

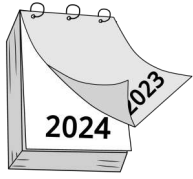


Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ January 2024

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New Beginnings

Welcome back to school, we hope that you had a lovely holiday. It was great seeing so many smiling, happy faces at the start of term coming down the paths into school. January is always a time for a fresh start. A time to acknowledge achievements and set goals for what we want to achieve in the next 12 months. With that in mind you will shortly receive a mid-year report for your child. This will give you a summary of attainment in core subjects as well as an indication towards their 'attitude to learning'.

We want all our pupils to work towards our 7 Aspirations: To be creative, independent, physically active, resilient, take risks, engaged and respectful. Their attitude to learning is linked to these core ideas and is as important as academic achievement. Following the report we will have our Spring parent meetings (dates can be found on the reverse). This will be a chance to discuss your child's journey through their current year and provide you with ways to support your child at home.

In other news, Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Warning Zone during January. They learnt about many different aspects of keeping safe; around the home, out and about and even online. Staff were very proud of how sensibly the children behaved, asking insightful questions and remembering lots of details to make better decisions in their own lives. Well done Year 6.

COMIC RELIEF

Woodland Grange is gearing up for another Comic Relief day. This year we will be organising our fundraising day on Thursday 14th March. More details to follow.

This year we have set up an online link so you can make your donation in a much easier way. Click on the link below and make your pledge. Any amount will be greatly received and every penny will help to support projects around the globe.

[Woodland Grange is fundraising for Comic Relief \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Woodland-Grange-is-fundraising-for-Comic-Relief)

We will notify you of our grand total in future newsletters...



8:45am to 3:15pm

A reminder to all families (including those that have just joined us) that school starts at 8.45am. Please ensure your child is at school ahead of that time, so they can get into class on time. If you have younger children, drop them off first before making your way around to any other year groups.

If your child is in reception, please only speak to a member of staff if it is an urgent message. General enquiries can be handled at the office, after drop off (or an email that can be forwarded).

All things FOWG

The Friends of Woodland Grange are gearing up for another busy term, organising events, raising money and funding school projects that will benefit every child that attends our school.

Many thanks to everyone that came along to the meeting at the end of January. It was great to share and gather ideas on how we can make FOWG even better. Planned events for this term are:

Krispy Kreme Valentines doughnut sale on the 15th February (yum!)
A family bingo night planned for April (more details coming soon).
There is also a date for the BIG fundraiser at the end of the year.

FOWG fun day is happening on **Sunday 30th June**. Get the date in your diary now. The Friends will need lots of volunteers, so don't delay—let them know you can help now!

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 2nd May, 1.30pm in the staffroom. FOWG look forward to seeing you there.



READING READING READING READING READING READING READING

Have you seen the recent Reading Newsletter that we sent home to families? It was full of information and tips to encourage your child to have an enjoyment of books and encourage everyone at home to read as much as they can.

A reminder that if a book is returned to school in a damaged state, we will ask families to make a £5 donation towards the cost of a replacement.

World Book Day will be happening on **7th March**. More details will follow in a separate letter, but get the date in your calendar.

Finally, a HUGE thank you to all the children in key stage 1 that have achieved their Bronze Award sticker for reading regularly at home for the past 6 weeks. The next step will be a special certificate for 12 weeks of fantastic reading support at home.

Reading at home is the single most important way you can support your child's development at school. Without a good foundation in reading and understanding text, a child may struggle to access different areas of the school curriculum.

We want every child to be a reader by the time they move into Year 3 and build a love of books and reading as they move through key stage 2. We can only do this with your support at home.

Being safe online

With Safer Internet Day around the corner, it seems like a perfect time to talk about staying safe when your child is online.

We teach online safety alongside our computing curriculum. We teach the children that, whilst computers and technology are wonderful and amazing tools, there are risks with how they are used.

We know that many of our children are spending increased amounts of time online when they are out of school (e.g. gaming, using social media or watching online content). We want the important messages to travel home and be used by the children all of the time.

We will continue to send out our weekly 'Wake Up Wednesday' online safety guides and also our monthly newsletters (from Knowsley CLC). You can find further information and lots of helpful hints and tips by visiting our dedicated online safety web page, click [here](#).



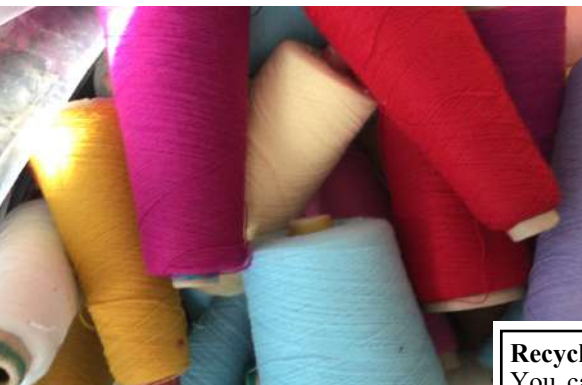
Thank you to everyone that supported the 2nd bake sale organised by parents at the end of term. They raised an amazing £892.66 for the British Red Cross, a combined total of £1,492.66 over both sales, INCREDIBLE.

Goodbyes

It is always sad to have to say goodbye to members of our staff team who have worked at the school for a long period of time. Mrs Patel who was in charge of Owl's Hoot started working at the school in April 2009. We are sad to say that, due to ill health, she has had to finish working at the school. We wish her all the best for the future.

Birthday book

As a way to promote reading in school and at home we would encourage families to buy or donate a book to school when it is your child's birthday. See your child's class teacher for some ideas of authors or topics, if you are unsure of what to buy.



Oadby Food Bank:

A reminder that we will continue to collect items (meat, fish or vegetable items, dried pasta or rice) for Oadby food bank. You can donate any items in the collection box near the school office. Oadby food bank is situated at Oadby Trinity Methodist Church, Harborough Road, LE2 4LA. **The next dates for collections from the food bank will be Friday 19/1 and 2/2. It is open between 11.30 and 12.30.**

Recycling:

You can drop off and recycle the following items at school:

- Pens, highlighters and empty correction fluid containers
- Empty inkjet (not laser) cartridges

Collections are on behalf of **COG Youth Services**, a voluntary run social enterprise based in Leicester. There are collection boxes in the school reception area.

Lost and Found

We have reorganised our lost property at school. You can still find items at the bottom of the steps near to Year 2. But, we now have hooks for things to hang on as well as the plastic tub for any additional items.

Please help us keep lost items to a minimum by naming everything that comes into school and making sure you check for any missing items.

Unfortunately, when things remain unclaimed and left for a period of time, all we can do is send them to landfill. Our aim is to get rid of nothing at the end of term. We can only do that with your help.



Parking

We will continue to remind our parents and carers about safe and respectful parking outside of school. Please remember:

- **Do not block junctions, driveways or bus stops**
- **Do not stop on the yellow zig zags outside of school**
- **Switch off your engine whilst you are waiting to collect your children**

We have also received messages from concerned parents and carers who have been unable to get past cars parked on pavements around school, especially with prams and pushchairs. Please leave enough room on pavements for any pedestrians, pushchairs, prams or scooters to pass.



A big thank you to **Net Good City** for their kind donation of acrylic thread to school. Believe it or not this would have ended up in landfill, what a waste! The good folks at Net Good City rescued it and asked if any local community groups could make good use of it. We certainly can at Woodland Grange! It will be used for many projects including our Craft Club. Thank you Net Good City!



Diary dates:

Key dates can be found on the school website calendar (search under 'News & Events')

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| 5th Feb: | Mid Year reports home |
| 6th Feb: | Safer internet day |
| 12th Feb: | Parents' evening (3.40-6pm) |
| 14th Feb: | Parents' evening (4-6pm) |
| 19th Feb: | Half term |
| 27th Feb: | Parents' evening (3.40-5.30pm) |