



Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 6

21st December 2022

Another term has flown by! It has been really lovely to see how well all of our new children to the school have settled into Woolgrove life. We have been fortunate to have been able to hold all of our traditional festive events this year and seeing parents and carers in school to enjoy their children's performances has been really exciting. I hope that you all manage to enjoy some relaxing family time over the Christmas period and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

Father Christmas visit

We had a very special visitor to school on Tuesday afternoon. Father Christmas visited all of our classes with his little helper giving the children their presents.



As you can imagine there was much excitement as they spread their Christmas joy.

Bazaar

Monday afternoon saw the children showing us their business skills when we held our Christmas Bazaar. Lots of work went into the making of gifts, games and treats and there were some impressive sales techniques on display to encourage parents and children to part with their pennies. So much so that the stalls made a combined sum in excess of £550! Every pound will go directly back to the classes for the children to decide what resources they would like to spend it on. This is a really fun way for the children to see a project through from the initial idea to the buying of new resources.

Frozen ponds / lakes

Following the tragic events in Solihull recently we thought it would be appropriate to remind parents and carers about the dangers of playing on frozen ponds and lakes. There are a number of them locally and it is really important that, however tempting it looks, children never venture on to frozen water. Regardless of the temperature and how long it has been frozen it is never safe. The very real dangers have been only too vividly highlighted by the Solihull incident and we want to avoid the possibility of anything like that happening here.

Parent / Carer courses at Woolgrove

We have recently sent out information regarding various courses we are offering to our parents and carers here at Woolgrove. These include signing courses (afternoon and evening slots available), and Play and Learn and Supporting Communication workshops. These all begin / take place in the Spring Term. If you are interested in attending or signing up for any of the courses please return the slips attached to the flyers and make any necessary payments as requested. If you have any further questions please contact the office on via phone or email.

Goodbyes



The end of term means that we are having to say goodbye to some of our staff members.

Claire, one of our Midday Supervisory Assistants, and Wendy our cook are both leaving us. We would like to thank them both for all of their hard work and wish them every luck in the future.

We do have a member of staff returning to work from maternity leave too. Emma Quilty will be teaching in Green Class on Mondays and Tuesdays and we look forward to having Emma back with us.

New Building update

I am excited to let you know that despite the weather difficulties and subsequent delays the handover of the new building is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 3rd January. Staff will be working hard to ensure that the new classrooms and facilities will be set up and ready for use when the children return on Monday 9th. Hexagon and Star classes will be relocating to the new building and we are really excited about the wonderful new facilities that the children will have the opportunity to enjoy.

Live, Laugh, Learn Awards

This term, 15 pupils have participated in the Live Learn Laugh award. The focus this term was on 'Live' and many pupils have been focusing on this aspect at home and at school, completing a range of activities. We have 3 Bronze awards this term. These go to:

Harry - Yellow
William - Pyramid
Jessica - Cone

The other 12 pupils are working hard toward their bronze award

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We are still awaiting the final report following our recent inspection. As soon as we have it I will share the findings with you but I would once again like to thank you for all your support in making Woolgrove the wonderful school that it is.

A reminder that school finishes at 1.15 p.m. today. Children are back in school on Monday 9th January.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Lisa Hall,

Head Teacher