

HEADTEACHER'S NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

It has been a very busy few weeks with parent consultation evenings, Year 6 meetings and Warfield School's 200th year birthday celebrations. Thank you for attending these important events. Staff have been working hard preparing for these projects and meetings and we would like to thank them for their on-going commitment.

The Christmas season is fast approaching and the children will be able to enjoy the traditional activities of pantomime, Christmas lunch, nativity productions, the PTA Christmas Fayre and our Christingle services at Warfield Church.

School Website

We are pleased to announce that the school website has now moved to its new domain and we are currently repopulating the information available. The newsletters for this term are available and contain the diary dates for the term. We are now working to bring all the information up to date now that the site is accessible.

Attendance and Punctuality

The local authority's educational welfare officer (EWO) regularly works with the school to check the class registers. They monitor general attendance and scrutinise absence, particularly if a child's level of absence is high. A good level of attendance is classed as 96% and above. Punctuality at the beginning and the end of the day is vitally important and regular late marks are also monitored by the EWO.

Please note children who are not collected from school on time at the end of the day, will be sent into our after school club provision (WASPS) where they can be properly supervised.

This is a chargeable provision and parents will be billed the cost of a session.

Persistent lateness to collect a child from school on time could also result in the decision to contact social care, to discuss our concerns.

Please note end of day school clubs finish at 4.15 pm.

Children need to be collected promptly as teachers or coaches often have other meetings or events to go onto.



Parent Forum

We wish to reinstate the parent forum next term and will send information out soon regarding its structure. The date

URGENT REMINDER - SCHOOL APPLICATION

All primary school application forms for the September 2017 intake, need to be completed and with the local authority by 15th January 2017. If parents have any queries completing their child's application form, please contact Bracknell Forest's Admissions department or visit the information on the council's website.

AUTUMN TERM DATES

November

Wed 23rd: PTA shopping evening

Thurs 24th: Pantomime @ All Saints

Fri 25th: Pantomime @ Woodhurst

Fri 25th: MUFTI day - chocolate donations

December

Fri 2nd: Cake donations

Sat 3rd: PTA Christmas Fayre at Woodhurst

Sun 4th: Bracknell Schools' Carol Concert - sports centre

Weds 7th: Christmas lunch

Fri 9th: Second hand uniform sale

Mon 12th: Woodhurst Reception & Year 1/2 nativity - 2.00pm

Tues 13th: All Saints Nursery & Reception nativity - 9.30am

Tues 13th: All Saints Years 1 & 2 Christmas production - 1.30pm

Thurs 15th: Woodhurst Reception & Year 1/2 nativity - 9.30am

Thurs 15th: All Saints Nursery & Reception nativity - 2.00pm

Thurs 15th: All Saints Years 1 & 2 Christmas production - 6pm

Tues 20th: Christingle services at Warfield Church

Tues 20th: Break-up for Christmas holiday



Please check each monthly newsletter for further detail and extra dates

for the first parent forum will be Wednesday 25th January 2017, time to be confirmed.

Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 7th December



Christmas Lunch takes place on Wednesday 7th December and yesterday you received a school comms message with an attached menu and instructions for ordering. The deadline for ordering is Tuesday 29th

November. Children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt to school that day or they may put on a Christmas accessory for the lunchtime e.g. Santa hat, reindeer headbands, etc. Please note that the Christmas jumper or t-shirt needs to be worn with school uniform.



PTA Christmas Events

The PTA are very busy preparing for their next couple of events, the 'Christmas Shopping Evening' and the 'Christmas Fayre'. The shopping evening is tonight and this is a great opportunity to buy Christmas presents away from the hustle and bustle of the shops!

The Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday 3rd December from 11 am to 2 pm, at the Woodhurst site. We hope as many of you as possible will attend the Fayre and can also offer some time on the day to help on a stall or on the refreshments.

To help prepare for the Fayre we are holding our MUFTI day this Friday. This means children are allowed to come to school in non-school uniform however in return the PTA are asking for chocolate donations for the Christmas Fayre.

Christingle Services at Warfield Church

St Michael the Archangel, Church Lane, Warfield, RG42 6EE



Warfield Church will be welcoming us on Tuesday 20th December for our annual Christingle Service. This year we will be holding two services one for each school site. Parents

are welcome to join us for the service but there is limited space, particularly at the All Saints service, as the majority of the seating is allocated for the children and staff.

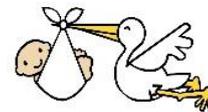
The children are transported to and from the church by coach. You have already signed the annual parent consent form for trips in the locality, which covers this visit. The timings of the services are:

9.30am - All Saints service

11.10am - Woodhurst service

Staff Announcement

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Exton is expecting her first baby next March and we would like to express our congratulations to her and her husband. Mrs Exton will continue to work up to the February half-term holiday and then start her maternity leave.



Congratulations

Mr Ford became the proud dad of baby Lara at the weekend. She was born early on Sunday morning and weighed 8lb 2oz.

Ufton Court Residential Trip

I am sure we do not need to remind the Year 4 children we are going on our residential next week. Children need to arrive at school at normal time. All Saints children please leave your overnight bags on the veranda before coming into school for registration. Woodhurst children please leave your bags in the main school foyer area beforehand. The coach will collect the All Saints children first then go to Woodhurst.

Healthy Playtime Snacks

All children across the school are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit or vegetable during morning breaktime. This is in-line with the government fruit and vegetable scheme for Early Years and Key Stage 1 children, who are provided with free fruit or vegetables on a daily basis.



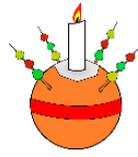
Weather Watch



Now that the weather is becoming colder and wetter please send your child to school with a coat every day! Hats, gloves and scarves are also very useful. Children may wish to wear boots to school but they must change into school shoes when indoors.

Christingle Volunteers

The PTA kindly prepare and make the Christingles for the children in advance of the services. This will be done the day before, on Monday 19th December at the Parish rooms at Warfield Church from 9.30am. Parent volunteers are needed to help put the Christingles together so please do offer some time! Many hands make light work!



**Best wishes,
Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Kennedy**

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all the families who prepared a shoebox gift for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child appeal. All the boxes have now been delivered to Warfield Church ready for collection and then distribution overseas.

