






NEWSLETTER


4th December 2020



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- Use this for any queries about home learning and the website is there for any children self-isolating alongside our google classroom provision.

Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 11th December, we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper day. This is an optional day, where children can wear a festive jumper instead of their school jumper if they wish to. Children are more than welcome to wear their usual uniform if this is not possible.

Children should not bring in any form of financial donation this year. If you feel able to, please can you bring in an item (or items) for us to make a donation to the local foodbank. These will be collected safely at the entrance to school on the morning of Friday 11th December. We will then take these donations to local foodbanks to support the community during this difficult time. Items should not be fresh, but be tins/packets with a decent shelf life which can be used by families in need at Christmas and beyond. Thank you in advance for your support of this.

Further details about Christmas at Woodhouse this year can be found in a letter to parents from Mr Wilson: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-letters>



Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 4th December.

Nursery

Isra
Olivia W

Reception

Senay
Ahmed
Abdul
AJ

Year One

Allyson
Rayden
Henry
Aisosa

Year Two

Lexi
Charisma
Noor
Shanice

Year Three

Sanad
Kai
Star
Sienna
Mohammed
Emily
Aaron

Year Four

Rory
Riley M
Dallas
Riley J

Year Five

Rashi
Zoe
Zain
Hashim

Year Six

Eisa
Ruben
Klaudia
Preston
Mariam
Tega

Rainbow Room

George

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?

Kindness

Here Are some acts of kindness noticed this week.

Agatha in 10 looked after her friend one morning this week as she was feeling upset. She was very caring and took her mind off feeling upset.

Amelia in RM has been helping her friends stay warm by helping them learn to zip up their coats.

Tobias in RM helped his friend walk into school this week when it was really slippery. He noticed they were struggling and went over to help out.

Carelia in 3A took it upon herself this week to help her classmates whilst they were making stained glass window Christmas decorations. She had finished her own and went around the room helping others and praising them for doing well.

Allyson in 10 has taken it upon himself to support some of his peers in Maths. To begin with Allyson didn't fully understand how to work out subtraction on a number line. With a little help he understood and completed the tasks. He then saw others on his table waiting for help so decided to support them himself. He talked them through the process, checked their answers when they had done it and offered them genuine heart felt praise too. It was just heart-warming to see.

Tamia in 6W is always helping others. She helps her friend tie their shoe laces, she fetches peoples lunch boxes for them, she helps Miss Wynne around the classroom. She is a naturally kind person who is always willing to help anyone.

Shanice in 2F is always letting people go before her when getting their things.

Laith in 3N wrote a note to one of his teachers to say she was the best.

5H have set up a kindness advent calendar where each day they are all challenged to carry out a different act of kindness. Acts include holding doors open for people, telling their classmates what makes them special and helping each other with their learning.

Mohammed in 3N looked after his friend when they hurt themselves. He cared for them and got them the help they needed.

Yunus in 2F helped his friend when they fell and hurt themselves.

Lucas in 3N gave his teacher a hug and a big smile on the way out of school and really made her day.

What can you do to be kind next week? Your acts of kindness, no matter how big or small, don't go unnoticed.

Here is a 12 days of kindness activity calendar that you could have a go at. It is taken from The Week Junior, a current affairs magazine for 8 – 14-year olds. www.theweekjunior.co.uk

THE WEEK JUNIOR

12 DAYS OF Kindness

1 DONE!

Donate books, toys or clothes, or give to a food bank.



2 DONE!

Bake festive treats.



3 DONE!

Make and deliver a Christmas card.



4 DONE!

Call a relative just to say hello.



5 DONE!

Become a Secret Santa for a vulnerable child – give a virtual gift with Action for Children at iamsanta.org.uk/kindness.



6 DONE!

Be nice to nature – e.g. feed your garden wildlife.



7 DONE!

Help your parents by doing a household chore.



8 DONE!

Sing to a loved one to put a smile on their face in celebration of Action for Children's virtual family carol concert **Starry Night** – actionforchildren.uk/starrynightweek.



9 DONE!

Write a thank you note to someone who needs it (for example a health worker, postman, teacher, local shopkeeper, parent, neighbour or sibling).



10 DONE!

Smile and try to make others smile too.



11 DONE!

Look after the environment – pick up litter in your local area.



12 DONE!

Be kind to yourself – do something that makes you happy.



Go to theweekjunior.co.uk/12daysofkindness to get some great ideas on ways to complete your kindness activities as well as downloadable templates. We love seeing everything you get up to, so remember to email in or tag us using [#12daysofkindness](https://twitter.com/12daysofkindness) @TheWeekJunior

Christmas at Woodhouse

Year 6 have worked with Ms Lewis and Roots to Fruits to make foil decorations, woodland stars and holly wreaths that are now adorning our Christmas tree at the front entrance.

Many thanks to Claire from Roots to Fruits for supplying us with the tree.



Early Years and Key Stage 1 have been busy making Christmas trees of their own to decorate the cinder path they use to come to school. Here is a small section of them, check the rest out in the mornings or after school.



Year 3 have made these amazing clay animal heads as part of their 'Go Wild' theme.

Clockwise from top left: Star, Aaron, Jonathan & Sanad

The



Corner



Autumn Term 2020

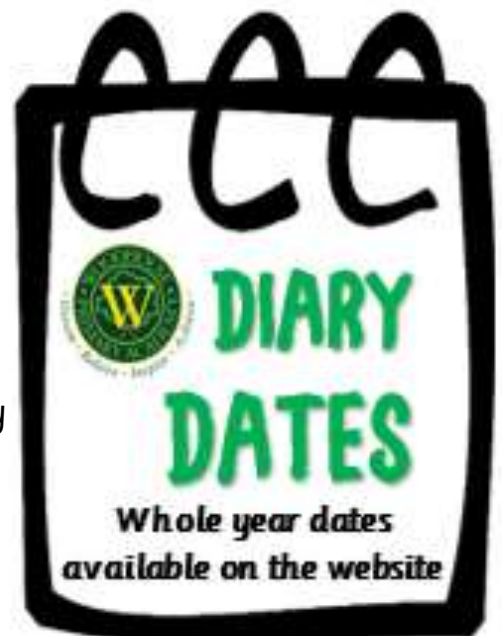
Friday 11th December 2020 – Christmas Jumper Day

- We will be accepting donations to the local food bank.

Tuesday 15th December 2020 – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 17th December 2020 – Christmas Dinner Day for Nursery B group.

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2020



Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 – Inset day, school closed to children

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – First day school open for children.

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Term Ends: Thursday 1st April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts: Monday 19th April 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021

Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th June – Year 5 & 6 Bushcraft Residential

Tuesday 20th July – Last day of school year for children

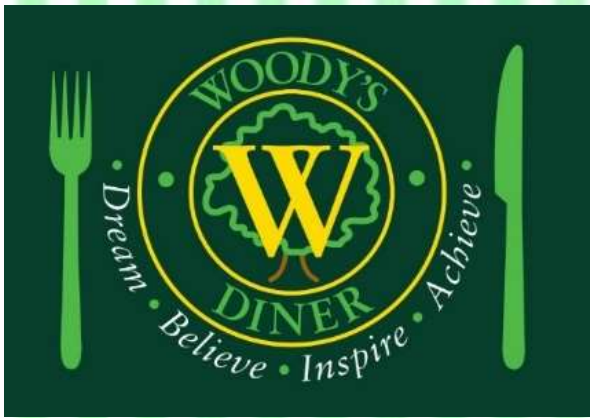
Wednesday 21st July – Inset day, school closed to children

St Faith and St Laurence Church are holding a messy Zoom session on Saturday December 5th at 10am.

They will be looking at Advent and waiting for Christmas.

Please contact Priscilla White priscillawhite.harborne@btinternet.com for entry details and the activities leaflet.

All are welcome



School Dinner

Menu

7th – 11th

December

NB: We are currently running a limited menu to meet the restrictions necessary to combat coronavirus.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Nuggets	Beef Burger in a Bun	Pork Hot Dog in a Roll	Fish Fingers	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
Vegetable Nuggets	Vegetable Burger in a Bun	Cheese and Onion Roll	Vegetable Sticks	
Hash Browns	Curly Fries	Herby Diced Potatoes	Mini Waffles	Chips
Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad	Fresh Vegetables or Salad
Fruit	Fruit	Raisins	Fruit	Fruit

Food Allergies

We have been updating our records in school and ensuring our dietary and allergy information is up to date.

Please inform your child's class teacher if your child has any allergies or specific dietary requirements. In most cases this will confirm what information we hold already.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please let the class teacher know. In some cases we only have them recorded as vegetarian.

Please either contact the class teacher via Dojo or email the Inclusion Team on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.

Book some time to Read



The total word count on Accelerated Reader for school this half term is 18,221,812 overall with A total of 1896 quizzes been passed.

Rory in 4W has reached his 500,000-word milestone and James in 5WS has reached his 250,000-word milestone.

Gurraj in 5H has become a word multi-millionaire reading over 2,000,000 words.

196 brag tags have been awarded so far and 27 100% ribbons. A brag tag is awarded when a child passes 5 quizzes within their reading level and a 100% ribbon is awarded once they pass 10 quizzes at 100% within their reading level.

If you haven't already, pick up a book or logon to Myon and enjoy reading! There are now over 5000 books on Myon ready to start reading.

<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>

INTRIGUED BY THE FIRST LINE?

"This chapter is a very short one. It should have really been called 'preface' or 'introduction', but I knew that you would never read it if I called it such a boring name, so I called it chapter one!"

Dragon Quest by Rosemary Manning

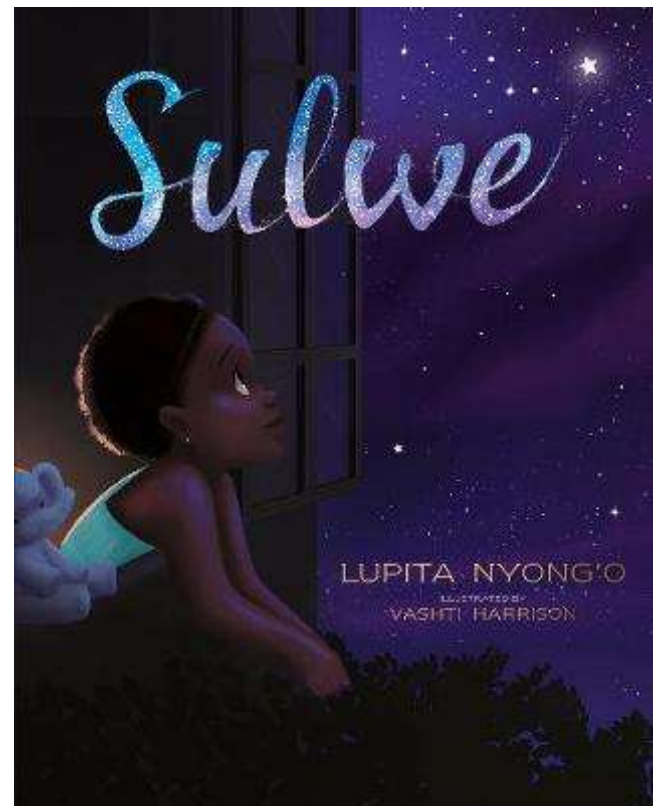
If you're intrigued by this first line, why not give the book a read?



RECOMMENDED READS!

Sulwe has skin the colour of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than anyone in her school. Sulwe just wants to be beautiful and bright, like her mother and sister. Then a magical journey in the night sky opens her eyes and changes everything...

In this stunning picture book, actress Lupita Nyong'o creates a fun and heart-warming story to inspire everyone to see their own unique beauty.



Find this book in the Books From Other Cultures section in our school library.

MyChildAtSchool [MCAS] is a portal enabling parents to make online payments and to view their child's academic performance in real-time via a web browser, or an app.

Initially the focus of the app at Woodhouse will be on online payments, to enable parents/carers to easily make payments for school dinners. You will also be able to see announcements, school letters and newsletters to help you to keep up to date with news and events. Some of the other features will be following shortly - look out for further announcements.

You will or may have already received an invitation to access the app. Please sign up and familiarise yourselves with it. Staff will be available to assist if necessary.

Login here: <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

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The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse work together with children and families to offer and provide support and opportunities to ensure that all have the chance to achieve and succeed.

If you'd like to get in touch with the Inclusion Team you can call or text us on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

If you'd like to get in touch with us regarding Special Educational Needs, you can do this by emailing us at sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

The Inclusion Team will also be on the front and rear gates at the start and end of the day and will be more than happy to talk.

Zoom or Phone appointments can be made at any point during the school week.