

17<sup>th</sup> November  
2023



# Woden Primary School Newsletter

We have had a lovely couple of weeks in school with lots of activities taking place such as Anti-Bullying and Geography week. The lead up to Christmas is a busy time and the children are looking forward to continuing with all their hard work as well as enjoying a wide variety of exciting events such as our Christmas pantomime, Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day! Dates for this year's Christmas performances can be found under 'Important Dates' below.

*Mrs. S Walmsley*

## News and Information

### Remembrance Day

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November everyone in school took part in a one-minute silence for Remembrance Day. This was followed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> by a very poignant whole school assembly, led by the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all of you who supported our Poppy Day appeal; it was lovely to see so many children wearing poppies.

### VR Headsets

Thank you for your interest in the VR headset session held on 17<sup>th</sup> November. The response was overwhelming and so additional workshops will be held in January so that those of you who did not secure a place this time, can attend.

### Children Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner for the children will be on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. You will receive a letter to allow you to order a school Christmas dinner for your child(ren). If you normally pay for a school meal, please make this **payment of £2.40 by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** via School Gateway. Children are also invited to wear a Christmas jumper on that day to join in with the celebrations.

### School photographs

A photographer will be coming into school on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** to take individual and sibling photographs. Please look out for further details on Class Dojo.

### Swimming

A reminder that Year 5 and 6 will have their last swimming sessions of this term week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December.

### Clubs

Since the days are now getting darker much earlier, *the final week for clubs is week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November.*

### End of term closing times

A reminder that in order to coordinate end of day times with local secondary schools and support parents with collection, school will close at the end of term on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.15pm**. Please note that there will be no after school club on this date, as in previous years.

### School Car Park / Parking

A reminder that the car park is for staff use only and for the safety of our children, parents should not drive onto the school car park when dropping children off at breakfast club or collecting children after school.

Can we also remind you that cars should not be parked on the double yellow lines opposite school or on the zig zag white lines outside school. This is for your children's safety.

### Arrival and Collection of Children

Unless booked into breakfast club, all children should arrive at school **no earlier than 8.40am**. We have had instances of children arriving or being dropped off before 8.40am and left unsupervised. If you need to leave your child at school before 8.40am, please arrange for them to be booked into breakfast club.



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## Reception places for September 2023

Please be aware that you can now apply for your child to join Reception next year if they were born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. School applications must be made by 15 January 2024. You can apply via The City of Wolverhampton Parents Portal at <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/education-and-schools/school-admissions/school-admissions-applications>

## Contact Numbers

It is vital, and a legal requirement, to ensure school has TWO working contact numbers. Please contact the office if your contact numbers need to be updated.

## Woden Attendance

Please ensure your child attends school regularly unless ill. In order for an absence to be authorised, we must have evidence such as an appointment card or medication to support this.

The Government's attendance target is still at least 96%. Please contact our school Attendance Lead if you require any further information.

Any absences must be reported to the school office. (Tel: 01902 558880)

Attendance for last week across school was as follows:

Year 1 97%	Year 4 96%
Year 2 98%	Year 5 95%
Year 3 97%	Year 6 92%

Overall attendance in school was 96%.

Well done to Classes 7 and 10 for winning the attendance award this week with 98% each!

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

**END OF TERM: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Year 4 Fire Safety Workshop (in school)**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – whole school photographs (further details to follow)**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – whole school pantomime performance of Cinderella (in school)**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Parent Coffee morning (further details to follow)**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Flu vaccination catch-up session**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Reception trip to the Snowdome**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – whole school Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day**

### Christmas Performances:

**20<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & 2**

**18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4**

**21<sup>st</sup> December – Year 5 & 6**

**There will be morning and afternoon performances – timings to be confirmed.**