



Woodfall News

8 December 2016



Mrs Long from the School Office will be leaving Woodfall at the end of term. Since becoming a Grandparent she has decided to spend some more time with her growing family! We wish her and her family well and thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the past 13 years.

We welcome Mrs Jayne Smith to our Admin Team.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 21 December 2016

Christmas Lunch for the pupils will be on Wednesday 21 December 2016. All children will be given the opportunity of having Christmas Lunch, but it must be booked in advance so the kitchen staff can order supplies. If your child wishes to book a lunch (regardless of whether they pay or not) please complete and return the slip on the invitation they have received **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2016**. No lunches can be booked after this date.

We are sure you understand the need for this as no-one would expect to cater for unexpected guests for Christmas Lunch!



Christmas Holiday

School closes for the Christmas holiday on Thursday 22 December and will re-open on Monday 9 January 2017.



Christmas Performances

Letters have now gone out about the Christmas performances. However can we remind you that due to health & safety reasons we are only able to allocate 2 tickets per family for these performances, and admission will be by ticket only. **No children below school-age will be allowed into the performances. Those above school-age will require a ticket from your allocation.**

Your support with this is greatly appreciated. Tickets are free, however, there will be an opportunity to make a donation to Cancer Research after the performances.

Can we please remind parents and relatives that we did ask them not to upload any photographs or videos they take at school events onto social network sites as they are likely to contain images of other children who may not have given permission to be filmed or photographed.

If you have done so can you please take down any photos and footage which includes children who are not your own



Arrive on Time - Ready to Learn

During a recent visit by the Educational Welfare Officer it was noted that a number of children continue to arrive late in the mornings. Late arrivals at school result in children missing the introduction to their first lesson, cause disruption to the rest of the class and can feel unsettled for the rest of the day. All children are expected to arrive in school ready for registration by 8.55am as lessons start promptly at 9.00am. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parking



As part of the ongoing monitoring, by Cheshire West and Chester Council and the Police, of parking outside our school we have been informed that there were 5 fines issued on Thursday 10th November to parents/carers. These fines were issued to drivers who stopped on the Zig Zag lines outside school and dropped children off. Please remember that the Zig Zag lines are for your child's safety. Our careful parking will help to keep all our children safe.

Starting School September 2017

Can we please remind parents / carers that if they have a child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 and you are a Cheshire West and Chester resident you need to apply for a school place before **15 January 2017** You can apply online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/admissions or telephone the authority on 0300 123 7039 to request a 'Starting School 2017-2018' booklet which contains an application form.

Eco News

Following the Eco Club's discovery of excessive litter and dog fouling on their local walk to Lees Lane ponds, last summer term, we wrote a letter to our local councillor. As a result, the council's Street Scene team visited us and led a presentation to the whole school sharing litter and dog fouling issues that face us in our community. Year 6 pupils entered a poster designing competition and the winners were judged by Street Scene. Congratulations to the winner Sophie McKellar and Eleanor Brazier the runner up whose designs will be displayed around school and printed on to the bin outside Woodfall. Over 60% of the materials thrown away and buried in landfills or burnt in incinerators could have been recycled. We have attached further information to help you with recycling over the festive period.



Congratulations to Mrs Hughes our Brass teacher and her husband on the birth of their son Hari Jac who was born on 7 November 2016 and weighed in at 9lb 4oz. We welcome Mrs Louise Skillander who is covering Mrs Hughes maternity leave.

Music Lessons



Music Lessons in the Spring Term will start week commencing Monday 9 January 2017. All music invoices must be paid by Friday 13 January 2017. Thank you for your support.



Rotakids - Funky Frames Day

Just to remind you on Friday 16 December we are inviting children to come to school wearing 'funky frames' (glasses) for a donation to support our Rotakids raise money to purchase a sight box. We have templates of frames that you can collect from the office if you need them. Thank you for your continued support.

Hayley Foster
Rotakids leader

Clubs/Activities

Before and After School Clubs/Activities, have now finished for the Autumn Term. Our Clubs/Activities will re-commence the week beginning Monday 16 January 2017.

Before and After School Club

A reminder that from January 2017 the before and after school service will be operated by Woodfall Primary School. Please ensure you have completed your registration form if you wish your child/children to attend.

Your Feedback

If you have any queries or comments to make about any of the items in this newsletter, please contact Mrs Hough, Mrs Bramham or Mrs Hogg in the School Office.



Severe Weather



In the event of severe weather (usually snow) our school will endeavour to stay open. The necessary assessments of risks associated with both opening and closing the school focus on the Health and Safety of staff, pupils and visitors to our school site, the likelihood of staff being able to arrive safely from school and leave safely, as well as the likelihood of children being collected safely from school.

Whilst the severe weather hasn't started yet this academic year, please ensure that the necessary boots, wellies, hats and gloves are readily available and please ensure that there is a plan for childcare should the school need to close.

Many thanks.

Safeguarding



The school has a legal duty to report any non-accidental injuries to children. Where children have had an injury from an accident outside school, we ask that parents please inform the school so that we respond appropriately. The school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy will involve links with police and/or social care as appropriate. It is therefore essential that parents inform the school of accidental injury to pupils whilst they are at home. The school cannot hesitate to report any signs or symptoms of abuse. Thank you for your help with this.

Nursery

We are pleased to confirm that following the recent consultation period Woodfall Primary School will be lowering its age range to 2 - 11 from January 2017. This follows a successful term providing care and learning opportunities for the 3 year old children in our Nursery.

PA NEWS Christmas Fair

It is Woodfall School's Christmas Fair this coming Saturday 10 December 11.30-2.00pm. Come along and meet Santa in his grotto, have fun in the games room and make Christmas crafts. Enjoy a festive lunch whilst listening to the Woodfall Choir. Grab a bargain from the second hand toys and books stall plus lots more festive fun things to do.

Raffle Tickets

Please return your raffle ticket stubs into the office as soon as possible for chance to win some fabulous prizes. The draw will take place at 1.30pm at the Fair.

Toys and Books

Don't forget to have a clear out before Christmas and bring any toys, books and good condition Teddy Bears to the office on Thursday and Friday for stalls at the fair.

Cake Sale

Please can you donate cakes and biscuits either homemade or shop bought for the cake stall at the fair, all items will be much appreciated. Bring them along any time after 9.30am on Saturday.

"A Plea for Help"

We need your help at the fair, whether it's just setting up, tidying away or helping to run a stall for a while. We can't do it without you. So either pass on your details to the school office or email us at 'woodfallpa@hotmail.com' Any help is much appreciated!



PA - Charity Carol Concert

Finally on Thursday 15 December the PA will be holding a Charity Carol Concert school at 6pm where hot drinks and mince pies will be available too. Bring the children and enjoy a sing along.

Autumn Term Dates		
December		
Saturday	10	PA Christmas Fair 11.30 - 2.00pm
Monday	12	Music Lessons finish this week
Thursday	15	10.00am Nursery - Christmas Performance 6.00pm PA Carol Singing
Friday	16	Funky Frames Day - in aid of Sight Box Appeal 10.00am Reception - Christmas Performance
Monday	19	2.00pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (1 of 2) 6.30pm Y3/4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday	20	6.30pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance (2 of 2)
Wednesday	21	Christmas Lunch for pupils - Must be pre-ordered by 16 December 6.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Performance
Thursday	22	School Closes for Christmas Holidays for pupils
January 2017		
Monday	9	School re-opens

	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
Christmas Break	Thursday 22 December 2016	Monday 9 January 2017
Spring Half Term 2017	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Spring/Easter Break 2017	Friday 31 March 2017	Tuesday 18 April 2017
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2017 - MONDAY 1 MAY 2017		
Summer Half Term 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	Tuesday 6 June 2017
Summer 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	

INSET DAYS

FRIDAY 23 DECEMBER 2016

MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017

MONDAY 24 JULY 2017

TUESDAY 25 JULY 2017

Just to remind you we have an open invitation for you to contact us regarding queries and / or problems. Please help us by letting us try to help straight away, rather than letting things build-up. Thank you.