

Woodlands Weekly



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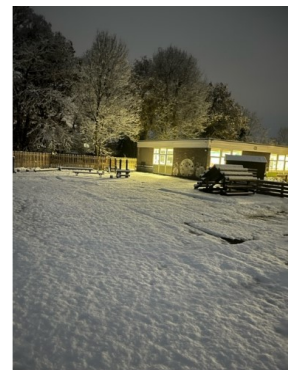
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I'd like to start by saying thank you for your patience and cooperation during this snowy week. I hope you found time to appreciate the beauty of the world.

In amongst the fun of the snow, we have still been making learning our top priority:

The Year 6 children have been incredible busy lately. In their DT topic, they have been learning about the benefits of becoming 'flexitarian' by reducing their meat intake. They researched ways to supplement the meat in their diet and were tasked with preparing vegetarian snacks and meals. They made a delicious root vegetable soup in school using the ingredients from the school garden and finished the topic by visiting Hugh Christie school to cook a vegetable stir-fry in their kitchens. They even wrote to King Charles III to express their views on how to save the planet by making small changes in our lives. We are excitedly awaiting a reply.



The Year 6 children also went back to 1940 last week as World War 2 evacuees. They experienced what it would be like during an air raid by making their own shelters and gas masks. They also took part in workshops on digging for victory by planting a range of seasonal vegetables in hand-made newspaper pots and experiences rationing food to get an idea of what life would have been like for children during the war. This day would not have been possible without the support from the Year 6 families. Thank you to everyone who came to watch the children perform their songs and for helping them to arrange the most fantastic costumes. The singing was particularly sweet and tuneful and brought a tear to many an eye (including mine!)



And of course we have been enjoying Christmas nativity plays from Years 1 and 2 this week. Loud voices, learnt words, singing and dancing – they have had the lot! Thank you for attending and for helping the children – they really have been a joy to watch.



The children also enjoyed Christingle assemblies from the Reverend Sharon this week and last week ended with a fantastic Christmas Carol Concert at the Methodist church for Year 3.

Thank you to Reverend Sharon for being part of our celebrations and welcoming us to her church.

I end by saying that all of us at Woodlands wish you a very **'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!'**

Mrs Lonie

PTA News



Thank you so much for all of your support throughout the term.

So far this week alone we have raised over £400.00 through refreshments during our KS1 performances.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas, and look forward to seeing you next year.

Superstar corner

Gilbert Ackroyd from 5 Hornbeam has been growing his hair. He wanted to do something to help children with cancer after a family experience of hair loss.

He and his sister Matilda resolved to grow their hair to donate to The Little Princess Trust which is there to offer a free, real hair wig to help restore confidence and identity when a child loses their hair to cancer or another condition. Matilda cut hers this summer and finally Gilbert's has grown long enough too.

It took him 2 years. He found the summer heat tough as well as the endless washing and brushing, but his determination has now paid off and he has finally chopped it all off.

We are all very proud of you Gilbert, well done.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/rowan-williamson-1670928716096>



Diary Dates

2022/2023

14 Dec	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch day
16 Jan	Year 5—Young Voices at the 02
20 Jan	KS2 Disco
27 Jan	EYFS/KS1 Disco
09 May	SATS week Yr 6
10 May	SATS week Yr 6
11 May	SATS week Yr 6
12 May	SATS week Yr6
19 Jun	KOOTH Visit—Year 6
26 Jun	IOW Residential Yr 6 (26/06/22—30/06/22)

Letters home

- Christingle Methodist Church
- Football flyer
- Woodlands Karate Class 2023
- Parents Apart for Childrens Centres

Term Dates

2022/2023

1 Sep	INSET Day
2 Sep	INSET Day
5 Sept	Term Starts
21 Oct	Term Ends
31 Oct	Term Starts
16 Dec	Term Ends
3 Jan	INSET Day
4 Jan	Term Starts
10 Feb	Term Ends
20 Feb	Term Starts
31 Mar	Term Ends
17 Apr	INSET Day
18 Apr	Term Starts
26 May	Term Ends
5 June	Term Starts
7 Jul	INSET Day
21 July	Term Ends

2023/2024

1 Sep	Term 1 Starts
20 Oct	Term 1 Ends
06 Nov	Term 2 Starts
15 Dec	Term 2 Ends
02 Jan	Term 3 Starts
09 Feb	Term 3 Ends
19 Feb	Term 4 Starts
28 Mar	Term 4 Ends
15 Apr	Term 5 Starts
24 May	Term 5 Ends
03 Jun	Term 6 Starts
23 Jul	Term 6 Ends



Medical form

As well as completing a medical form in the Acorn office, you can now submit one online too, via our website. The form can also be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/OcUTHJGK1X>

Attendance

We are concerned by the amount of children who currently have low levels of attendance. As you can appreciate, we want to work with you to improve this and to reduce the amount of lost learning. We will be asking you to specify the nature of a child's illness and in some cases may require medical evidence, to support the absence. Failure to do this will result in an unauthorised absence for your child.

Parking

Please be extra mindful where you park to drop off and collect your child, particularly on Hunt Road. It is a busy bus route, and blocking the road will cause major disruptions at an already lively time of the day.



Mark your
calendar!