



Woodfall News

22 December 2016



Just to say thank you to all parents, carers and grandparents for supporting your children in the remarkable way you do. Thank you also for your support for our school. We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, peaceful family Christmas and best wishes for 2017. We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 9 January 2017.

Mrs Helen Hough, Headteacher



Staff Absence

Mrs Brookes will be absent from the office for some time whilst she undergoes medical treatment. We are sure you, along with the staff, governors and children will join us in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Mrs Rosie Horsfield will be joining the Admin Team in January in her absence.



Rotakids

Thank you for supporting our KS2 cake sale and the sale of our crocus plants. We raised £150.80 and this will be trebled by the Bill Gates charity for polio.

Thank you so much for helping us raise £185.21 on funky glasses day. All the children looked amazing. The money is going towards a sight box. Thank you for your continued support.

Hayley Foster

Rotakids Leader



We are all delighted with the fabulous results produced by the children last academic year which has been down to the very hard work of all the teachers and every staff member at Woodfall Primary School over many years now who all contribute to achieving these high standards and which sees the school in the top 5% of schools nationally. The way the school team have embraced the New Curriculum, their very high expectations of the children and of themselves is most impressive. As Governors, we would also like to thank the parents for their support too.

As a school we continue to move forwards and whilst we have been providing places for three year olds and we are thrilled to be able to offer provision, within our educational setting for two year olds from 9th January 2017. Spaces at our facility are popular and are filling up quickly with our objective of offering an outstanding nursery provision to our local community.

Duncan Haworth, Chair of Governors



A big thank you to all our parent/grandparent helpers who have given their time to support us at Woodfall. Especially our Reading Champions who have supported children with their reading this term. If anyone would like to volunteer to be a Reading Champion, please see Mrs Harrahill.



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 21 December 2016

Over 350 children and staff enjoyed a superbly organised and presented Christmas lunch. A huge thank you to Miss Hadwin, Mrs Shakespeare and the kitchen staff for all their hard work.

Dinner Money Junior Pupils

As you are aware you are now able to pay online for your child's school lunch. If you wish to pay in advance for the forthcoming half term (9 January - 17 February 2017) the cost will £66.00.



Christmas Performances

Congratulations to all the children for making our Christmas Performances such a great success. We have already received many positive comments from parents and others who attended. Thanks to all staff and parents, especially those who made costumes. Also thank you for your generosity with the collections for Cancer Research, our chosen charity this Christmas. We have raised an impressive £1,068 for this worthy cause!

Thank you for your understanding and support with our regulations concerning the numbers allowed into our performances.



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.

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.



The Christmas Fair was excellently organised, as usual, by Woodfall Parents Association and enjoyed by lots of families. Many thanks to all the committee members, volunteers and staff who gave up their time to help raise over £3,000 which with Barclays Bank's match funding with rise to a staggering £5,000!

The money the PA raise for our school makes a real difference to the pupils at Woodfall. So far this year we have been able to purchase three Re-cycled Plastic Benches for our Junior Playground and a shed to store the children's Play Equipment.

Before and After School Club

As you are aware from 9 January 2017 the before and after school service will be operated by Woodfall Primary School. Thank you to those who have already registered their child/children for the sessions they require. If you do need to contact the before and after school club their telephone number is 07463010371.

Consultation for Cheshire West and Chester Council's School Admission Arrangements

Cheshire West and Chester Council are consulting on changes to their school admission arrangements and co-ordinated admission scheme for September 2018/19 academic year. The consultation, which can be viewed using the link below, will run from 16 December 2016 to 31 January 2017.

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-admissions/object-to-school-admission-arr/determined-admission-arrangeme.aspx>

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.

Vacancies

Lunchtime Playleaders/Midday Assistants

We currently have vacancies for casual midday assistants to provide occasional cover from time to time. If you are interested in these vacancies please see Mrs Hogg in the School Office.

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.



Nursery

How splendid it has been to have our Nursery aged children with us this term. We have been so impressed with the way they have settled in and accessed their learning; their confidence and independence, which shines through daily. We look forward to another successful term in the Spring when we also welcome pupils age two.



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.



Christmas Holiday

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

Holiday Dates 2016 - 2017

	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

Holiday Dates 2017 -2018

	DATE OF CLOSING	DATE OF RE-OPENING
SUMMER 2017	FRIDAY 21 JULY 2017	TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2017
AUTUMN HALF TERM 2017	FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2017	MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017
CHRISTMAS 2017/18	THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017	MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018
SPRING HALF TERM 2018	FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2018	MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2018
SPRING/EASTER BREAK 2018	THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2018	MONDAY 16 APRIL 2018
MAY BANK HOLIDAY 2018 - MONDAY 7 MAY 2018		
SUMMER HALF TERM 2018	FRIDAY 25 MAY 2018	MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018
SUMMER 2018	FRIDAY 20 JULY 2018	

INSET DAYS

MONDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2017
 FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2017
 THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018
 MONDAY 23 JULY 2018
 TUESDAY 24 JULY 2018

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.