



# Woodmansterne Primary School

## *Growing Learners for Life*

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012

At this time of year we are mindful that the weather can suddenly change and that we may at any time have heavy snowfall that could lead to an emergency school closure. Mrs Goldsmith has been updating our emergency school closure procedures for parents and this has been sent to you today as a separate attachment. Please familiarise yourself with our guidance notes as this will help make any evacuation or closure a lot quicker and smoother.

I very much appreciate parents' support in ensuring that the children attend school smartly dressed and in the correct uniform – we also have very clear policies on the wearing of jewellery, nail polish etc. Jewellery must not be worn for reasons of safety – if your child has pierced ears only the smallest of studs should be worn to school but these must be removed for PE lessons by your child or they will not be able to take part in the lesson. I have also noticed a number of pupils wearing nail polish and this should be removed before your child attends school. Thank you for your support; I do regard this as a very important factor in the success of the school.

### **Rebuilding new website**

As you may be aware we are in the process of building a new website and would welcome your ideas of what you would like to see included. Mrs Hext and Mrs Williams sent out a letter this week with a tear off slip for you to input any of your suggestions – extra copies of the letter are available from the school office. We look forward to hearing from you!

### **Woodies Film Night/Crafty Critters Club today**

Woodies Film Night 'Arthur Christmas' will be showing this afternoon in the School Hall. Children who have booked to see the film will be collected from their classroom by a Woodies representative and parents should collect children promptly at 5.20pm from the hall. Crafty Critters Club will be running in Yr 5 Cedar class after school today and parents can pick children up from this classroom at the end of the session.

### **Woodies Christmas Raffle**

Woodies have sent home flyers this week about their Christmas Raffle and your chance to win:

- A Christmas Hamper
- Swimming lessons worth £120
- Cooper Holiday Club Vouchers for 2012/2013
- £10 voucher for Small Print

Tickets are available from Class Reps in the playground and from Jo Williams in the School Gazebo at 3.00pm every Thursday. Tickets are £1 per strip – all proceeds from the Raffle will be used to support the school.

### **Summer Reading Challenge Certificate**

Reading certificates were presented recently to pupils who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge run by Banstead Library this Summer. The children read a number of books throughout the Summer and collected rewards and incentives along the way. Congratulations to Daniel and Jamie

Bignell and Sarah Styles who have also completed this challenge; we will present their certificates in today's assembly.

### **Many thanks Mrs Stringer – exceptional fund raising!**

Clare Stringer, Mother of Olivia in Year 4, has raised £500 for Woodies PTA funds by taking part in the Legal and General's Autumn Fair Gift Matched scheme. Many thanks for your contribution and efforts Mrs Stringer, it is really appreciated and extremely useful.

### **Attendance Cup – another 100% this week**

Please find below our attendance figures for **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 22nd November**. **In First place this week was Laurel class with an excellent result of 100%. In Second place was Cherry class with a very high 99.2% and in Third place was Poplar Class with 98.3%.** We will present the attendance cup to **Laurel Class** in today's assembly. Well done to everyone for achieving such excellent results.

### **The Woodman – Christmas Tree Lights**

Father Christmas will coming to The Woodman Pub, Woodmansterne tonight (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November) to switch on the Christmas Tree lights. There will be mulled wine and mince pies available and a live band with Church singers will be performing if you would like to come along.

### **CADA Stars Gym Club Taster Session**

We have had a great response to the proposal to run a Gymnastics club at Woodmansterne Primary School from January 2013. We are running a taster session on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December from 3.10pm-4.45pm for Reception to Year 2 and 3.20pm-4.45pm for Years 3 to 6. The taster session will enable Coach Alex to assess each student's ability for group placement for when the Club starts in January. Should parents have any questions they wish to be answered then Coach Alex will be available at the end of the taster session to do so.

This taster session is only open to those pupils who returned the reply slips or who have contacted CADA Stars directly. The gym coach has a list of names. Pupils will need to have handed in a child information form before attending the club to ensure that the Coach has all the necessary emergency contact/medical details. The information forms will be issued to pupils who have returned reply slips. Copies can be obtained from the office.

We look forward to seeing our future CADA stars at the session!

info@cadastars.com

07903 801 802

020 8642 4314 (Tuesday and Thursdays from 5-9pm)

### **Healthy School's Policy**

We would like to remind parents of our healthy school's policy. We have spoken to the children recently and they all agreed that eating healthily means that they are able to concentrate for longer during lessons. They were told that they may have a piece of fruit as a morning snack, and that drinks bottles should only contain water. The school considers a healthy lunchbox to consist of; a sandwich, wrap or roll, yoghurt, fruit, and if required a small packet of crisps **or** a plain cake **or** a plain biscuit. To avoid confusion please **do not** include chocolate covered items. Pure fruit juice, not squash, is permitted as part of your child's packed lunch.

## **REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

### **No Netball Club**

Due to recent bad weather conditions there will be no after school Netball Club running until the new year. We will inform parents when a new start date has been decided depending on the weather and light conditions.

### **Image Musical Theatre – Stig of the Dump**

We have arranged for Image Musical Theatre to come in on the morning of **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** to perform 'Stig of the Dump' to the whole school. The cost of the play is £375, so to help cover the cost we ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child, the balance will be paid by the school fund. If you have not already sent in your contribution please forward to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Christmas Hanging Decorations**

Letters were sent home last week about this year's Christmas hanging decorations. This year we would like the children to make a decoration on the theme of Trees. The decorations can be in any colour and should not be too heavy as they will be suspended from the hall ceiling. We would like the children to bring them to their class on the morning of **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** so that staff can put them up on that day.

### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas Post Box will be open from **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Please help us in the delivery of cards by ensuring that the first and surname are written on the envelope as well as the class. We would be grateful if all cards were delivered this way and not handed out individually.

### **French Club – Yrs 5 and 6**

The last Yr 5 and 6 French Club with Mrs Dean will be on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

### **Woodies PTA Mufti Day**

Woodies will be holding another Mufti Day for children on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** and are requesting £1 donations toward the children's Christmas festivities.

### **Year 3 and 4 Carol Service**

The Year 3 and 4 Carol Service will be taking place on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at St. Peter's Church, Woodmansterne at 7.00pm. Children should arrive by 6.45pm and should be wearing smart school uniform. Also please be aware that the church is small and we can only accommodate two guests per child. Thank you.

### **Woodmansterne Village Pre-School supported by Waitrose, Banstead**

Woodmansterne Village Pre-School are being supported by Waitrose, Banstead's Community Matters collection during December. They are hoping to raise money for new flooring which is desperately needed and would appreciate your help. When you shop at Waitrose in Banstead throughout the month of December you will be given a green token at the checkout, and this can then be deposited in a collection box at the back of the store, marked Woodmansterne Village Pre-School. Thank you for your help.

### **Primary School Applications**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 you must apply for a school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013. You must apply to the borough in which you pay your Council Tax and you will be requested to supply proof of address showing the name of the borough or district and the council tax account number for the property where your child normally lives. If you live in Surrey you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at: [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions), or you can telephone Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004. You must request a booklet and/or a paper form if you do not wish to apply online,

from [schoolbooklets@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolbooklets@surreycc.gov.uk) or, if you do not have access to email, for hard copies only, please call 0300 200 1015.

### **Sure Start Children's Centre**

Our Christmas themed play will take place on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** 9:15-10:15am, so join us for some Christmas fun. Linda Duggan, The Banstead Team

### **Y-Kids Christmas Holiday Playscheme**

Once again, Y-Kids will be running their Christmas Holiday Playschemes with a number of activities planned. The YMCA Playscheme is an Ofsted registered holiday playscheme for children aged 5-12 years and their trained, experienced team provide child led activities in a safe and stimulating environment at the Banstead Youth Centre, The Horseshoe, Banstead. If you are interested full information is available on their website:

[www.ymcaredhill.com](http://www.ymcaredhill.com) and booking forms are available from outside the school office.

### **Bourne Hall Museum**

Venue: Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell, Surrey KT17 1UF.

The next club meeting entitled "**Plague and Fire**" is taking place on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December** between 1.00 and 2.30pm. London 1665 – Covering the Plague and the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Please check their website for times, prices and full details.

Further information: David Brooks 0208 394 1734, [dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk](mailto:dbrooks@epsom-ewell.gov.uk)

[www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk](http://www.epsomandewellhistoryexplorer.org.uk).

### **Ink Cartridges and Vouchers**

Thank you for all the **Morrison's Let's Grow Campaign vouchers** for free gardening equipment – we have just sent off all the vouchers so we will not be collecting these any more. We are still collecting **Nestle Box Tops** vouchers for books for school. Cartridges and vouchers can be put in the boxes in the entrance outside the school office.

### **Woodcote Green Nurseries: Green Fingered Kids Scheme for Christmas**

Woodcote Green Nurseries are issuing Green Fingered Kids Christmas Vouchers and donating £1 to us for any purchases of £10 or more made at Woodcote by our parents between November 17<sup>th</sup> and Christmas Eve. The money we raise will be spent on valuable garden plants, materials and equipment for our school. Simply hand in the voucher to the cashier when a transaction is made. Spare copies of the vouchers are available outside the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!

Caroline Welch

Headteacher

## Diary of Events

New items and term dates in bold, altered items in italics

<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>3.30-5.20pm</b>	<b>Woodies Film Night – Arthur Christmas</b>
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	During day	Image Theatre 'Stig of the Dump'
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>No Netball Club until the New Year – date to be advised</b>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		<b>Christmas Decorations put up in Hall</b>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		<b>Christmas Post Box for cards will be open</b>
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Last Yr 5 and 6 French Club</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> December		Woodies Mufti Day for pupils - £1 donation towards Christmas Festivities
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>CADA Stars Gym Club Taster Sessions:</b> <b>3.10-4.45pm for Rec-Year 2 and 3.20-4.45pm for Years 3-6</b>
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Last Club dates for this term: C Jennings's Football Club, SCL, Crafty Critters, Group One Cookery Club</b>
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	KS1 Nativity
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.00pm	Reception Nativity
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.15-10.15am	Banstead Sure Start Children's Centre in School
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm	Christmas Hamper Raffle will be drawn in the playground
<b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Last Friday Crafty Critters Club this term</b>
<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Last Monday Drama and Dance Club this term</b>
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Christmas Lunch
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	After School	Last Tuesday Drama and Dance Club this term
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.00pm	Years 3 and 4 Carol Concert at St. Peter's Church, Woodmansterne
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		<b>Guitar Assembly</b> <b>(Guitar students need to bring guitars to school except Year 3 students who will be swimming)</b>
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.30-6.15pm	Woodies KS1 Storytime
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	During day	Class Christmas Parties
<b>Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Last Thursday Dance and Drama Club this term</b>
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec		Woodies KS2 Christmas Disco
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Last day of term – School finishes at 1.30pm</b>
<b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		<b>Inset Day – school closed for pupils</b>
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		<b>First day of term for pupils</b>
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		<b>Yr 3 Swimming lessons start again</b>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>After School</b>	<b>Group 2 Cookery Club starts</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>3.15-4.00pm</b>	<b>Le Club Francais starts – Years 1 and 2</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan		Woodies PTA AGM
<b>Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	<b>During day</b>	<b>Pupil Individual photographs</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>		<b>Half Term – School closed for pupils</b>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>		<b>Year 3 Sayers Croft Residential Visit</b>

## Inset Days for the next school year 2012- 2013

**7<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**15<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

**24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**