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WOODSTONE NEWS

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THANK YOU



From ALL the staff here at Woodstone we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas. We hope you get a bit of a rest, recharge your batteries and spend some much needed time with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support in 2024 - our children are lucky to have parents and carers who take an active part in supporting us here at school.

All the best for 2025. We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 7th January.



STARS OF THE SHOW - Over the past two weeks we have once again had an amazing demonstration of talent, putting us all in the mood for Christmas. We started with our Reception and Year One classes telling us the true meaning of Christmas in their production of the nativity story, Snuggle Up Stable. Most of the children are still four and five years old so it is a fairly daunting experience standing under the lights on a big stage. However, they were unfazed and entertained us with songs, words and actions.

We then moved onto our older children - Years 2, 3 and 4 who did a fabulous performance of Primary School Christmas Musical. The costumes looked great, the storyline was very funny in places and the Year 4 choir were magnificent. Over 250 people came through the door to see this brilliant show - it was a tricky one for the children as it had lots of lines, scenery changes and long songs so we were all very proud of them.

Finally, this Monday our Year 5 and 6 children performed a more traditional carol concert at Christ Church in Coalville. They sang modern and traditional carols, told the story of the first Christmas and played a number of Christmas songs on a variety of instruments. It was a truly special evening. A big thank you to Vicar Gill and Vicar Geoff for hosting us all once again.

Well done to all the children who took part in any of the above events. A huge thank you to all the parents/ grandparents and friends who supported the children by coming to watch and a very, very big thank you to the staff who work so hard, in a relatively short space of time to put these events together. It was a real team effort and a great experience for all our children.

Finally, a big thank you also to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket—the funds went to help pay for repairs to our stage lighting and for some new costumes...Raffle winners this year were:

1st prize - Hamper (donated by staff at Woodstone) won by the Reeves family

2nd prize - £40 won by the Pearshouse family

3rd prize - £20 won by the Young family

'Gentle' REMINDERS

DEBTS - Could all dinner money and Woody's debts please be paid as soon as possible.

Thank you

SWIMMING - Please remember swimming for Year 2 and Year 6 starts on the very first day back (Tuesday 7th January) - Don't forget your kit!

YOUNG VOICES - Our annual visit to Birmingham to join the world's biggest choir is on Monday 13th January. Good luck to our school choir who will be taking part.

WOODY'S - Please remember that in January Woody's will be back in the hall. You will enter Woody's via the gate at the side of school (near the kitchen). It will be on a similar 'buzzer' system to the current arrangement. Please remember if you are going to be late to collect in the evening then please contact Woody's directly on 07475 050849

QUIZ NIGHT - Straight after the Christmas break tickets will go on sale for this very popular PTA event. Start gathering your team (no more than 6 in a team) ready for the BIG night on Friday 7th February

CROSS COUNTRY - On Saturday 25th January we are hoping for a strong team of runners as we will be hosting a cross country event here, starting at 10:30am

CHOCOLATE BINGO - Put the date in your diary for another popular event—our PTA Chocolate Bingo which this year will be held on Friday 4th April.



A picture of our magnificent Year 4 choir who sang quite brilliantly during the Year 2, 3 and 4 production of Primary School Musical.



Our Year 5 and 6 girls football team (pictured left) have had a great season so far. This culminated recently in a victory over local rivals Griffydham. The final score was 9-1!





We hope you liked our fabulous Christmas tree which was once again purchased from the Gelsmoor Christmas Tree Farm. It really lit up our school hall.



Thank you to everyone who came to our PTA Christmas Craft evening on Friday 13th December. The children (and adults) had a great time making a lovely Christmas decoration.



Here is a picture from our Reception and Year 1 Christmas Nativity called Snuggle Up Stable.

-We are all looking forward to welcoming Holly Robinson to Woodstone in the new year. Holly will be leading our Year 2 class (Maple Class) whilst Miss Barnes moves over to lead our new Ash Class. Below is a list of all of the new class names....

- RECEPTION - Acorn Class
- YEAR 1 - Rowan Class
- YEAR 2 - Maple Class
- YEAR 3 - Pine Class
- YEAR 4 - Cedar Class
- YEAR 5 - Birch Class
- YEAR 6 - Oak Class
- NEW CLASS - Ash Class



A FEW PICTURES FROM OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY ON THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2024



Staying well this winter

With the colder, winter months leading to more of us suffering from coughs, colds, flu and other illnesses, it's important to know when and where to get the right treatment for any member of your family.

Here you can find a wide range of resources to help you and your family stay well this winter.

Get in the Know this winter

It can be difficult to think clearly when you, or your child, experience an immediate health problem.



NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland have created a page called Get In The Know to help you understand local services so that you know where to reach out in the event of an injury or illness, including how to get care over the Christmas and New Year period.

The page gives information about urgent care services such as your GP practice, 111 and A&E. As well as how your pharmacist or 111 online can help with minor ailments.

[Click here to access the 'Get in the Know' information](#)



Health for Kids! Winter wellness hub

To help support you and your family stay well this winter, on Health for Kids: Grownups you can access an online winter hub with advice around flu, local vaccination clinics, fevers, stomach bugs as well as general winter health and safety advice.

The hub contains information for all the family, with CBBC's Operation Ouch team on hand with videos on head injuries and fevers for children to enjoy, while grownups can discover how to look after a member of the family with norovirus.

[Click here to access the winter hub](#)



DID YOU KNOW....

Norovirus and other sickness bugs can usually be treated at home without any need for hospital treatment. The most important thing is to drink lots of water to stay hydrated!

Get the latest winter updates



For the latest advice, support and information throughout winter, we recommend following these local accounts on Instagram:

- [Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board \(@nhslr\)](#)
- [Leicester's Hospitals \(@leicestershospitals\)](#)
- [Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust \(@lptnhs\)](#)
- [East Midlands Ambulance \(@emasnhstrust\)](#)
- [Leicestershire Police \(@leicestershire_police\)](#)
- [Leicester City Council \(@leicestercitycouncil\)](#)
- [Leicestershire County Council \(@leicscountyhall\)](#)
- [Rutland County Council \(@rutlandcouncil\)](#)



NHS 111



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NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. They offer help 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can:

Tell you where to get help for your symptoms

Direct you to urgent care centres, GPs and pharmacies

Direct you to where to get emergency medical prescriptions

Provide general health information and advice

For life-threatening illnesses or injuries, you should always dial 999.

Discover how some simple home-based self-care could save you from hours in a busy hospital waiting room or GP surgery.

[Click here to access Leicester's Hospitals' 'Stay Well Guide'](#)

Stay Home, Stay Well



A Parent's Guide to **Self-care at home for children aged 0-9**



The flu virus can survive on surfaces for many hours, so good hand hygiene and frequent hand washing is very important.

Having the flu vaccine can also help protect you, your family and others from the worst effects.

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