

Woodend Farm School

Newsletter
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A message from Mrs Overland

Welcome to the November edition of the newsletter. We have enjoyed some more trip opportunities this half term with classes visiting local farms, shops and community areas. We were also delighted to have so many family members attend our first open school event of the year for Children in Need. Thank-you to all the families that were able to pop in to see the children and join in with their fundraising activities. Expect more of these as the year continues and we hope that you will be able to join us again. Our children have been enjoying their learning focussed on Geography this half term. They have been looking at maps and comparing different locations to our own. Next week will be our first whole-school trip of the year to the Pantomime in Chelmsford. A separate letter will be coming out for this visit. We have also sent out letters this week regarding allergies in school. Please ensure you have read through this letter and if, for some reason, it hasn't made it's way to you please let us know and we will re-issue this. I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter with some highlights from each class about their learning.

Mrs Overland

Calendar Dates:

- December half term- 20th
December- 7th January
- Pantomime- 6th December
- Non Pupil Day- 6th January

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A message from Miss Kinsville.

How are we at the end of November already.

Thank you so so much for those parents that attended the Children in Need event, the children were thrilled to show parents their school. We will be doing another event in the new year, so look out for information and hopefully those that couldn't make it to past events can make the next one.

Please remember the important of attendance. Of course, we are aware it is that time of year where there are many bugs, but we have to adhere to the DFE legislation and impacts the actions we have to take. To support attendance please book appointments for out of school hours where possible, many agencies are happy to abide by this as they are aware of the need to ensure children are in school.

I am continuing to make termly visits, so if I haven't got to you yet, I will book this in for the near future.

We have some exciting Christmas events coming up, look out for these.

As a school we are encouraging parents to get involved with the school and bring any skills they have will them, contact me if you wish.

Miss Kinsville

A reminder for parents/carers.

As the weather starts to change and we head into the colder months, please can children be sent into school with coats, jumpers, hats, gloves and appropriate footwear.

Please ensure that your child is being sent into school with their kit.

Our School



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Ash



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Wow!

Ash Class have thrived navigating our PSHE and Personal Development curriculum - it was an overall aim this academic year to experience learning objectives practically and out in the community and oh, have we done it! The biggest proud moment for Ash Class has been the use of our visuals, workstations and the boys ability to work and enjoy their days alongside each other.

Ash Class are ACING swimming; we've mastered independently dressing ... on a slight time scale! Learning how to push off from the pool wall and even managed to all feel brave enough to jump in.... Miss Magnus, of course is thoroughly enjoying the running races that we complete in the pool each week!

We have lots of passionate learners in Ash Class which as a school we love BUT as a community, watching the boys feel proud of themselves, laugh, share and be kind to one is exactly what we aim for!





We can't believe it is nearly the Christmas holiday, but they do say time flies when you are having fun, and we have had lots of fun learning in Beech class this half term.

In Geography we have been looking at the area around our school, visiting the farm and making maps of the area and adding pictures to show where things are. We then used google earth to look at the areas where we live and then started to look at the 4 countries that make up the United Kingdom making maps to show where they are.

There were lots of learning opportunities during a shopping trip to Aldi, the children wrote shopping lists, counted out coins, carried their own bags and pulled the basket along, found the items on their lists, scanned the items and then paid using their coins.

They were respectful to the other customers, and we were all very proud of them. We then made melting snowmen biscuits with the things they had bought.

Our highlight was when our families joined us for Children in Need, joining in with dances and Pudsey bingo with the children as the bingo callers, luckily everyone got bingo at the same time so everyone was happy.

Our very own Christmas Elves and all the staff in Beech class would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



What an amazing month in Oak class!

We have started our new Literacy learning, which is based off of Talk for Writing by Pie Corbett. This is a brilliant way of teaching that focuses on the spoken word: first we learn a story off by heart and then we write our own version. So far, we've looked at the story of Meerkat Mail, explored through role play how our main character would be feeling and wrote a postcard from an exciting location.

In Maths, we have been learning the column method of addition and subtraction and even exchanging crossing ones and tens! Our topic is all about the rainforests: we've been learning all about the Amazon Rainforest's layers and which animals and plants live in each layer. We are such amazing learners!





This half term we have looked at prehistoric art and made our own! We've been very messy making our own paints and using natural ingredients to make our own rough cave backgrounds before using charcoal to draw our own cave wall inspired drawings!

