



Dear Parents and Carers,

We break up for Christmas today and after several weeks of school Christmassy celebrations, we can now all look forward to spending some time with our families and friends. We talk to the children in class and during assemblies about the meaning of Christmas and one theme that is often repeated is the opportunity to spend quality time with friends and families. The children always try to steer the conversation back to presents and food but we remind them that this is a special time for being kind and generous towards others, whether this involves toys or not!

We sometimes have to say good bye to people at the end of term and unfortunately this term is no exception. We are very sad to be losing two very significant people from our team; Mrs Wenna Moss and Mr Chris Evans. Mrs Moss has been with us since we amalgamated in 2009 and we are sorry to see her leave. Mr Evans has been a very active parent governor who also joined the school in 2009. Both Mrs Moss and Mr Evans have made a fantastic contribution to the school during their time with us and we thank them sincerely and wish them well for the future.

Finally, wherever you are and whoever you are planning to be with this Christmas, take care and have a wonderful time. See you next year!

Very best wishes— Andy Mitchell (Head)

What's Going On

Friday 22nd December Last Day of
Autumn Term



Monday 8th January First Day of Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January Young Voices Concert at the
Genting Arena

Linked to their half term topic theme, the children in Upper Phase have started to create their water bowls based on their own designs. They have been researching and creating posters on WaterAid



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Governor Focus

One of our long standing governors Mr Chris Evans has recently come to the end of his second term as parent governor at Woodloes Primary School and subsequently left the governing body at the beginning of December. We would like to thank Chris for his contribution to the development of the school since amalgamation back in 2009 and in particular for his amazing work as both Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs & Disabilities (SEND) lead. We would also like to wish all children, parents, carers and a very happy and peaceful Christmas break.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Class 5E
with 96.9%

Whole school attendance to date - 96.1% (school
target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 119 pupils = 33.3%.
Well done to these pupils in particular, each have
received a certificate and ice skating vouchers!

What I love about Woodloes

I like Woodloes because I like
to do French with Mrs Madan
and I love maths. I love assembly
because we get to find out
what's going on. I also love to
do PE with Miss Winstanley.
Isabelle, Year 3



Remember to visit the school website, where you'll find a drop-down bar leading you to many 'Stay Safe Online' links.



Recommended website: <http://www.funenglishgames.com/readinggames/directions.html> Read the instructions carefully and then give directions in the correct order. Plot the shortest possible map routes between locations such as a park, school, café, swimming pool and skate park.

Pupil Voice (This week School Council)

Everyone is very excited about the Christmas holidays and It was great to see everyone in their festive jumpers/ clothes today!



Everyone looked amazing and the school council would like to thank everyone for making such an effort on the last day of term.

The school council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Focus on Excellence

In Year 1 our topic has been all about 'Space' and the children were so shocked to see that the Art Area had been destroyed by a crash landing from an alien spaceship. As the children explored the debris they realised that the aliens had left their baby alien behind.



The children wrote a recount of what happened and sent a message to the aliens to come back for their baby!



Other News

Christmas Dinner A huge thank you to Debbie (school cook) and her staff for their fantastic skills today in providing a Christmas dinner for well in excess of 300 pupils! They always do an amazing job and, today in particular, with a higher number than usual numbers of dinners to cook, they have been super stars!

Forest School Following on from the success of our recent tesco grant of £5,000, Keir Mitchell (our Forest School Co-ordinator) is busy progressing with plans for enhancing our forest school area. With this in mind, Keir is looking for parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc etc., from around March/April time to help implement the plans. Can you (or do you know anyone who can) spare some time ie., possibly at a weekend to help him? If so, please drop us an email at admin5207@welearn365.com with your details and we will forward them onto Keir who will, in turn, make contact. Thank you. Any help would be much appreciated.

School Extra Curricular Clubs Please find attached Extra Curricular Timetable for the Spring Term. You will note Mrs Eldridge (Year One teacher and Music Co-Ordinator) is starting a Key Stage One Choir in the Spring Term. It will run every Tuesday lunchtime from 12.30pm to 1.00pm. You do not need to 'sign your child up' for this. Any interested Year One and Two children will merely just turn up in Mrs Eldridge's classroom every Tuesday at 12.30pm (starting from Tuesday 16th January).

Lost Property There will be a final opportunity to look through the current lost property items at the beginning of the Spring Term, before they are donated to the Air Ambulance charity on Friday 12th January 2018.

Friends of Woodloes would like to say a big thank you for your continued support over the autumn term. We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday and a happy 2018.