



# Woodchurch CE Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter 9

## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

'We shine together in God's light, learning, exploring and challenging to inspire our futures'

Dear Woodchurch CE Primary School community,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3.

As 2019 started, it was lovely to see all the children back, smiling and looking forward to the rest of the school year. Thank you for all the lovely well wishes and concerns about my health after my head dive into the pavement outside on the first day of the school term. The silly fall meant I have been hobbling around school and therefore not managed to stand on the gate as much this week but I am feeling much better. Thank you for all being so kind.

On Thursday, we welcomed Mr Bull, a wonderful new Teaching Assistant to our school. He is a fantastic support to the children and staff and he will be working in a range of classes to start with. We also welcomed a lovely new EYFS teacher to teach on a Thursday and Friday in Everest Class alongside Mrs Ringrose. We are really lucky to welcome Miss Smith back to our school and I know the children are going to love her. I know you will join me in welcoming them both into our school community.

On Wednesday, Captain Graham came and led our Collective Worship. He talked about New Year's resolutions and God's plans for us all.

Thank you for your continued support with your children's learning.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Harrington

### CONNECTED CURRICULUM

As of September, here at Woodchurch, we implemented a revised connected curriculum approach to teaching and learning. This year, our overarching school theme is 'In our element'. This is split into four further themes across the year:

Term 1 & 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5 & 6
Earth	Fire	Air	Water

Term 3s theme of 'Fire' will drive all teaching and learning and connections between all subjects are made explicit whenever possible. We aim to always make learning exciting and ensure that is in a meaningful context for children. We started this term with an inter-class competition to see which class could generate the most impressive bank of vocabulary to describe fire – the winner will be announced shortly but the entries received so far are looking great! In Key Stage One some of our areas of focus are volcanoes and dinosaurs, The Great Fire of London and materials. In Key Stage Two children will be exploring Earth and Space, Mountains and Volcanoes, Electricity and Light. We look forward to seeing some super learning including home learning projects too!

#### Celebration Awards 110119

Well done to all award winners!

##### ***Buddy Cup-***

**Everest Class:** Violet  
**Snowdon Class:** Isabella  
**Idris Class:** Aaron  
**Kilimanjaro Class:** Freddy  
**Matterhorn Class:** Dora  
**Fuji Class:** Tilly  
**Mauna Loa Class:** Hayden C



***Courtesy Cup-*** Charlotte S

***Miss H's Perseverance Award-*** Sam A

***Headteacher's Award-*** Samuel F

#### **Whole School Attendance: 95.6%. Our target is 96%**

Research shows that good school attendance impacts upon children's success in learning. Good attendance helps children to achieve good results, helps them to fulfil their potential and gives them a chance of a better future.

At Woodchurch, we are committed to ensuring that each and every child in our school fulfils their potential. To help us achieve this, we want all of our children to have the best possible attendance.

Every day that your child is absent from school is an opportunity missed. Schools and parents have a shared responsibility to ensure that children attend school regularly and on time. Punctuality is also just as important as attendance. We start at 8:45am every morning. It is important that children arrive in school on time as it supports them to learn good timekeeping and also reduces classroom disruption for the other children and themselves.

Cake Raffle – Term 3 Week 1 Thank you to Ms Davy for making this week's cake. If anyone wishes to volunteer for baking duty, please email Miss

Durrand with your name to add you to the rota.

*Congratulations to the Albrecht family!*

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COMPASSION

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FORGIVENESS

THANKFULNESS

ENDURANCE

## FOWSA NOTICEBOARD

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After the amazing success of our first **Christmas Fair** on the village green, FOWSA are already starting to think about our Summer Fair and any feedback you have about the Christmas event will help us ensure that the summer event is just as successful. Please get in touch with us ([fowsa@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk](mailto:fowsa@woodchurch.kent.sch.uk)) with any of your thoughts – positive or areas we could do better. Ideas for summer (stalls, arena events, food etc) are also very welcome.

Please don't forget that we are looking for budding photographers to take part in our **Photography Competition**; 50p per entry and we are asking for pictures themed around **Christmas/ Winter** with entries due at the end of Term 3. If your child has captured any Christmas moments beautifully (or otherwise) please send them in to us at the address above. After the success of our Toy Amnesty last month, we'll be running an 'Unwanted Gift Amnesty' in January so that, if Santa didn't get your present spot on, those toiletry gift sets or slightly misjudged gifts can find a new home with us, ready for various games at the Summer Fair.

Our next formal events are the next **School Disco** on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February** and our **Quiz Night** on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. Our next committee meeting is on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 8:55** - please join us in school if you can – the more people we have, the wider the work in supporting the school can be shared.

#### NEXT EVENT(S):

**FOWSA Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**"What was that?" Unwanted Gift Amnesty: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**School Disco: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Quiz Night: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

\*\*\*We'd like to run a **Race Night** next year (we've not run one before) - can anyone help us please?\*\*\*

### Upcoming events & the whole year's important dates for your diary:

All our dates are on our website as well. Please keep an eye out for new dates and activities on Twitter, our website and this newsletter weekly. This week, please see attached diary dates.

Date	Activity/Event	Time
<b>Term 3 2019</b>		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	FOWSA Meeting	8.45am
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	FOWSA Non-Uniform Day – unwanted/Random Christmas Present Recycle	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	FOWSA Meeting	8.45am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	FOWSA Disco KS1 3.00pm – 4.30pm; KS 4.30 – 6.00pm	KS1 3.00pm – 4.30pm; KS2 4.30 – 6.00pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3	3.10pm
<b>Term 4 2019</b>		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4	8.45am
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Information Evening	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Information Evening	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWSA Quiz night in the Memorial Hall	TBC
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWSA Meeting	8.45am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day Non-uniform Day FOWSA Film Night for KS1 & 2	3.00pm – 5.00pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	FOWSA Non-uniform in exchange for Chocolate donation	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWSA Mother's Day Secret Room	
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	FOWSA Easter Fun and Games	3.00pm – 5.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4	
<b>Term 5 2019</b>		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Term 5	

\* Please note: Easter Church Service TBC as possibly might be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 pm or Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April am – Thank you