



Friday 1 December 2017



WOODLANDS
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Trust

Woodlands News

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Thank you to those who attended the parent pupil progress meetings. We appreciated your positive feedback and hope that sharing your children's assessment data and books will enable us to work together to support your children both at home and school.

Curriculum

We have been extremely busy this half term— as well as the children working very hard rehearsing for performances, Year 6 pupils had a very informative morning out at Crucial Crew.

Year 1 and Year 2 had a visit from Zoolab, inviting the children to handle small animals and the Woodlands Choirs sang at various public performances.



Fundraising



All the children looked fantastic dressed in their pyjamas for Children in Need!

Thank you all for your support. The total amount raised was £401.24.

Also thank you for your donations towards the Poppy Appeal—we shall inform you of the final amount once we receive it.

Thank you also to all parents who purchased books from our Book Fair, I hope your children enjoy reading their books.

Don't forget there is still time to order your copy of the Woodlands CD!

We will endeavour to update the website with news and events as they happen at:
www.woodlands.norfolk.sch.uk

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, *Miss Howse*

Acting Headteacher



As the weeks are flying by in the approach to the Christmas celebrations we hope that you will join us in celebrating our many performances and events at this special time of year.

Rehearsals are well underway and we appreciate all your support in creating costumes and the help you give your child to learn songs and character parts.

On Monday 13 November the Chief Executive of Creative Education Trust, Marc Jordan, visited our school and met with staff and children. He was very complimentary about the school's progress and direction and was particularly impressed with the eloquent conversation and informative tour that was provided by our Year 6 prefects; Gracie, Ella, Samuel and Janni.

I have received a letter from a member of the community following the Year 6 participation in our Primary Cluster Remembrance Service that was held on Friday 10 November. *"I was one of the nearly 300 people attending a Remembrance Service at St Nicholas Church. I watched with admiration as 200 young children stood for over an hour in the sunny but cold, windy weather with no comment or complaint. Their conduct was exemplary, their sincerity and understanding deeply moving. The written, artistic and spoken contributions were outstanding and reflected many hours of research preparation and care".* A special well done to Evan, Freddie, Caitlin and Livia who gave a reading.

I am very proud of all our children who performed at The Minster and Hippodrome recently. Woodlands has very talented children and an additional well done to Mr Ainslie who composed the song 'What a Lovely Evening'.

Creative Education Trust are holding a Christmas Carol Service at the Great Yarmouth Minster on Monday 18 December from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. We are looking forward to hearing our choir perform and deliver a special reading.

Thank you to the few parents who braved the cold and dark evening to attend the first Parent Friends Association meeting. We are aware that there were many more parents who would have liked to attend but could not because of child care problems. We are reviewing our times for meeting and hope that we can offer child care facilities in the New Year so we can plan new events for the Spring and Summer terms.

This week we say "Goodbye and Good Luck" to Mark Chapman, our Finance Manager. We welcome Debbie Handford who will be taking on his role. We also welcome Cheryl Mace who will join us in January as an additional Year 2 teaching assistant and our three Mid Day Supervisors; Susan Long, Angela Baccas and Sharon Winton.

Farewell

At the end of this term we also say "Goodbye and Good Luck" to Craig Hambright in Year 3 and wish him every success in his new appointment as class teacher in Norwich.

Dates for your Diary:



- Monday 4 Dec: Year 6 Heights & Weights Measurements
- Friday 8 Dec: Year 6 visit to Kentwell Hall
- Wednesday 13 Dec: Woodlands Christmas Lunch & **Wear your Christmas Jumper and donate £1 to Save the Children**
- Thursday 14 Dec: Year 6 Cycling Skills - (last session)
- Monday 18 Dec: Creative Academy Trust Carol Concert : The Minster 7pm
- Friday 22 Dec: Last day at school

- 2018:** Monday 15 Jan: Parent Forum : 9am until 9.30am
Thursday 18 Jan: Parent Forum : 6pm until 6.30pm
Friday 26 Jan: Year 4: final amount payable due for Manor Adventure

Sports Days 2018:

- Mon 2 July: Years 1 & 2 : 1pm—3pm
- Tues 3 July : Years 3 & 4 : 1pm—3pm
- Weds 4 July: Years 5 & 6 : 12.40pm—3pm
- Thurs 5 July: Reception Sports 10am—11.30am
- Fri 6 July: Nursery Sports Day (Times to be confirmed)



Christmas Performances

- Nursery : Wednesday 13 December— 9.30am
- EYFS : Thursday 21 December — 9.am
- Year 1: Tuesday 12 December— 9.am
- Year 2: Thursday 14 December—9.am
- Years 3, & 4: Tuesday 19 December - 2pm
- Years 5 & 6: Wednesday 20 December—2pm



Please can we remind parents to park considerately around Church Walk/St Nicholas Gardens when attending the performances.





Attendance Achievements

Weekly Attendance Totals

Congratulations to : 1B = 98% 5A = 98%

(week ending 24 November 2017)



Reminders:



Please bring water bottles into school every day

Do not bring any food into school which contains nuts

PE kit should be brought into school on a Monday for the whole week



We have sent information home for an arts and crafts club led by Lindsey Cockrill from Little Squiggles . 15 places are available for EYFS, KS1 and KS2 children from Woodlands on Mondays and Fridays after school from 3.10pm-4.15pm



Sports Round-Up



Football:

Our Football teams are well into their seasons now.

The U11 Boys (W2, L1), the U11 Girls (W2) and the U10 Boys (W2) have all made good starts to the year. The U11 Boys also became East

Norfolk Champions, while the Girls were runners up on penalties in their Final. The boys will compete in the Norfolk Finals in January.

Athletics:

Both our A and B Athletics teams did a fantastic job in qualifying for the East Norfolk Finals in January. The Year 4 Athletics team will try next week.

Class Cross Country competition: The following number of children from each class have set a time so far: 3B (22), 4A (20), 6A (19), 4B (17), 6B (16), 3A (15), 5B (14), 5A (10). Please encourage your child to attend and beat their PBgs!

Basketball: Our Basketball team continues to improve in the Norfolk League, winning 8 and losing 2 games so far this season.