

WOODFORD C.E. Primary School



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Autumn 13

Wednesday 2nd December 2009

Autumn Term House Points

All house points for the last 2 weeks

to be added, cogitated and digested on Friday 11th December

STAFFING UPDATE

I am very pleased to be able to report that our selection panel made up of Mrs Harvey, Mrs Fothergill (Chair, Governors Curriculum Committee) and Mrs Thorpe (Chair, Governors Management Committee) has been successful in recruiting two new members of staff to start with us next term. This has been a long, thorough and professional process which I am confident has brought the right teachers to Woodford.

The Reception, Year 1 & 2 teacher will be Miss Emma Cookson; she has been teaching for 3 years now, all of them in Northamptonshire.

The Year 3 & 4 teacher will be Miss Irene Heffernan. She is a sports specialist and has been teaching for 7 years, the last five of which have been in Northamptonshire.

I hope you will all join me in making them feel very welcome next term as they start their careers teaching our children at Woodford C of E Primary School.

Chris Drake

Chairman of Governors

WEST LODGE RURAL FARM PARK

A brilliant day - everyone went home tired and happy (including the adults) after a great day out.

We started at 'Cuddle Corner' where the children were allowed to stroke and feed rabbits and guinea pigs, who were extremely well behaved - the animals and the children. We unfortunately missed the goat encounter as he would not be caught. Shhh, he is going to the vet soon but does not know it so should be less frisky next time!

We then progressed to the barn where we all took part in a real-farm nativity play, with 'Red' and 'Mary' the heifers and a Shetland pony and a sheep all playing their parts. A very realistic experience!

We warmed up over lunch - although the weather was bright and sunny, it was a bit chilly. Then it was off to Santa's grotto. This was amazing!... beautifully decorated, parcels everywhere, reindeer rotas, Christmas lists, route plans for the big night etc. etc.

We then had time for a tour of the farm and met many animals, most of whom were very interested to see us, and just as inquisitive as the children.

A barrel-ride followed, where everyone managed to 'spot the dragon' asleep in his cave. There was just time for half-an-hour's free play on the outdoor adventure playground before we had to leave.

Thank you very much to all the children, whose behaviour was a credit to the school and their parents and made the visit enjoyable for all.

KEY STAGE 2 MUSICAL

Further to our request for all the children in years 3 to 6 to be dressed all in black for their Christmas musical on 17th December (black T-shirt/shirt/jumper, black trousers/legging/skirt - no patterns or drawings, we would like them to bring a neckerchief or a scarf for our American line dance.

All item of clothing for our one and only public performance on Thursday 17th December, should be in school by Monday 14th at the latest. All items should be named and be brought to school in a a labelled plastic bag.

VIOLIN TUTIONS

There will be violin tuition next week as normal.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week there will be no after school clubs (Mathletics, Netball, Football).

Bursars Challenge ... Number 12 - How many ghosts are mentioned in Dicken's famous Seasonal book - A Christmas Carol (five points).

Last week's answer - Dicken's World is a theme park dedicated to life and works of Charles Dickens and is in Chatham, Kent

UNIFORM

An order with will be placed with our supplier next Monday. If you require any items of uniform please complete an order form available either from the office or the school website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday	16	December	Uniform Order deadline
Thursday	17	December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Musical at 9.10
Friday	18	December	Reception, Years 1 and 2 Nativity at 9.15
Friday	18	December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Tuesday	5	January 2010	School re-opens to pupils