



Woodside Matters 8

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Update on arrangements from January

I have been visiting Steam Mills frequently already and all is now in place to ensure continuity and stability for Woodside Primary School for the spring and summer terms, in this temporary support role. I am delighted that Mrs Fawkes has been appointed to be the Deputy Head here at Woodside. Mrs Fawkes is a very experienced leader and has worked very closely with myself and Governors for many years with regard to the running of the school. With this, and my intention to be at both schools every day, you will see very little difference in the day to day practice here.

Crossroad Care carol visitors singing to the children

What a lovely event! It was great to have our visitors for lunch with the children and our children listened very respectfully to their beautiful singing and sang too. Thank you to all involved.

Christmas performances

Although I have acted on feedback about the use of a local hall for the evening performances, I am disappointed that only one parent has contacted me back to say thank you and that we still have heard grumblings about the play arrangements. Out of common courtesy, I would much prefer to be spoken to directly if you have any views to air. Evening Christmas performances are extra curricular activities which I am grateful that my staff are willing to do for the children. Please could we have a little Christmas cheer now and could parents please make an effort to maintain and grow good relationships with school staff as I think everyone has had enough of ongoing grumblings. Thank you so much- we really do value the good relationships we have fostered with you over many years and we do not want these spoiled.

Please come to the performances with your tickets and do not bring extra children to sit on laps.
The fire and safety regulations are for the safety of your children.

Christmas events

Please refer to the dates and times on the back of these newsletters and the calendar that Mrs Matthews issues. Links to the newsletters on our website are in the app too.

Traditionally, we wear something Christmassy for the Panto and Christmas dinner day (Fri 20th Dec this year). So if your child would like to wear something like antlers/tinsel/a Christmas jumper then that is fine. Please do not think you have to buy a Christmas jumper!

Road safety

Woodpecker class had a lovely afternoon with our visitors, Des and Alan, from the British Horse Society. They talked to us about how to pass horses safely and why this is so important. We were able to ask lots of questions and found out more about the Mounted Police and working in the Queen's Household Cavalry. We know now that we need to pass horses slowly and give them plenty of room. The children all listened really carefully so please ask them all about it! There is a photo on our website.

PTFA

We are very pleased with the eight new iPads the children use due to the sponsored walk fundraising. Thank you again to all families for supporting this and to Mrs Matthews and Mrs Phelps for organising it! Please return raffle tickets asap- thank you so much for all the donations!

Meal update

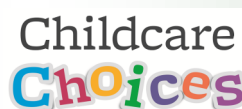
As Christmas lunch will be on Friday 20th December, Wednesday 18th December's choice will be fish and chips/ Jacket potato.

Wellbeing

Please let us know of any issues which may be unsettling your child so that we can work closely with you.



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

Dates for your diaries:

16th Dec-20th Dec Christmas events as below
 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	Pantomime followed by Christmas lunch –wear something Christmassy!		

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

