

The Woodlands Weekly

School Newsletter



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Newsletter

One of our school values is 'pride' and our children have lots to be proud of. Many of the children have taken part in shows or assemblies over the last ten days and they should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Not only have they learnt lines for the performances and words of songs, but they delivered their performances with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done!

Mr Miles - Headteacher



Photo: Year 1 and 2 performance

Punctuality

A reminder about the importance of arriving for school to start at 8.40am Learning starts promptly and we do not wish for children to miss any of the lesson input. Children in Years 1 – 6 can be dropped off at the hall from 8.30am.

Free School Meals

This week we have sent out communication about eligibility for free school meals. We encourage parents to check the communication to see if their child qualifies. Even if your child does not wish to take a school meal and prefers a packed lunch, please still apply as it ensures the school receives maximum funding, which we can spend on resources to support your child. If eligible, they'll also qualify for the Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

Visit from the CEO of SEBMAT

On Tuesday, we welcomed Chris Spencer, the CEO from our Trust. Chris came to meet with pupils and staff. As part of the visit, Chris undertook a learning walk, spent time looking at support sessions for children with special educational needs, discussed marketing with our school business manager and met with our Eco-Committee to talk about the Green Flag Award. Thank to all who spoke to him and for making him feel so welcome.

Governor Visit

Our governors visit the school throughout the term and on Thursday their visit focused on safeguarding. Discussions were had about how we protect children when they use the internet, checks undertaken when we employ staff and school behaviour during breaks and lunchtimes.

Woody P Has Talent

If your child has a talent — why not encourage them to share it with everyone? Over the Christmas break, we are encouraging children to practise for our talent show auditions, that are due to take place after the holidays. In the past we have had comedy acts, singers, dances and gymnasts performing to name a few! Let's make this year's show the best ever and encourage as many entrants as possible.



Photo: Owls sending their letters

Letter to Father Christmas

Owls class were out and about in the community this week. On Thursday they walked to the local post box to post their letters to Father Christmas. It was very much a festive walk as all the class wore reindeer antlers.

Foxes Class Assembly

Well done to Foxes class for their class assembly on Thursday morning. The children spoke passionately about their learning of the Greeks and belted out their favourite times table song. We know many of them were anxious but they overcame their nerves and delivered their assembly with such confidence. Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to watch.



Photo: Foxes Class Assembly

Church Service

Next Wednesday morning, Years 3 – 6 will be participating in the Christmas service at St Mary's church. Please ensure your child is in their school uniform and they have a suitable outdoor jacket. If your child is in Year 5 and undertaking a reading, please support them by practicing their lines at home.

Final Day of Term

A reminder that the school day will finish at the slightly earlier time of 1.15pm on Friday 20th December. It's been a busy term but keep going for another 5 school days. Attendance certificates will be presented in assembly with news of a special attendance prize.