on it. For the school performances, doors will open 10 minutes before the performances are due to start. Thank you for your understanding.

We are not charging for tickets and the Ruardean Hall rent will come out of PTFA funds. There will be mince pies/biscuits for PTFA donations at the end of performances. Thank you to Mrs Andrews-Weaver for volunteering to do the DVDs again this year for PTFA funds (this will be available through Parent Pay shortly).

Thank you for your understanding if children make little mistakes in the evening performances as we will not be able to go to the hall for dress rehearsals-I am sure they will really enjoy themselves and have fun!

