



Woodlands Newsletter

January/February 2024



Happy New Year to all our Woodlands children and families. Welcome back to the new term.



The curriculum theme this term is 'What does the weather person say?' The children will find out about the weather in the different seasons of the year. Please talk about the weather daily with your child. The curriculum overview for each class will be sent to you via email early next week.

Woodlands Fundraising

Last term we raised £340 through our various fundraising activities. The wrapping room was a huge success; the children enjoyed selecting and wrapping their gifts and we hope the recipients enjoyed opening them. Thank you to everyone who supported our events. We would like to invite you to our next fundraising meeting which takes place on Tuesday 16th January at 2pm. During this meeting we will discuss future events and how to spend the money.

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 (£6 for this term or £11 until Easter), weekly (£1) or as a one-off payment of £24 for the remainder of the year. The money is spent on providing daily snacks and cooking ingredients as well as funding some of our out and about activities including visits to cafes and charity shops.



Support for Parents and Families

We aim to support our Woodland's families as much as possible to ensure our children can thrive both in school and at home. Our termly coffee mornings offer parents opportunities to get together over a coffee and biscuits to support each other and have a general chat. This term, our coffee morning is on Tuesday 9th January at 9am.

In addition to our coffee mornings, support can be gained through West Northamptonshire County Council's SEND Support Service. They offer a range of courses which can be booked through their 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>

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/>

All classes have a parent WhatsApp group chat – offering parents opportunities to support each other through sharing advice and gaining information on events and activities in and out of school. Woodlands staff request that these group chats are treated in a respectful and empathetic manner.

Dates for this term



Tuesday 9 th January 9am	Coffee morning
Tuesday 9 th January	Boccia Competition (selected children in Badgers Class)
Tuesday 16 th January 2pm	Fundraising group meeting
Thursday 15 th February	Table cricket competition (selected children in Foxes Class)
Friday 16 th February	Last day of term
Monday 26 th February	Staff training day
Tuesday 27 th February	Start of term 4

The Woodlands Team

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