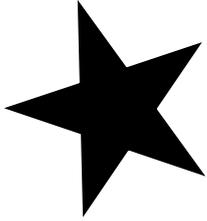




Woodhall School News



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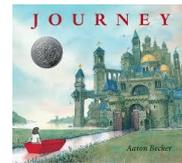
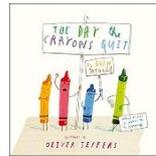


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The cold weather is well and truly with us! Thanks for making sure that the children come to school prepared for all weathers as we try to get them outside at play/lunchtimes as much as possible. If anyone has board/card games (in good condition) that you no longer use, we appreciate all donations for wet play!

This term we are continuing our focus on raising the children's engagement with, and enthusiasm for, reading. Following our success with 'Love That Book' last term - where every class looked at 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, this term we will be looking at 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Drew Daywalt.



WOODHALL NURSERY PLACES

Parents/carers are now invited to apply for a place at our Nursery for September 2020. We are very proud of our Early Years. Here's what Ofsted had to say:

'Staff know the children very well. This enables them to meet children's individual needs. Children feel comfortable and secure in the early years, because relationships with adults are strong.'

'Children develop the skills they need to be successful learners.'

'The needs of children with SEND are identified early, and prompt action is taken to provide children with the support they need.'

If you know someone looking for a Nursery place, tell them to come and have a look around! Our closing date for admissions is Friday 20th March, so get your applications in quickly. In conjunction with 'Busy Bees' pre-school, we also offer the 30 hours provision - please see letter attached for further information.

CHRISTMAS FAIR



Thank you for your fantastic support at our Christmas Fair. **We raised £1350!** This will be put towards vital ICT equipment and reading resources.

WOODHALL POSTAL SERVICE



Each year, the children really enjoy sending cards via our Christmas post-box, so we thought it was about time that we had a permanent Woodhall post-box! The post-box is located in the main entrance area. Post is sorted and delivered twice a week by our Year 6 postal workers. Children can send cards, letters etc. to a friend in any other year group or to any adult at Woodhall. They can use the paper/envelopes provided by school, or bring their own letters/cards from home. In the interests of fairness and positivity, I have asked the children not to send invitations through the post (as often it's not possible to invite every child in the class to a party).

If you have any unused stationery (writing paper, envelopes, cards etc.) please donate them to us for our postal resources!

PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENINGS



We have parents' consultation evenings on **Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th February**, where you can talk to the class teacher about your child's progress. Appointment boards will be **outside the school office** from **MONDAY 27th JANUARY**. Please sign up for the appointment slots that you would like.

We are hoping to use an online appointment-booking system from September 2020.

VOLUNTEERS



Can you spare a couple of hours each week to come and listen to children read? We need volunteers in all classes to come and help. If you are able to do this, please let your child's class teacher know so that we can contact you regarding relevant safeguarding checks. *Just a small amount of your time could make a BIG difference!*

PHOTOGRAPHS



If you take pictures at school events of children (other than your own) **please do not share these on social media sites**. We have some children with very serious safeguarding concerns whose safety may be compromised, and other parents who simply do not want their child's photo on these sites. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March** with various activities in class and a whole school dress-up day. The theme will be classic children's picture books. Our school council are currently putting together ideas for dressing up and will

send out a letter with more details., This year, we will have a prize in each class for the best home-made costume!

PARKING



All of our children/families come into school via the main entrance each morning along with many pre-school age siblings. Recently, we have had a few extremely dangerous situations with cars stopping suddenly in the middle of the road to drop children off, or parking across pavements without any care for pedestrians. This is an accident waiting to happen. **PLEASE PARK PROPERLY AND DO NOT STOP IN THE ROAD TO DROP CHILDREN OFF.** Local police have been informed of the situation. If you have further concerns, please let them know through phoning the 101 non-emergency number. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to all of our '97% Club' children, who were invited to a celebration of their fantastic attendance last term and enjoyed hot chocolate with whipped cream and marshmallows! *The class with the best overall autumn term attendance was YEAR 5 with 96.4%.*

HOUSE POINTS



As you know, the children are given house points as a reward; for good effort, positive choices, great work, being a fantastic friend etc. Points may be taken away if children make poor behaviour choices, don't do homework, forget PE kit etc. Each week, our Year 6 collect the points and we announce the weekly winners in assembly.

The winning house group for the autumn term was BEECH with a whopping 5,445 house points! (Oak: 4,962 points; Elm 4,177 points; Ash: 3,566 points)

SCHOOL OFFICE



As you will have noticed, we have created a new office area in the main entrance of the school. All of the necessary works (electrics etc.) have now been completed and this will become the main school office from after the February half-term break. Locating the office here means that Sue and Nikki will be able to see all visitors to the school. Our next phase of work will be to install double doors at either end of the main entrance, with a seating area in-between.

BOXING



We have many truly talented parents here! Every Wednesday at Woodhall, Warren Dunn runs a women-only boxercise session. Get into shape, improve your strength and stamina and relieve stress! Please phone Warren on 07479918726 for more information.

If you know of any organisations that might like to come into school and offer a club (with all safeguarding policies and procedures in place), please come and speak to me.

DIARY DATES



Date	Event	Time
FEBRUARY 2020		
4.2.20	Year 3 trip to Verulamium	Leaving 9am
4.2.20	Coffee morning for parents of children with autism	9am
5.2.20	Year 5 trip to the Tower of London	Leaving 9am
10.2.20	Parents' consultation evening (early)	4-6pm
11.2.20	Parents' consultation evening (late)	3.45-7pm
13.2.20	Year 2-Year 6 Valentine's disco	6-7.30pm
17-21.2.20	HALF TERM WEEK	
25.2.20	Year 6 SATs Breakfast Club starts - every Tuesday and Thursday	8am
26.2.20	Year 6 SATs/school activity week parents'/carers' meeting	3pm
MARCH 2020		
28.2.20	Year 6 class assembly	9am start
5.3.20	World Book Day - fancy dress Book Fair	
10.3.20	Year 1/Year 2 trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum	Leaving 9am
13.3.20	Year 5 class assembly	9am start
16.3.20	Staff training day - school closed	
20.3.20	Year 2 class assembly	9am start
27.3.20	Year 1 class assembly	9am start
31.3.20	Easter bonnet parade	9am
1.4.20	Year 3/Year 4 Easter performance	2pm and 6pm
2.4.20	World Autism Day	
3.4.20	Last day of term	1pm finish

Thank you for your valued support,

*Miss Lake
Headteacher*

