

Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School

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WELCOME

Happy New Year to our Woodside community.

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely festive break - it has been lovely hearing all the children excitedly sharing their holiday news!

The Spring term is always so enjoyable; with school visits and residential taking place, as well as seeing children so well settled into their class routines. I have to commend the behaviour of the children at our school. It is FANTASTIC and I am always so proud to welcome visitors to see our school in action. The children are always polite, friendly and follow our school values diligently. Visitors frequently comment on the calm, purposeful learning atmosphere inside school. We look forward to inviting you into school to join us at reading cafes during this term.

Welcome!

This term we have welcomed the following new staff to Woodside:

Mrs Singleton has joined us as Holly (Y1) class teacher.

We have several new Teaching Assistants who are settling in very well: Mrs Read (Y2), Mrs Bishop (Y2), Mrs Culverhouse (Y3), Mrs Mann (Orchard class).

Mrs Mooney and Mrs Hambright are working as Higher Level TAs; covering classes during teachers planning time. Mrs Farkas joins us as a new MSA.

We hope all staff settle in really well.

Mrs Louise Mainwaring - Head teacher



DIARY DATES

Date	Time	What	Who	Place
January				
14 Jan	2.30pm	Reading Café	Rowan Class	Main Hall
15 Jan	2.30pm	Reading Café	Sycamore Class	Main Hall
16 Jan		Years 3 & 4 A.I.M Higher Writing Day	Selected pupils	
17 Jan	1.30pm	Cedar Local Library Trip	Cedar Class	
21 Jan	2.30pm	Reading Café	Chestnut Class	Main Hall
22 Jan	9am	Wildlife Trust Visit	Reception	
22 Jan	2.30pm	Reading Café	Holly Class	Main Hall
23 Jan	2.30pm	SEND Surgery - info below		
24 Jan	1.30pm	Hawthorn Local Library Trip	Hawthorn Class	
28 Jan	2.30pm	Reading Café	Hazel Class	Main Hall
30 Jan	2.30pm	Reading Café	Laurel Class	Main Hall
February				
3 Feb	6pm	Nursery prospective parent meeting	Main hall	
4 Feb		Year 3 Time & Tide Museum Trip	Year 3	Time & Tide Museum
5 Feb	2.30pm	Reading Café	Hawthorn Class	Main Hall
6 Feb	2.30pm	Reading Café	Cedar Class	Main Hall
10 Feb		Year 4 Viking Day	Year 4	
11 Feb	1.45 - 2.45pm	Orchard Class Stay and Play	Orchard Class	
11 Feb	2.15	Reading Café	Beech Class	
12-14 Feb		Year 6 Norfolk Lakes Residential	Year 6	
13 Feb	12.30pm	Dance Festival	Selected children	Sportspark
14 Feb		School breaks up for half term		
24 Feb	9.30am	Girls Football Competition	Years 3 & 4	Sportspark
24 Feb	1.30pm	Girls Football Competition	Years 5 & 6	Sportspark
25 Feb	2.30pm	Reading Café	Ash	Main Hall
27 Feb	2.30pm	Reading Café	Birch	Main Hall
March				
4 Mar	2.15pm	Reading Café	Maple	Main Hall
5 Mar	2.15pm	Reading Café	Elm	Main Hall
6 Mar		World Book Day - Information to follow	All	
7 Mar	1.45pm	Local Library Trip	Rowan	
10 Mar		Year 4 Castle Trip	Year 4	
17 Mar - 19 Mar		Screening - Hearing and Vision	Reception	

18 Mar	12.30pm	Multiskills Festival	Year 1	Easton College
18 Mar	2.30pm	SEND Surgery - info below		
21 Mar	1.45pm	Local Library Trip	Sycamore	
3 Apr		Dance Show	Year 1	The Space, Norwich
4 April		End of term		
23 Apr		Back to school - start of summer term		

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance w/c 2/12	Attendance w/c 9/12	Attendance w/c 16/12
Rowan	95%	92%	94%
Sycamore	92%	95%	95%
Chestnut	86%	89%	91%
Holly	96%	88%	97%
Hazel	95%	97%	92%
Laurel	96%	96%	91%
Beech	93%	94%	91%
Lime	98%	95%	97%
Cedar	96%	96%	95%
Hawthorn	97%	94%	91%
Ash	96%	95%	96%
Birch	97%	99%	93%
Elm	98%	96%	95%
Maple	97%	99%	96%

A polite reminder you are required to complete a Leave of Absence Form if you are taking your child out during term time. With regards to medical appointments, please email a copy of the letter or text confirming the appointment details to office@hethersettwoodside.org.uk. If your child is unwell and will be absent from school, please leave a message on our absence line (01603 810674) or email the above address before 9.00am, clearly outlining the reason for absence. This is part of our school safeguarding procedures.

Many thanks for your support, Miss Adcock - Attendance Lead

The school gates are open from 8.35am. Please see below the start and finishing times -

	Start time	Finish time
KS2 Year 3,4,5 & 6	8.40-8.50	15:15
KS1 Year 1 & 2	8.45-8.55	15:05
Reception	8:50-9.00	15:00

INCLUSION

Neurodiversity

For information on neurodiversity, Just One has created a directory of information to support families.

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/nd-digital-library/>




Loddon Parent Group is Back!

What: Come and join us for a coffee and chat, meet other families and build supportive relationships in the community (focussing on those with younger families approx. 0-5 years).

When: First and third Friday of the month
Upcoming dates:
17th January
7th and 21st February
7th and 21st March

Time: 10 – 11.30am

Where: Spoon Cake, 17 Bridge St, Loddon, Norwich NR14 6NA

Any questions please contact Daisy (Early Help Community Worker) at:
daisy.palmer@norfolk.gov.uk




*21st Feb – we will be joined by the Health Team



Our next half termly SEND Surgery will be on Thursday 23rd January 2.30 - 4.30pm. If you would like to attend one of these appointments with Mrs Jefferson to discuss any SEND concern or query you may have please fill out the link on this form:

<https://forms.gle/k9TYPq7P39494rz18>

CURRICULM

An update from Orchard!

On Tuesday 17th December Orchard welcomed parents into the classroom. We completed some crafts and Ms Smith joined us for a Christmas sing song. Everyone had a fantastic time.



Orchard went on a class trip to the co-op where we bought ingredients and made some chocolate buns. The children all had a fantastic time and behaved beautifully.

E-SAFETY

At school, all year groups do computing lessons, which includes learning about how to be safe when using devices, especially ones that connect to the internet. In order to help parents, we will be giving information on our newsletters that will assist you in helping your child to remain safe while using devices outside of school. We appreciate some of these may not apply to your child (especially if they are younger), but having spoken to children at school, they are relevant to significant numbers of them. To start, let's look at parent controls on Android and Apple phones:



Online safety is a current topic of interest as we are sure you are aware from recent media. If you require support setting up parental controls on devices for children, please do talk to us and we can offer support. There was recently a very interesting documentary aired on Channel 4 called 'Swiped: The school that banned smartphones'. It is definitely worth a watch if you are interested.

WOODSIDE CHOIRS

Choir performances at Christmas

Woodside Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December
 Hethersett Schools Carol Service - Monday 16th December.



On Wednesday 18th December, the Oak Choir sang at Woodcote retirement home and The Forum. It was a busy day! Their singing was beautiful and they were described as charismatic and entertaining.

If your child would like to join one of our choirs to improve their singing skills, learn lots of new songs and have fun, then please sign them up using [this form](#).

In March, both choirs will be taking part in the Norfolk County Music Festival, and the Oaks will be performing at the CASMA Concert at St Peter Mancroft.

- Acorn Choir (KS1) - Tuesdays @ 8:15am - 8:45am
- Oak Choir (KS2) - Tuesdays @ 3:15pm - 4pm



If your child is already a member of one of these choirs there is no need to fill in the form. I will assume they will be continuing to enjoy the sessions! Ms Smith

NHS PHARMACY FIRST SERVICE

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

REMINDERS

- Our school carpark must only be used by those who have a permit issued from the school office
- Please ensure children wear a helmet if travelling to school by bike or scooter - we want all our children to be safe - they are welcome to store helmets inside school during the day
- A polite reminder if your child brings a mobile phone to school, this needs to be handed into the main office and collected at the end of the day.
- Teacher communication: At Woodside, teachers are keen to communicate with parents / carers, but please can we politely request that parents do not email teachers outside of working hours (Monday to Friday 8am until 6pm). If you do, there is no expectation for our teachers to respond. The school office can answer any medical or absence queries you may have, so please direct these to our office staff. Many thanks.