



Woodlands Newsletter

November / December 2023



Welcome back to the new term. Autumn Term 2 is a very busy one; we have many exciting events planned for the term and for the run up to Christmas.

Curriculum Theme

The theme this term is 'If you go down to the woods today.' Please look out for the curriculum overview which will be emailed to you next week. In addition to this, your child's class teacher will be sending home a copy of the class weekly schedule so that you are able to discuss with your child what they are doing in school each afternoon.



Support for Parents

We aim to support you as parents as much as possible in achieving the best outcomes for our families. One of the ways we do this is to offer termly coffee mornings – a chance to get together and have a chat over a cuppa and biscuits. The sessions are extremely friendly and supportive. Our coffee morning this term will be held on Tuesday 7th November from 8.45 – 9.45am. The date for next term is Tuesday 9th January.

All classes have a WhatsApp group chat – this is an opportunity for you to ask questions and share information with parents of other children in your child's class. If you are not in your child's class WhatsApp group and would like to be, please let me know and I can arrange this.

The SEND Support Service offers a range of courses to support parents of children with SEND. You can book these through their page on the NCC website. Please take time to look at what they have to offer –

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/specialist-send-support-services/send-support-service-courses-parents-and-carers>

In addition to the SEND Support, another great service open to parents and families is Enfold; an autism online web resource for information, services and support within Northamptonshire.

<https://www.enfold.org.uk/>

Colder Weather



With winter fast approaching and the temperature getting colder please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a jumper and a warm coat. Hats, scarves and gloves are welcome too but please put names in them.

Snack and Life Skills Money

We continue to ask for a donation towards the cost of snack, life skills lessons and out and about activities. This can be paid termly (£8 for this term), weekly (£1) or as a one-off payment of £38 for the year. The money is spent on providing daily snacks as well as funding some of our out and about activities including visits to cafes and charity shops.

Christmas Events

All children will be taking part in a Christmas themed trip this term. Children in Rabbits class will be visiting Santa in Weston Favell Shopping Centre. Children in Hedgehogs, Squirrels, Badgers and Foxes classes will be visiting West Lodge Farm Park.



We also have two fundraising events coming up this term. Firstly, a school disco on December Tuesday 5th December. This is being run by the main school PTA who have arranged for Woodlands to attend from 3.30 – 4.30pm.

On Monday 18th December we are hosting a fundraising Christmas Wrapping Room event. We will be charging £5 per pupil to attend – this will involve the children selecting a gift for a family member and wrapping it ready to take home.

Our Woodlands Christmas event will be held on Friday 1st December. This will be an opportunity to visit your child in their class, watch a short performance and join in with a craft activity ready to decorate our classrooms for Christmas.

More details about the above events will be sent home during the term.



Dates for this term

Tuesday 7 th November	Coffee Morning
Friday 1 st December	Woodlands Christmas Event – 2.30pm Mufti Day – donations for Woodlands tombola stall at Christmas fair and wrapping room gifts
Monday 4 th December	Fox and Badger classes trip to West Lodge Farm Park
Tuesday 5 th December	PTA disco – 3.30 – 4.30pm
Saturday 9 th December	School PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 11 th December	Hedgehog and Squirrel classes trip to West Lodge Farm Park
Thursday 14 th December (tbc)	Rabbit class trip to Weston Favell
Monday 18 th December	Wrapping Room fundraising event
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day and Last day of term
Thursday 4 th January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 9 th January	Coffee Morning



And finally ...

This week we say goodbye – for now – to Lottie Tulley as she starts her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join me wishing Lottie all the best. We look forward to receiving regular updates from Lottie over the next few months.

The Woodlands Team

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