

# CHRISTMAS 2020 AT WOODHALL

We know you're sick of Lockdown 2,  
But please don't have the Christmas blues;  
Hey Santa! Fetch your reindeer sleigh!  
We're doing things the WOODHALL WAY.  
(Not quite the norm, but do not fret-ta)  
Just read the details of this letter!



## CHRISTMAS PLAYS

This year, we are going to film our Nursery and Reception/Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas plays, as we are unable to have an audience. We will be selling DVDs of both Nursery & Reception's 'a Christmas Story' and Year 1 & 2's 'The Sleepy Shepherd' in the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Perfect for Christmas gifts!

## HAMPER RAFFLE

This year, we are asking you to donate items for our LOCKDOWN HAMPER prizes. From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November, each class will have a box by the main entrance to collect goodies for their class hamper. We will be collecting everything; from DVDs to delicious treats; craft materials to cosy socks; bubble bath to biscuits; and everything in-between! The boxes will be available until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please look out for further information about raffle tickets. Each lucky winner will take home a lockdown hamper!

## 'SEE OUR TREE!'

Woodhall's very first tree festival. Each class will design a tree based around one of their favourite books. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we will invite parents/carers (at staggered intervals) to come and see the trees, buy some of the children's 'Christmas makes', stock up on raffle tickets, take part in our Christmas 'hundred square' and buy a Christmas quiz, as well as enjoying a hot drink and mince pie at the same time! We also hope to provide some tropical tunes from our Year 5/Year 6 steel drums bands.



## THE X-MAS FACTOR

A talent show of the highest degree! This year, each class will hold talent shows within their classrooms. They will vote for the winner in each class, who will go through to our grand final on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December; watched by all of the children and staff!

## 'ENOUGH CHRISTMAS ALREADY!' DAY: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Today, we will hold our Woodhall Christmas dress-up day. Wear your Christmas jumper! Put on a Santa hat! Jingle those bells! There will be lots of just-for-fun Christmas arts & crafts going on in classrooms, and it's also our school Christmas dinner day (information to follow). In the afternoon, we will all be Zooming into a very special pantomime: Peter Duncan's 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Oh, yes we will! We will also ask for a donation of £2 per child so that we are able to provide drinks, sweets and popcorn during the pantomime.

## MERRY QUIZMAS

It's a Christmas quiz! From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, you can buy a Woodhall Christmas Quiz for £1. Take it home, complete the fiendishly difficult questions at your leisure over the holidays, and return it to school during the first week back. Quizzes will be marked and a winning family declared, with some great prizes available!

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sadly, we cannot hold 'Carols by Candlelight' at school this year...a real shame, as it's one of our favourite events. Instead, we are hoping to record the children singing and make our very own 'Carols from Woodhall' CD! We will provide further details nearer the time.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Strictly kids only! We will be selling raffle tickets at the main entrance from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Fantastic prizes up for grabs!

The past year has been extremely difficult in terms of an already-stretched school budget. Like most schools, we have not received any extra central funding for COVID-related costs; for example the painted marks on the paths and playgrounds, PPE equipment, a multitude of additional cleaning materials and many other things. Instead, we have had to cut costs significantly in other areas. Your help - through buying raffle tickets, coming to the Tree Festival, buying a quiz etc - will be very much appreciated.

Thank you, Miss Lake.