



## **Wootton-by-Woodstock CE Primary School**

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### **NEWSLETTER 4**

Dear Parent,

In Worship our final thoughts for the year turn to why we perform nativity plays at Christmas and to whether Light is a good symbol to celebrate Christmas. Adults may wish to reflect on this themselves or help their children to understand, at least in part, why we celebrate Christmas as we do.

‘...when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.’ Galatians 4.4-5 (ESV)



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### **PARENT FORUM**

Some parents who have older children in the school may remember that, for many years, I used to run a Parent Forum once a term. This was an opportunity for parents to come and meet with me in a group, face to face, and discuss aspects of school which mattered to them. Attendance dropped off over time until there were no parents at all attending. However, now we have many new families in the school community it may be a good time to resurrect the opportunity and so I will be available for a meeting with any parents who turn up on the afternoon of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm until pupil pick up. The agenda is entirely that of the parents; there is no hidden agenda and parents may raise concerns, suggest ideas for improvement or ask for information about matters about which they need more understanding. If you have

anything you wish to discuss with me or just fancy a mid-afternoon cup of tea or coffee then please come along and hear school views or those of others at first hand.

#### NEW TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Zoe Bake has been appointed to the post of TA working within Osprey class in the first instance. We anticipate that she will rapidly become an asset to the school as she supports both pupils and staff. Welcome Zoe!

#### SWIMMING REMINDER

Please log on to School Money to make contributions for your child's swimming. Thank you.

#### OSPREY CLASS RESIDENTIAL PAYMENT REMINDER

Please note that for those of you paying by instalments, the next payment is due by 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

#### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Please log on to School Money and book your child's Christmas lunch. Orders need to be in by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM – GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

There is a golden opportunity to buy school uniform at a cheaper price. All items held in school will be in the sale and must go by the end of term. From January no items of school uniform will be kept on the premises and all will need to be purchased online through pmgschoolwear, [https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/advanced\\_search.php?skl\\_id=119952&pager=view\\_all](https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/advanced_search.php?skl_id=119952&pager=view_all)

#### SCHOOL GATE

We have been made aware that a little crowding is taking place outside the gate before the start of school. We will arrange for the gates to be opened a little earlier; between 8.35 and 9.05 am each morning and between 3.10 and 3.35pm each afternoon. Note, however, that in the mornings, school does not officially begin until 8.55am; teachers already make provision for pupils from 8.45am when the doors are opened. School cannot be held responsible for pupils should you 'drop off and go' very early as, without our knowledge, children could leave the premises or not enter at all. The first you would know about this would be when Mrs Withey made the call to ask why your child is absent! We hope that you are able to work with us on this matter and ensure that your children are brought to school at the right time. Thank you.

#### CHRISTMAS EVENTS REMINDER

Please check the calendar on a regular basis in the run up to Christmas. We have the:

Nativity on 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

Carol Service on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm

Christmas lunch and party on 18<sup>th</sup> December

Certificate assembly on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

As there is currently no heating in the church all school events will take place in the village hall for the remainder of the school year 2019-20.

Best wishes for the festive season,



Valerie Lucas  
Head Teacher