

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is here, we can't hide anymore - the run up to Christmas officially begins with our Christmas Fair this evening, I hope you will be joining us.

Exciting events continue into next week as our choir perform at Forest Arts Arena with other musicians and choirs from across Walsall in Rocktastic. It promises to be a very special evening and Woodlands are at the front!

The Festival of Light Service is next Sunday at the Methodist Church, beginning at 6:15 when our choir will have a leading role. This is always a very special start to the Festive Season and is an open invitation to all our families.

Have your children written their letters yet? This weekend is a good time to start!

Mrs Newton



Danger Outside School

A number of parents have approached the school with news of different parents parking irresponsibly outside school and putting their own children's lives at risk.

Some parents are stopping the car in the middle of the road. Their young children are opening doors and stepping onto the road where cars are moving. Consequently there have been a number of near misses, thank goodness for our parents that are driving slowly and safely outside a school. Parents please park responsibly and keep your own children, and other children, safe.



Off to the moon...

1P led a fantastic class assembly on Wednesday, the children performed with such enthusiasm as they shared the book 'Whatever Next!' by Jill Murphy. We went to the moon in a rocket, complete with space boots and a helmet (all items found in most households, wellies, cardboard box and colander) and then came home ready for bed time. 1P reminded us all, that reading stimulates our imagination and we can go anywhere! You were wonderful 1P.



Speaker Of The Year Competition 2017

Young Speaker of the Year is a competition run by the Rotary Club in which they invite a number of local schools to participate. Round one involves choosing who will represent Woodlands.

Our children stepped up to the challenge, with many children preparing amazing presentations in their own time, complete with powerpoint presentations and resources to entertain and inform. There was a high standard which made internal judging very tricky so Robert Williams from the Rotary Club came along to help the judging.



Nurse Benton (Jasmin) and Dr Bickley (Neve) were chosen to represent Woodlands in the final on Monday evening against three other schools. The girls did an incredible job and were truly outstanding in presenting information about the human body. Unfortunately, on this occasion we didn't win and so we offer congratulations to New Invention. However, Neve and Jasmin had memorised their entire piece and performed with confidence, eloquence and high quality visual aids. Both girls were presented with a certificate and a £5 WHSmith voucher. You are our winners girls!

Diary Dates On The Horizon

28.11	Y3 visit
29.11	3R Class Assembly 10:20
30.11	Rocktastic at Forest Arts for specified children
1.12	Y5 visit Selly Manor
3.12	6:15 Festival of Light at Methodist Church

5.12	YR Christmas lunch
5.12	Y4 and Y5 to Pool Hayes for a performance
6.12	Y1 Christmas lunch
7.12	Y2 Christmas lunch
7.12	Flu Vaccinations NHS YR - Y4
8.12	Y6 Theatre Visit



Every Monday we celebrate the achievements of our children through the reward of certificates in our 'Celebration of Learning Assembly'. These are the children that earned: **Star Of The Week.**

Class	Name	Reason – For:-
RE	Lydia Albutt Emily Saville	An amazing growth in confidence over the last few weeks. Lydia will now share her learning in a small group eloquently and cheerfully. Confidently and quickly ordering numbers to 9 let's go to 20 next time Emily!
RJ	Grayson Bickley Japkeerat Singh Mam	Amazing Maths – subtracting numbers and reading number sentences Making brilliant progress in reading and moving on to books with words
1P	Seeley Pearce Reece Hulse	Applying his new learning in his independent write. Seeley used capital letters, full stops, question marks and adjectives in his retell of Whatever Next! Your story was a pleasure to read. Persevering with his handwriting. Reece has been working tirelessly to improve his letter formation and to use an effective pencil grip. What an improvement!
1H	Luis Wildman Aminique Nicklin	Persevering to improve his handwriting. Luis is making a conscious effort to ensure his letters are the correct size and he has finger spaces in his writing! Persevering to improve handwriting! Aminique has taken on board advice on how to improve her handwriting and is consciously making an effort in her writing! Her writing now sits on the line! Well done
2G	Ashanté Gott Harriett Webber	A fantastic attitude towards all of her learning. Ashanté is a credit to her class. She impresses in all areas of her learning but has wowed in maths last week. Your hard work and dedication is amazing Ashanté. Well done. Being an amazing ambassador of learning. Harriett is always listening, trying her best, kind and has lovely manners. Harriett has impressed in all areas especially her writing as she has been working hard on her handwriting. It's beautiful. Well done Harriett.
2B	Maddox Bateman Keira Richards	For being a magical mathematician! Maddox used arrays and groups of to work out multiplication problems. Well done Maddox – keep up the good work! For her positive attitude and perseverance in all lessons. Keira gives 100% effort in everything she does and is a role model for others. Keep up the fantastic attitude!
3R	Alfie Bowyer George Wright	A fabulous report about Mary Anning Fabulous work on finding fractions of amounts.
3CP	Lacey Stanley Thomas Whitfield	Applying her knowledge of Mary Anning to write a chronological report. A super understanding of counting in 10ths using pictorial methods as well as a number line.
4N	Alex Hill Joshua Hodson	Innovating the poem of the watercress girl and creating a lovely poem about selling ribbon. Creative ideas and rhyming sentences for his Victorian poem about working down the mine.
4G	Olivia Stevens Ciara Hitchcock	Fantastic explanation of how to multiply using formal method and teaching others. Well done Fantastic dictionary skills for finding words you don't understand in Oliver and using these to create a sentence. Well done J
5C	Jacob Smith Tiegan Pearce	Always seeking ways to improve his writing and working hard to write a fantastic setting description. Keep up the good work Jacob. Having a conscientious attitude towards her learning and working hard to produce a brilliant setting description.
5M	Abygail Brittle Indigo Orton-Brown	An excellent understanding of the past and present progressive tense. Well done! Always putting in 100% effort in every task set. Well done!
6P	Joshua Malpass Jenny Muriqui	Excellent working out percentages and applying his learning to solving some pretty challenging questions! Always applying herself 100% every time especially when writing. She has written some super pieces of work using her experiences of learning and our visits.
6E	Jasmine Benton Neve Bickley	Making it through to the final round of the 'Young Speaker of the year award'. Making it through to the final round of the 'Young Speaker of the year award'.