

# WOODCROFT WEEKLY

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## New on the website

Lots to look out for on the website. Recent additions include:

- Ofsted Inspection

## Forthcoming Events

### Festive' Diary

18th Y1, Y3 & Y4 Parties

19th Y2, Y5 & Y6 Parties

19th Reception and Nursery

Christmas Party - **this is a**

**change of date**

**20th Nursery last day**

20th Little Oaks Toddler

Group Christmas Party

9.00am ( last session until  
January 17th 2019)

**21st Last Day of term**

**2.00pm Finish**

Pupils Return to school on

8th January 2019

## Twitter



Follow us on Twitter:

**@WPS\_Success**

## PSHE Theme

In school we are thinking  
about

**Healthy  
Relationships**



## Message from the Chair of Governors



*After many years service as our Chair of Governors, Liz Court stepped down from this role in November. Liz, who you will remember was awarded the Governor of the Year accolade in the summer, will still continue to serve on the Governing Body but not as its Chair.*

*As the Vice Chair, I have currently stepped into the role as Acting Chair. We then immediately had an Ofsted Inspection! The outcome remains confidential until the report is published by Ofsted. However, I would like to thank all staff, parents and carers for your overwhelming support.*

*Finally, on behalf of the Staff and Governing Body, I would like to wish everyone in the Woodcroft community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.*



*Richard Burrows (Acting Chair of Governors)*

## Wonderful Reception and Nursery Christmas Shows



We enjoyed another exceptional show this week when Nursery and Reception classes took to the stage. To packed audiences they amazed us with their outstanding singing, acting, dancing. I don't think there has ever been that many stars on the stage at one time, literally. Well done to all of the pupils and staff in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

## A Sad Goodbye

We are saying goodbye to Mr Thomson at the end of term as he is starting a new position working for a national charity. Despite Mr Thomson only being with us for just over a term, he will be missed by all and we wish him well in his new career.

We have been interviewing over the past week and will make an announcement about the new Y4 teacher very soon.

### Y5 Tower of London Trip - A report by Catherine Y5



On Tuesday 11th December, Year 5 went on a trip to the Tower of London. Surprisingly, there was no queue at the Crown Jewels when we arrived, this was brilliant so we went straight in to see them. Next, we explored all the different towers before we went to sit down and eat lunch in the Salt Tower Courtyard. After that we did workshops which were acted out by Year 5 while the narrators told us stories about the history of The Tower. Because we were running out of time, we had to quickly finish up and go to the gift shop. At the gift shop there were amazing things: putty, slime, pencils, canon sharpeners, feather pens, sweets, clothing, books and finally model

crowns. Before the journey home we quickly went to the Torture Chamber for one final exploration. Overall, the year 5s really enjoyed the Tower of London trip! By Catharine Y5

### Girls Football Team: Report by Medina Y6

On Thursday 6th December there was a Girl's Football match against Sacred Heart (Mr Gagen's School). There were two teams (Woodcroft Blue and Woodcroft Red) playing two matches. In the first half, I scored a goal for the Blues and then Suhayla scored a goal with an assist from me. In the red team Shyanne and Mumtaz both scored a goal so the half time scores were 2-0 to the red team and 2-0 to the blue team. In the second half, Alissa scored a fantastic goal that the goalie just could not keep out, also our own teams had incredible saves from our goalies Tara and Rahimah. Overall, it was a fun and enjoyable match where everyone did their part for the team. Thanks to Kleya and Riza (Tara's Brother) for all the support on the sidelines too.

**Final scores:** 3-0 to Woodcroft Blue, 2-0 to Woodcroft Red

### Clubs

Reminder: Clubs do not run in the last week of term unless otherwise informed. Only the following clubs are still running: Acorns After-School- Club, Girls Football, Clubs will restart during the week beginning 14th January 2019. Breakfast Club and Acorns will run as normal for the start of term.

### Car Park Entrance

Can we remind parents and carers that we have an agreement that cars are not allowed down the Wolsey Grove (back car park) entrance when dropping off children. This is for the safety of ALL children. This is also to respects our neighbours and prevents the entrance being blocked for staff, deliveries or emergency service. Please do not use this part of Wolsey Grove. Thank you.



### The Birthday Book Club

*Thank you to the pupils who have had recent birthdays and joined our Birthday Book Club by donating a special book for the class and library .*

***We all wish a very happy birthday to ...***

***Lacey Y2 (age 7)***



### Whole School Attendance

↓ **96%** ↓

ON TARGET 96%

### Weekly Class Attendance Champions

Week Beginning 3rd December 2018

**KS1 Class of the week: 2L 95%% Excellent Attendance**

**KS2 Class of the week: 5R 99% Well done - TOP Class!**

## Winter Science Challenge



*Enter our first Science Council Challenge Competition of the academic year!*

The theme for the challenge is **"Become a Scientist"**.

### The Challenge

**Carry out a science related activity of your choice on the theme of WINTER over the holiday!**

Then to enter the competition all you need to do is record it, or bring the evidence in to school or share it with Miss Stubbings before **Friday 18th January 2019!**

The most impressive, winter themed experiments will win a prize!

Good luck to all of you budding scientists!

For ideas, and over 30 experiments to try out, visit:

<https://www.steampoweredfamily.com/activities/winter-stem-activities/>

Here are just a few of the experiments you could try from this website ...

- ★Ice Lanterns
- ★Melting Snowman
- ★Confetti Cannon
- ★Fake Snow
- ★Crystal growing
- ★Frozen Bubbles
- ★Snowball Bath Bombs
- ★Winter Lava Lamps
- ★Snow storms in a jar
- ★Ice Castles
- ★Ice Magnifying Glass
- ★Symmetrical Snowflakes

*Have Fun and Good Luck*



## **PARTY FOOD GUIDANCE**

At the end of term pupils will be celebrating with their annual Christmas Class Parties. This is a time for some festive fun and games. Food is an important part of any celebration, and families traditionally send in a plate of food for sharing. **We would like this tradition to continue at Woodcroft.** However, in school we have a number of important things to consider. These include children with allergies, vegetarian and religious diets, safe food preparation, government healthy eating guidance and the school food policy. *If only life was simple!* We do have a number of pupils with **severe nut allergies** currently in school, so we have to take these considerations very seriously.

**Please note:** If you DO NOT wish your child to participate in the food aspect of a class party please let your class teacher know in writing. We recommend that parents who withdraw their child from sharing food at parties send in a separately labelled lunch box with party food items for their child. These individual party box items must still follow the checklist below:

Party food checklist:

- Only provide items that DO NOT contain nuts – Woodcroft is a NUT FREE school
- No chocolate or chocolate products e.g. chocolate cakes and spreads
- No fizzy drinks
- Fruit juices should not contain added sugar
- Only supply pre-packed cakes and biscuits that come with ingredient lists (*So that means no home baked cakes even though they are the best!*)
- Please avoid cakes or items that require cutting in school

Suggested party food:

- ❖ Sausage rolls or veggie sausage Rolls
- ❖ Sausages / veggie sausages
- ❖ Samosas / spring rolls (*vegetable is best then everyone can share*)
- ❖ Pizza
- ❖ Sandwiches (various fillings) – *no nut or chocolate spreads please*
- ❖ Crisps and Popcorn
- ❖ Salad items - cherry tomatoes / mini cucumbers / carrot sticks
- ❖ Small fruit (satsumas, small bananas, washed cut grapes, etc)
- ❖ Non chocolate biscuits or individual cakes (in packaging with an ingredients label)

We understand the difficulties; however schools have got to consider the well-being of every individual. Thank you for your understanding and support on this matter.

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### **Reminder about Birthday Bags and Treats:** Please **do not** send in cakes & sweets for birthdays

Because of severe food allergies and individual dietary requirements we need to closely monitor all food in school. Unfortunately, this poses a problem when birthday treats are brought in – often late in the day! For class parties staff specially set aside time to monitor the food items. However, this cannot be maintained or guaranteed on a daily basis in a busy classroom. We therefore ask parents **NOT to send in sweets and cakes as birthday treats**. We realise that this can be frustrating, however please understand that teachers are responsible for the health of all of the 30 children in their class!

For this reason we promote our **Birthday Book Club** scheme instead of sweets.



<p><b>Reminder:</b> Children can come to school in party clothes on the day of their party. A suitable coat and shoes for break time and lunch are essential!</p>
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