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" Growing together, learning forever"

WOODSTONE NEWS

17th December 2021



CHALLENGING TIMES AT WOODSTONE

Once again, this term has not been easy. We have had more coronavirus cases than at any other time throughout the whole pandemic (although still less than most other local schools). The latest cases have been highly transmissible and I have been extremely grateful to parents for not sending siblings into school when a big brother or sister has the misfortune to contract the virus. From our experience almost 90% of siblings do get it, some as late as eight days after the original symptoms were detected. Thank you. As you know here at Woodstone we have a very 'can do' approach to all aspects of school life. We have all been determined to keep Christmas in school as 'normal' as possible for the children and give them the best possible experiences and although this hasn't always been possible we have managed quite a lot!



We have had our trip to the pantomime (Year 6 will go in January!) Christmas dinner, our Christmas jumper day, our Christmas parties and our Reception/Year 1 Nativity, the Year 2/Year 3 Sugar Plum play and the Year 4 Christmas Extravaganza (all with an audience!)

In fact our only casualty this year has been the Year 5/6 carol concert, which is a great shame as it is one of the highlights of the year. We wanted to record it and send it out as a video, but we simply didn't have enough children in School to make that possible!

I'm sure there will be more challenges ahead but for now we have a well deserved and needed break and the staff at Woodstone would like to wish you and your families a lovely Christmas.



Some of our Year 6 girls dressing to impress!



Spot the difference—Miss Williams spent the day dressed as Mrs. Kennedy and vice versa.



Our Year 4 children certainly played their part in Children in Need.

CHILDREN IN NEED— It's always important to help other people and many of the causes in this year's Children in Need were extremely emotive and I need of support.

I'd like to thank all our children and parents for their fantastic support (when I know times are not easy) as we raised a magnificent £321.

BIKEABILITY - Despite all the restrictions we were able to ensure our Year 5 children completed their 'Bikeability' training earlier this term. This is a bit like the old cycling proficiency test and involves 4 days of training and tests. A great thing to do in our opinion to help keep our children safe out on the roads.

As an additional bonus our Year 6 children were able to also complete the same course a few weeks later as they had missed their 'slot' last year due to the pandemic.



S P Lettings Donation

We have kindly received another donation from SP Lettings Estate Agents .

This is thanks to parents referring us when completing a house sale through S P Lettings.

Thank you Chris & Christina Foster, parents of Lucas and Lottie, your support is really appreciated and here's to many years of health & happiness in your new home.



Active Advent



Keen to GET MORE ACTIVE over Advent?

Volunteers needed for the **ACTIVE ADVENT STUDY**

Fill your Advent Calendar with ideas to get more active!

We are investigating how to make it easier to get more physically active during the Christmas holidays

If you are aged 18 to 75, you may be eligible to take part

Please scan me or follow this link <https://bit.ly/3wEh1hG>

to find out more and to register your interest!



Alternatively, contact us on 01509 228483 or email active.advent@mailbox.lboro.ac.uk





WIN CHRISTMAS!

25 WIN

**HUGE
FOOD HAMPER**



**LUXURY
CHRISTMAS TREE**



**TABLE & TREE
DECORATIONS**

**FESTIVE
DOOR WREATH**



**BUBBLY &
CHOCOLATE**



**LIGHTS, CANDLES
& STOCKINGS**

- Give a little back by supporting our lottery
- Help boost school fundraising
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Weekly cash prizes, up to £25,000

To play now, go to:

www.yourschoolottery.co.uk

and search for: Woodstone Community



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 11th Dec 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website).

UPDATE FROM COALVILLE FOODBANK:

Firstly we have good news. From 14th December we will be moving back to **New Life Church, Margaret Street, Coalville. LE67 3LY**. Our building work is almost completed.

Until the end of February 2022 we will still be running our foodbank from our door at New Life Church. This is to give us a bit more time to decorate the interior of our building but also to monitor the situation of Covid-19. We will update you in the new year on any changes.

This year our Christmas opening times are as follows -

Tuesday **14th** December - **10am - 12.30pm**
 Friday **17th** December - **10am - 12noon**
 Tuesday **21st** December - **10am - 12.30pm**
 Friday **24th** December - **CLOSED**
 Tuesday **28th** December - **CLOSED**
 Friday **31st** December - **10am - 12noon**

In January we will be opening at the same times on both days. Our opening times will be

Tuesdays 10am - 12.30pm
Fridays 10am - 12.30pm



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

You may have seen us advertising “Your School Lottery” around school.... and we now have a number of parents, friends, colleagues etc. registered—thank you :-)

We thought we’d take the opportunity to further raise awareness of our lottery in our final newsletter before Christmas... to see if Christmas cheer will extend to signing up and taking part if you are able to.

Someone associated with our school wins a cash prize every week and participants are also entered into the big draw too.

Funds raised from the lottery will be put towards our new outdoor classroom which we are all very excited about.

Please, if you have not already signed up, look into this further to see if it is something you can help with.

As always (and I know we say this many times)... your support doesn’t go unnoticed and we are always very grateful



ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE:

St. Michael & All Angels Church
at Christmas

**Service of
Healing & Hope
19th December 2021
At
11am**

This is a quiet service to remember those we have loved, to pray for healing for difficult times we have gone through, to look forward in hope.



(Please note that a Facemask must be worn in Church)

**24th December 2021
At 4pm**

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
ON
ALMSHOUSE LAWN**

**Dress warmly
and bring a torch**

**A Special Outdoor Service
For
CHRISTMAS EVE
With
Sparklers
And
Refreshments!**

AND FINALLY A FEW REMINDERS FOR THE NEW YEAR...

Please remember we are a 'nut free' school so no Nutella (or equivalent) in sandwiches please.

Please remember to phone school by 9:30am latest if your child is going to be absent.

Please remember our school uniform is 'no trainers' allowed (except for P.E.).

THANK YOU

TIME FOR POSITIVE THINKING!

The new term starts on Tuesday 4th January. We are really, really hopeful that the national situation will not result in a return to 'home learning' - please keep yourselves safe over the break and also keep everything crossed that we are back face to face in the new year. We will of course keep in touch as the Government makes its plans! Thank you for your support.



**Rotary
YOUNG
MUSICIAN
COMPETITION**



Calling all young musicians

Tuesday 11th January 2022 Ashby School

Download the competition information pack at: rotarygbi.org

To nominate, contact: John Sedgley : 07770633777

The Rotary Clubs of 'Ashby de la Zouch'

