

# WOODSTONE NEWS

*Growing together,  
Learning forever*

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## A SAD FAREWELL



As many of you now know, we will be saying a sad good-bye to Mrs. Clark at the end of this half term. I'm not sure whether she thought her retirement on Valentine's Day would be a nice present for me but it certainly wasn't! In all seriousness, Geraldine has been a cornerstone of Woodstone for 16 years and is well respected by children and parents alike. She is now looking forward to a quieter life in retirement, working with her husband and spending more time with family. She certainly deserves a good rest but we will all miss her very much. Geraldine has very big boots to fill as she does many, many jobs both in the office and around school (many of which I don't even know about). Filling those boots will be tricky but the person we employed, Laura Wroot, is very much looking forward to the challenge and is also keen to get to know both children and parents alike.

On another staffing matter, Miss Williams has also decided it's time to hang up her whiteboard pen and football boots and head off in her caravan to a more peaceful destination! Susie will be taking EARLY retirement at the end of the summer term, so I will have plenty of time to embarrass her further in future newsletters! We will shortly be advertising for a new member of staff - again a difficult act to follow!

## THANK YOU

Many parents bought photographs which not only raised a bit of money for the school but also meant Braiswick Photographic donated £57 to Cancer Research.

## WEBSITE NEWS

Don't forget we have a website app which makes it much easier to browse our website on your phone.

Search for eSchools Lite in the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android) or scan the QR Code and download for free. (See the poster on the back page of the newsletter for the QR Code.)

## CROSS COUNTRY DATES

We now have a three races left this season:

Saturday 8th March - first race  
10:30am - Packington Primary School (LE65 1WL)

Saturday 15th March - first race  
10:30am - Snarestone Primary School (DE12 7DB)

Saturday 5th April - first race  
10:30am - Griffydham Primary School (LE67 8HU)

## A FEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 14th February—Children break up for 1/2 term (3:15pm)  
Monday 24th February - Children return to school (8:45am)  
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day  
Wednesday 19th March - Year 1 (Rowan Class) visit to Tamworth Castle  
Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day  
Friday 4th April - PTA Chocolate Bingo  
Tuesday 22nd - 25th - Woody's Easter Holiday Club

We have a non-uniform day this Friday (7th Feb) for ALL children to celebrate the end of Mental Health Awareness Week.

## QUIZ NIGHT

Really hope you're looking forward to a child free night at our 'fun' quiz this Friday (7th February) starting at 7pm. Teams of up to 6 people.

## 'FIT AS FIDDLES'

On Saturday February 1st we had a strong team of runners out at a North West Leicestershire cross country competition held at Measham C of E Primary School.

Our fantastic team was made up of:

Rec: **Jacob (8th) Hedy (8th) Jake (10th) Annabelle (15th) Cillian (45th)**

Year 1: **Rory (11th) Ava (20th) Isla (21st)**

Year 2: **Oliver (6th) Charlie (18th) Penelope (14th)**

Year 3: **Joseph W (1st) Kim (1st) Willow (5th) Penny (6th) Harry (10th) Leo (16th) Lottie (17th) Evan (20th)**

Year 4: **Arthur (6th) Charlie (17th) Albert (20th)**

Year 5: **Monty (6th) Oliver (8th)**

Year 6: **Edward (2nd) Leo S (4th)**

*Our Reception children (Acorn Class) enjoyed their first 'Share a Story' session with parents this week - the children spent the first part of the morning sharing their favourite book with a parent. This was a great opportunity to develop the children's love of reading and spend some time together talking about their favourite books. Thank you parents for coming along - the next session will be Tuesday 25th March at 2.30pm.*

*We would like to invite you to our*

### Golden Book Assemblies

Friday 28th Feb	Birch Class - Y5 parents
Friday 7th March	Oak Class - Y6 parents
Friday 14th March	Cedar Class Y4 parents
Friday 21st March	Pine Class Y3 parents
Friday 28th March	Maple Class Y2 parents
Friday 4th April	Rowan Class Y1 parents
Friday 11th April	Reception parents
Friday 2nd May	Ash Class (in the classroom)

All assemblies start at 9:05am



### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week we have been taking part in 'Children's Mental Health Week' across the whole school. The theme is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and we are doing activities in class all week which support positive mental health, alongside an 'express yourself' **non-uniform day on Friday (7th)**.

You may hear children talking about painting a pebble - these are called Positive Affirmation Stones: children may be doing smiley faces, sunshine, rainbows, hearts etc. — hopefully you will get a chance to see them at Parents Evening next week.

#### YEAR 6 SATs MEETING

Wednesday 26th February - 5:30pm

An information meeting for our Year 6 parents.

#### CHARACTER CHAMPIONS

Our recent Character Champions were Thabani (Oak Class - Y6) and Freddie (Rowan Class - Y1)