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# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## THANK YOU

Once again we have had a very busy term here at Woodstone. The longest term has now been completed (17 weeks in total) and we are on the countdown to summer, having now passed the shortest day!



We know this has not been the easiest year for many families. The cost of living crisis has hit many people hard and we already know a number of families who have had to cut back this Christmas. However, we really hope that you enjoy your time with your family, taking a bit of a break from the hectic lives we all lead. Have a fabulous Christmas and lots of love from us all for the new year.



Thank you for your continued support in 2023 - our children are lucky to have parents and carers who take an active part in supporting us here at school. You should be proud of everything they achieve.

**STARS OF THE SHOW** - Over the past two weeks we have had an amazing demonstration of talent, putting us all in the Christmas spirit. We started with our Reception and Year One classes telling us the true meaning of Christmas in their production of the nativity story, A King is Born. Most of the children are still four and five years old so it is a fairly daunting experience standing under the lights on a big stage. However, they were unfazed and entertained us with songs and actions.

We then moved onto our older children—Years 2, 3 and 4 who did a fabulous performance of Christmas with the Krackers. The costumes looked great, the storyline was hilarious and the Year 4 choir were magnificent. Over 250 people came through the door to see this brilliant show - it really cheered us up as we headed towards the last week of term.

Finally, this week our Year 5 and 6 children performed a more traditional carol concert at Christ Church in Coalville. They sang modern and traditional carols, told the story of the first Christmas and played a number of Christmas songs on a variety of instruments. It was a truly special evening.

Well done to all the children who took part, a big thank you to all the parents/grandparents and friends who supported the children by coming to watch and a HUGE thank you to the staff who work so hard, in a relatively short space of time to put these events together. It was a real team effort and a great experience for all our children.

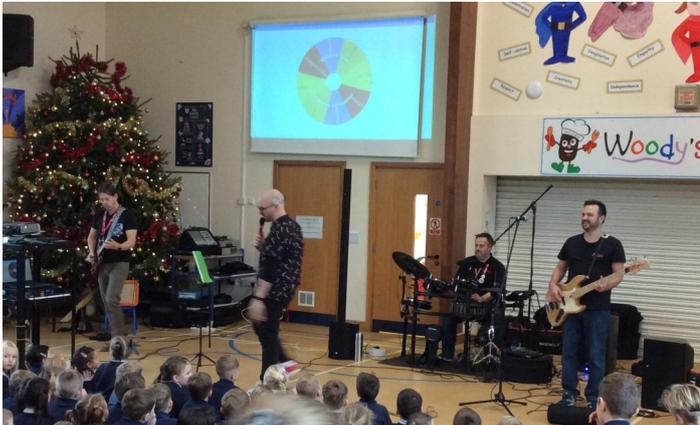
A big thank you also to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket—the funds went to help pay for repairs to our stage lighting and for some new costumes...Raffle winners this year were:

1st prize - Hamper (donated by staff at Woodstone) won by the Buckingham family

2nd prize - £25 won by the Garside family

3rd prize - £10 won by the Otteys

The two bottles of wine were won by the Bramwell and Saddington families



## ROCK n' ROLL HITS WOODSTONE

On Friday December 15th, the school was treated to an exciting visit from a group of talented musicians from Leicestershire Music Services. The group transformed the morning into a rock and roll extravaganza, using popular songs to teach our pupils about the different elements of music. The children were thoroughly engaged and filled with enthusiasm throughout the performance, particularly as the band added a festive touch by playing some popular Christmas tunes. It was a great end to the week, inspiring the children and enhancing their understanding of music in an enjoyable and memorable way.



This year's theme for our Christmas displays was 'TREES'. Have a look at the wide variety of approaches and styles from each class.



Have a TREE-MENDOUS Christmas!



We hope you liked our fabulous Christmas tree which was once again provided by the Gelsmoor Christmas Tree Farm. Thank you.



Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Fair on Sunday 3rd December. The PTA managed to raise a whopping £1000. This money has helped to pay for buses to the pantomime and presents for all the children.



Our Reception and Year 1 children all ready for their performance of A King is Born

Mrs Rachael Barker (our Teaching Assistant on a Thursday and Friday in Year 3) will be leaving us at Christmas to pursue her own business—first aid training. Rachael has been trying to juggle school commitments with her new business and it's beginning to prove impossible. We will all miss Rachael and wish her all the best in her new venture.



You may not know but our Year 4 children all get the chance to learn a musical instrument as part of a whole class initiative. This year our Year 4 children are learning the ukulele and on Wednesday 6th December the children performed for their parents and grandparents with the help of their teacher Mr. Trueman. They played a number of songs, did some excellent singing and finished with a Christmas song. We are now looking forward to seeing another concert later in the year! Well done Year 4.



Our Year 5 and 6 carol concert was a really special evening - putting us in the Christmas mood.

Our Year 2 children making their tie-dye t-shirts as part of their DT project.

