

Woodfield School

Dear parents, carers and friends of Woodfield



As we come to the end of what has been a very busy Autumn Term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Website and Blog

Christmas Fayre

We held our annual Christmas Fayre on Thursday 28th November and raised a fantastic £738.27 towards our new pool. There was a steady flow of people and it was a very successful morning. Each class worked very hard in the run up to the Fayre making a whole range of gifts to sell and games to participate in. Thank you to all families and friends who supported the event and to the parents group who prepared and sold lunches.

Please take some time to have a look at our school website www.woodfield.herts.sch.uk which we are continuing to develop. If there is any information you would like us to add to the website please let us know. We also have a link on the website to our school Blog. Please have a look at the Blog, comment and 'follow us' to keep up to date with events happening in school. Thank you to all of you who have already commented on the various articles on the Blog. Our Blog can also be accessed via woodfieldblog.wordpress.com.

ParentMail

We are now using ParentMail to contact you in emergencies; for example if we have to close the school for any reason. You should have all received a text ParentMail text. We will also be using ParentMail to remind you of events happening in school and to remind of appointments such as annual review meetings.

Please note this is an automated service and you cannot reply. If you need to contact school please continue to do so by phone 01442 253476 or email admin@woodfield.herts.sch.uk

Staffing

We are very pleased to be welcoming Linette Snyman to the school in January. Linette will be teaching in Seniors 3, working alongside Danielle until the end of January when Danielle will be going on maternity leave. We are also very pleased to be welcoming 3 new teaching assistants, Darren, Rachael and Claire who will be joining us to fill vacancies and maternity cover.

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Tracy Sapsed (teacher in Post 16) at the end of this term. Tracy is leaving us to take up a teaching position in a school nearer to her home. Tracy will be greatly missed by us all but we wish her all the best in her new job and hope that she will keep in contact with us.

Christmas Concert at the Church

Our Christmas Concert took place on Tuesday afternoon at Leverstock Green Church. The pupils took part in a lively Christmas Concert and really enjoyed themselves, getting into the Christmas spirit!! The Primary pupils dressed up in their nativity costumes and looked amazing on stage. Everyone joined in singing and signing along to the Christmas music. The Music Appreciation Group wowed us with their playing of instruments including drums, bells and soundbeam to accompany the snowman music. Woodfield Choir sang and signed 'Your Song'. The students from Post 16 and Seniors 3 music group rocked out to 'Rocking Robin' on the drums, electric bass and keyboard. Seniors and Post 16 sang and signed Christmas songs and there was great audience participation. Lani, Marcelle and Becky sang brilliantly as a trio at the beginning of 'All I want for Christmas.' We would like to thank parents, carers and friends who were able to come along and support the event.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 7th January Spring Term begins
- Tuesday 14th January Parents' Consultation Evening 4:00pm to 5:45pm
- Half Term 17th to 21st February
- Friday 4th April at 2:30pm Spring Term ends



Woodfield Association of School Partners (WASP)

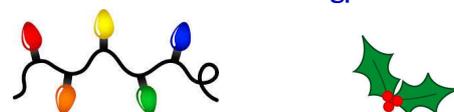
Membership of WASP is open not only to parents of pupils at the school but also to extended family - grandparents, aunts, uncles, as well as friends and ex parents and staff. Our big project is to fund raise for a new pool. A very successful auction of promises was held at the beginning of November where £4277.48 was raised. A huge thank you to Lorraine, Dawn and all staff involved in organising the event and making the evening such a success. Thank you also to all families, friends and staff who have supported us so far. If you would like further information about WASP please contact Lorraine or Dawn (WASP Chair and Secretary) at the school.

Carols Around The Tree

We held our annual carols round the Christmas tree last Thursday evening followed by a disco for the pupils. It was an enjoyable evening, with mulled wine, mince pies and some lovely singing!! Thank you to those of you who joined us and to Lizzie our local vicar who came along and played the keyboard for our singing.



WASP is on Twitter Please follow us at [swimmingpool500](#)



Seniors 2: The 'Teen MasterChef' project has allowed us to share 5 of our recipes in exchange for 5 recipes from a different country which we will create and sample. The winner will be decided in January 2014. We have an on-going 'Celebration Time' project where schools have shared traditional celebrations from their own countries, giving us a great bank of resources to access.

We have really enjoyed watching videos of students in schools across Europe and preparing our own work to share with them.

International Links eTwinning

This term Seniors 2 and Post 16 have been learning to communicate and share resources with schools across Europe through an eTwinning project. So far they have been involved in 5 projects to support their learning across the curriculum. Seniors 2 and Post 16 have both been involved in separate projects where they have been able to send and receive Christmas cards from a large number of European schools. The students have been excited and eagerly awaiting the next postal delivery.



Posting the Christmas cards to schools in 27 European countries



Post 16: The 'Christmas Card Exchange' project aims were to exchange cards, photos, presentations and other types of files to learn a little about each other and the different Christmas traditions. Many schools were involved, from countries such as Italy, France, Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Turkey.



We created a map of Europe and learned the names of some of the countries. We searched the internet to find out how to say Merry Christmas in different languages and practised saying it. We created Power Point presentations about our school and about Christmas traditions in the UK. We watched presentations from other countries and wrote Christmas cards to all the other schools. Now we are looking forward to receiving loads of cards and we will put them on our map of Europe, matching them to the countries. We enjoyed the project and we want to work with other European schools again in the future!



We will be continuing with our international work over the next two terms and will be extending it to the whole school. Each class has chosen a country to base their international work. Class 1 - Greece, Class 2 - Kenya, Class 3 - Ireland, Seniors 1 - Brazil, Seniors 2 - Sri Lanka, Seniors 2 - Australia and Post 16 - Italy.

We will be having an International Food Day towards the end of the Spring term, an International Music and Dance Day in the Summer term, and our Sports Day will have an international theme. More information will be sent home next term

