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# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## PLEASE DON'T FORGET

Please remember we have an INSET day this

**Friday 22nd November**

School will be closed for pupils.

## Attendance for the week beginning

**11/11/19**

**We always aim for at least 97% average attendance.**

<b>Reception</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>98.1%</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>95.3%</b>		

**Well done Year 2**

## NEW GOVERNORS

We are pleased to announce that we have just appointed four new Governors.

Emma Pollard (mum of a pupil in Year 1) and Marek Dobrowolski (parent of a pupil in Year 4) will be our new Parent Governors. Paul Oliver has been appointed as a Community Governor and Beckie Daley will take over as staff governor from the 1st December.

We are really looking forward to working with them all as we start our 'post-ofsted' period!

Thank you to Governors who have recently resigned or served their time - Paul Oakden, Val Rowe and Grace Clement.



We had a fantastic day on Friday for Children in Need and our 'in-school' charity Muscular Dystrophy UK. There were some fabulous 'Pudsey' outfits as well as lots of children and adults wearing costumes depicting the letter 'M'.

**We covered 285 metres with our 'metres for muscles' coin collection and this raised a magnificent £432 for muscular dystrophy**

**We also raised £140 for Children in Need. A huge thank you for helping us to collect over £570 for two extremely important charities.**

**Look out for future dates when we'll be doing even more for Muscular Dystrophy UK.**

## BATTERY RECYCLING

As you know we recycle batteries here at Woodstone but unfortunately we can't take 'button batteries' so please don't include these when you bring batteries in to put in our box.

**THANK YOU**



## PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

We hope you will be able to spare an hour or so on Saturday 7th December (1pm - 4pm) to visit our Christmas Fair. There will be Christmas crafts, an opportunity to buy some Christmas gifts. If you can help in any way please let us know in the office.

Cake donation day is Friday 6th December

## SWITCH-OFF FORTNIGHT

For the next two weeks you will hear children talking about climate change and saving energy.

We are encouraging them to turn off lights at home and at school and not leave devices on stand-by. Leaving your TV on stand-by could cost you an additional £80 on your electricity bill per year!

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### **CHRISTMAS DATES!**

**Tuesday 10th December - Rec. & Year 1 Nativity Play (2pm and 5:30pm)**

**Thursday 12th December - Years 2, 3 & 4 Christmas Play (2pm and 6pm)**

**Wednesday 11th December - Christmas dinner (uniform as normal)**

**Monday 16th December - Rec & KS1 - Nottingham - Sleeping Beauty (uniform as normal)**

**Monday 16th December - Years 5 & 6 carol concert—Christ Church, Coalville (6pm)**

**Tuesday 17th December - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

**KS2 - Theatre Royal, Nottingham - Cinderella (uniform as normal)**

**Wednesday 18th December - Party Day (non-uniform)**

### **Golden Book Assembly.**

Remember our invitation to parents to come along to a Golden Book assembly - we have just a few left now so here is a reminder about the dates.

**Year 2 - THURSDAY 21st November - 9:05am**

**Year 1 - Friday 29th November - 9:05am**

**Rec. - Friday 6th December - 9:05am**



### **WOODY'S**

Take a look at some of our very exciting activities planned for the next few weeks...

**28th November - Twilight walk in the woods**

**2nd December - Film Night (Elf)**

**16th December - Christmas Prize Bingo**

**19th December - Christmas Party**

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

**Saturday 7th December -Viscount Beaumont (10:30am) (wear your Santa hat!)**

**Saturday 11th January - Hugglescote (10am)**

**Saturday 18th January - Woodstone (10:30am)**

**Saturday 25th January - Sir John Moore, Appleby Magna (10:00am)**

**(This is a North West Leicestershire qualifier event but all welcome)**

**Saturday 29th February - County Cross country - finals - Prestwold Hall**

**Saturday 21st March - Snarestone (10:30am)**

**Saturday 25th April - Griffydam (10:30am)**

### **OFSTED NEWS**

**We finally had our report last Friday - it is available to read on the website but I think we can all feel justifiably proud of our children when it contains such quotes as...**

**Pupils engage well in lessons and know what their teachers want them to do**

**Pupils hold doors open for adults. They display good manners in class and around school. Pupils are proud of their work and their school.**

**Pupils are mature and responsible.**

**Pupils behave well and concentrate in lessons.**

**Pupils understand the importance of working hard.**

### **LEST WE FORGET**

Remembrance always plays an important part here at Woodstone. This year was no exception as after a special assembly we paraded up to our 'centenary oak tree' where we held the rest of our service.

Children read a poem and a prayer and sang the national anthem as well as listening to Mrs. Capstack play the last post and Reveille on her cornet.

We then raised our new flag on the flagpole outside the main reception.

It was all particularly pertinent for our Year 6 children who earlier in the year visited the World War 1 battlefields on the Somme in France.





**We've had a couple of busy weeks - firstly we took part in Outdoor Education Day and then just a few days later it was anti-bullying week. The next couple of pages give a flavour of our activities...**



**YEAR 6  
making  
Anderson  
Shelters  
as part of  
their  
Child's  
War topic**

**Our Reception Class enjoying a  
phonics hunt in the woods.**





# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

In our Reception Class for anti-bullying week they made a recipe for friendship, with the children even decorating cakes for a display.

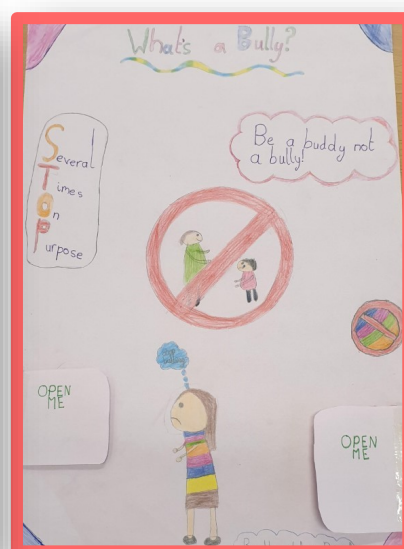
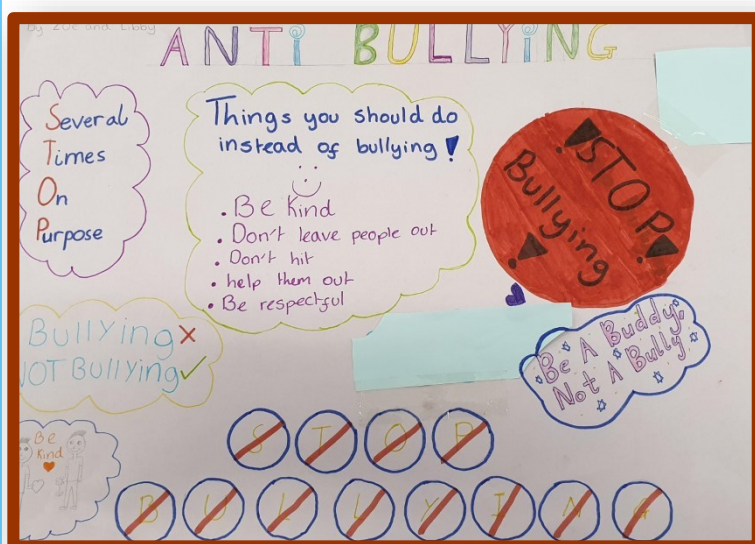
Year 1 looked at what bullying is and discussed the small thing they can change to make a big difference for example letting someone join their games. They then looked at what makes a good friend and made a Recipe for the Perfect Friendship which also built on their instruction writing work.

Year 2 started by doing a self-evaluation of what it is to be a good friend. They also looked at similarities and differences and how we treat people with differences.

Year 3 focused on the #choosekindness campaign. They talked about what bullying is and then moved onto how they could make people feel better about themselves and the fact that we never really know what is happening in other people's lives. They then wrote down the names of every child in the class on posters and wrote positive words around them—they really saw the benefits of taking the time to say positive things to others.

Year 4 used the PowerPoint lesson from the anti-bullying website and talked about how 'Change Starts With Us'. They then created their own pledge wall to say how they were going to make a difference. (see photo on right)

Year 5 spent a lot of time discussing in teams what bullying meant, what anti-bullying meant and how to work together to stop any incidents of bullying. They created the posters below.



Finally, Year 6 arranged a Secret Angel Mission! This involved every child in the class having both a child and an adult who they had to be nice to. However, they had to also disguise this 'niceness' so that it wasn't obvious. They had to disguise it by being nice to everyone! The big reveal is this Thursday!