

Woodhall Weekly



Friday 6th December 2024



Should a school be at the **centre of the local community**? **YES!** At least, that's what we think at Woodhall. Our community - South Oxhey – has undergone many changes in recent years and we are passionate that our children grow to understand that they are an **important part of the community** and they have a **voice** in it! With this in mind, staff very carefully plan events and experiences for the children that not only support their academic progress and achievement but also underpin their **sense of belonging**, of **democracy**, **supporting others** and **making their voices** – their thoughts and opinions (always based on good evidence of course!) **heard**.

We all thoroughly enjoyed '**Santa's Woodhall Workshop**' (aka '**ELF DAY**') this week and it's a huge **THANK YOU** to all of you brilliant parents and carers who helped us to make this happen. During the day, the children made Christmas cards for some of South Oxhey's senior residents. Next week, a group of our children have been invited to sing carols at the Senior Lunch Club (the **ONLY** primary school to do so!) and I know that the children will be very proud to deliver their cards in person.

We are taking part in the **Carpenters Park & South Oxhey Tree Festival** for the third year running. This year, our theme is 'Woodhall Elves' (of course!) and all of our children made their own elf decoration to hang on the school tree. You can visit the Festival to see all of the community trees at the **Methodist Church** (Prestwick Road) from **Friday 13th – Sunday 15th December**.

Next week, we are holding our **Kids' Christmas Fair** – further information on the next page. We are raising money to buy a **new climbing frame** for our playground. Thanks to your support, our Halloween Raffle and Neon Disco raised approximately £300, all of which will go towards this project. At Woodhall, we **subsidise all of our trips** so that parents are **not paying the full amount** but we do need to charge something in order to make our trips cost effective. **If you are ever struggling to pay for a trip, please speak to Fouzia or Nikki in our School Office who can help to sort out a payment plan with you.**

As we head into the final fortnight of school, the children will be completing **assessments in reading, writing and maths** to measure their progress after all of their hard work this term. The homework that teachers set is crucial; it serves to **support the learning in class** and ensure that children are constantly working on those **all-important key skills**...number bonds, times tables and reading. *If they don't use it, they lose it!*

Happy weekend everyone,

Michelf Lake

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

We have got an awesome morning planned for all of our children!

EARLY YEARS: MR. MARVEL THE MAGICIAN

Our Nursery and Reception children will have a Christmas visit from Mr. Marvel the Magician, who always goes down a storm! We'd like to invite you to join your children for this event. Come into school at **10.45am** - you can grab a cup of tea/coffee and take your seat for the show!

Nursery children can be taken home straight after the show. For Reception children, you can also take your child home after the show. Should you wish to do so, please sign them out at the School Office.

Thank you.

PANTO

This year, we are taking the children from Years 1-6 to see 'Aladdin' at Watford Palace Theatre (Oh, yes we are!). We will leave school at 9.20am for the morning performance. Children will return to school for lunch.

You can collect your child from school at 1.30pm. Should you wish to do this, please come straight to the School Office, where Nikki, Fouzia and I will bring the children to meet you. Please note that children in Years 5 & 6 will not be able to walk home by themselves at this time but will need to be collected by an adult. Should we be running late for any reason, Nikki or Fouzia will be in touch via text.

If you are not collecting your child at 1.30pm, school will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS FAIR!

On **Friday 13th December**, we are holding a very exciting Kids' Christmas Fair. Classes will be able to visit the Fair during the day with their teachers. We will also **open the Fair to parents/carers from 1.30pm** to sell anything left from the day. If you would like to attend, **please come in via the School Office** (rather than walking around to classrooms).

Please see the poster attached for details of stalls and prices. We hope to have a fun-filled day and raise lots of money for our climbing frame!

ADULTS' RAFFLE

Parents/Carers...we haven't forgotten about you! Tickets for our Christmas raffle (adults' only!) will be on sale from **Monday 9th December**. With some amazing prizes on offer. **Tickets cost £1 per strip of 5.** Winners will be drawn during the last week of term...just in time for Christmas!

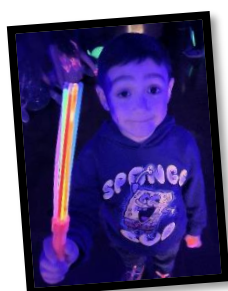
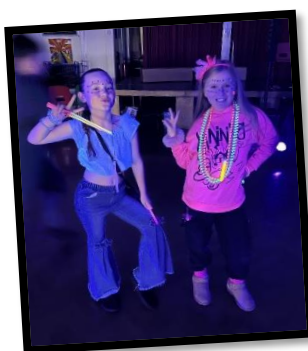
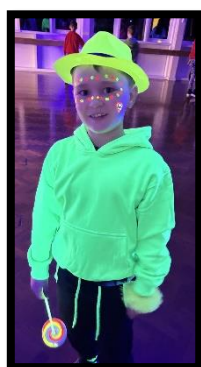
SUPERSTAR SPORT CHRISTMAS CAMPS

On **Monday 30th** and **Tuesday 31st December/Thursday 2nd** and **Friday 3rd January**, our friends at Superstar Sport will be holding Christmas Activity Camps right here at Woodhall! To sign up, please visit www.superstarsport.co.uk and click 'Book Now'. If you qualify for benefits-related free school meals, a separate link has been emailed out to you – please use this to book your child's place. A great place for children to stay active, have fun and meet new friends over the Christmas holidays!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note: life in primary school can be very eventful and sometimes we will need to make changes to the dates listed. When this happens, we will try to give you as much notice as possible.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	ANY OTHER INFORMATION
Tuesday 10th December (9.30am)	Tiger Cubs' (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Play	
Tuesday 10th December	Carol-singing at Senior Lunch Club	Classes involved to be confirmed
Wednesday 11th December	Woodhall Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day	
Thursday 12th December	Years 1-6 trip to Pantomime Nursery/Reception visit from Mr. Marvel the Magician	
Friday 13th December	Children's Christmas Fair	This will take place during the school day
Tuesday 17th December (2pm/6pm)	Christmas Play/Carols	
Friday 20th December (1pm)	End of term	
Monday 23rd December- Friday 3rd January/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 6th January	Back to school	
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February/HALF TERM WEEK		
Friday 4th April (1pm)	End of term	
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April/EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school	
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday Monday	School closed
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May/HALF TERM WEEK		
Friday 18th July (1pm)	End of term	



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*Please contact the School Office on **0208 428 3447** or email finance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk for further information.*

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