

1<sup>st</sup> December  
2023



# Woden Primary School Newsletter

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 performances, Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day! Dates and times for this year's Christmas performances can be found under 'Important Dates' below. Once again, I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you all at our performances.

*Mrs. S Walmesley*

Headteacher

## News and Information

### 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.

### 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

Clubs have now finished for this term. A letter will be sent home about the spring clubs we will be offering next term and a text with the link to apply for a place. Places are first come, first served and are snapped up very quickly!

### 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 Woden after school club on this date, as in previous years.

### School Car Park / Parking

It is with regret that the school has received a complaint about inconsiderate parking at drop off and collection times. I would like to respectfully ask that parents and other adults who park their car around school at drop off and collection times think carefully about where they park and if it is safe and polite to do so. If you have parked your car, please remember to switch off your engine. Poor air quality affects everyone - especially children.

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.

### 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 92%	Year 4 96%
Year 2 95%	Year 5 94%
Year 3 91%	Year 6 90%

Overall attendance in school was 93%.

Well done to Class 10 for winning the attendance award this week with 98.6%.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM

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

**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**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas party day. Children to come dressed in party clothes.  
School ends 1:15pm.**

### \*Christmas Performances:

**18<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4 9:15am or 2:00pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & 2 9:15am or 2:00pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS 9:15am or 2:00pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> December – Year 5 & 6 9:15am or 2:00pm**

*\*Further details about Christmas performances will be sent by letter closer to the time.*