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WOODMANSEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Together we are making a difference.

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

### Christmas is all around in Woodmansey!

On Monday, we launched with our Christmas Tree Assembly. It was quite an event and such a celebration to be able to do this live again. Mr. Loncaster was able to join us along with some inquisitive pirates - I am sure you have all heard about the adventures! Ventilation remains our number 1 defence at Woodmansey along with excellent hand hygiene. It may be chilly but we know we are doing all we can to stand us in the best defence against transmission in school.

The pupils previously had hosted their Charity Fair which was an astonishing success. The children showed great organisation and commitment to the cause, with many children choosing to tip their left

pennies into the buckets at the end of the fair. The generosity of the children was exceptional.

Looking ahead to the children's Christmas performances we will need to bear in mind the ever changing picture of the advice from the DfE and Public Health. We of course want nothing more than to welcome you all in, but all we want to spread is Christmas cheer, so before attending any Christmas event in school, we would appreciate if risk could be managed by attendees taking a LFD test and staying at home if you have any symptoms.

Christmas is such a special time in a primary school. I still remember the utter pride as I was cast as 'Narrator number 1' in my nativity. I arrived at school with tinsel in my hair and my lines stored securely in my memory, a moment I will never forget. I might add though that this memory is

enhanced by the fact that 'Shepherd number 2' tripped over the donkey's tail pulling down with him nearly all the animals in the stable and the manger... unforgettable really! Amongst all the glitter and excitement I hope you all have a moment to reflect on what has been an exceptional year. We were reminded about the true treasures in life in Mr Loncaster's Christmas Tree Assembly, and the gift of giving. The children at Woodmansey give something so great every day. They give compassion, joy and their smiles. How lucky are we to have such a great family?

So, I hope you all, family, friends, staff and governors have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to a new year in 2022.

Very best wishes,

Mrs. Bethan Nicholls

## A VERY WOODMANSEY CHRISTMAS! NEXT STEPS

Some of you evidently saw Mr. Loncaster on BBC Look North the other evening. The children were quick to tell me! Due to the huge fire in Hessele, the main part of his interview was cut. He was explaining the arrangements to make all our Christmas Events as Covid Secure as possible. They are explained in the banner on the right.

Parents/Carers of children in Y3 to Y6 are particularly asked to note that the “**Festival of Christmas**” is being held as always at Beverley Minster. This year it is on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7 p.m.** Doors will not open until 6:30pm. **IT WILL BE COLD!** It is expected that every Y3 to Y6 child will attend (except for religious reasons). We will be preparing items for this event with the children at Molescroft Primary. The Woodmansey Ukulele band will play and both schools will join together for a Christmas “Mini Musical” and perform our joint Charity Christmas single, Ding Ding Dong.

If your child really cannot attend please write a brief note to the class teacher so that teachers can prepare knowing who will be there. It is very disappointing when gaps suddenly appear. I am very grateful to staff for facilitating this annual event on an evening so that Parent/Carers can attend without having to rearrange daytime work commitments.



The Children in Year 1/2 and the Foundation Year and Nursery are presenting their own Christmas Nativity “**A Miracle in Town**”. Ticket allocations for the nativity are now complete. Entrance is via the school office. You may be staggered in groups so the school corridors do not become crowded. A reminder that we cannot admit pre-school aged children in the audience.

**Collections will be taken for our Charity Campaign for International Rescue Committee UK.**

### Keeping safe at Woodmansey CE Primary School Christmas Events.

1. If possible take a Lateral Flow Test before attending.
2. Please use the hand sanitiser on arrival in school.
3. Please wear a face covering, particularly when moving to and from your seat.
4. We cannot offer toilet facilities during the performances.
5. We shall be thoroughly ventilating the hall, so be prepared for a chilly temperature.
6. The facilities will be thoroughly cleaned before and after the events.
7. East Riding Public Health recommends that the elderly and/or vulnerable do not attend indoor events with lots of primary school aged children UNLESS they have received a booster vaccination against

**Please prepare yourselves for disappointment. Although we have been successful at largely preventing transmission of Covid in school, it remains a distinct possibility that due to an outbreak any or all performances may be cancelled at short notice. In such circumstances the performance(s) will be filmed.**



**Wednesday 15th December 2021**

**Christmas Dinner**

Roast Turkey with stuffing, chipolata sausages, roast potatoes and vegetables.

Christmas Cookie to follow.

Vegetarian Option is Quorn Fillet with all the trimmings.

**No Salad Bar or Jacket Potatoes available on this date.**

*Anyone wishing to know the details of any allergens in any of our meals provided can get the information from the school . Please telephone the normal school number*

*01482 862186 .*

**Charity Christmas Song for 2021**

***Ding Ding Dong***

*available to download from*

***3rd December 2021. Proceeds will go towards our Charity Fundraising Appeal.***



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**STARTING SCHOOL IN 2022?**

**The Application Window is now open.**

Do you have a child aged 3 to 4 years old? Was your child born between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018? If so, then he/she should start school in September 2022. You can apply for a school place online NOW using the electronic form on the council's website:

[www.eastriding.gov.uk](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk) or you can

get an application form from the Admissions Team. Application forms are available now. The deadline for receiving applications is January 15th, 2022. You should make sure that you complete and return an application form online or a paper form to the Admissions Team at County Hall, Beverley by that date. If you have any questions please contact your local school or East Riding of Yorkshire Council: Admissions Team – telephone (01482) 392130

## **SNOW POLICY: IMPORTANT**

**The following is taken from the school's Safeguarding Policy and should prepare parents/carers for what to expect when it snows.**

**The school will only close without prior notice as a last resort. The Head of School or her representative will remain on site until the last child is collected.**

### ***Policy in Practice***

**What the school does to assist in the event of icy weather conditions.**

It is not practical to grit the entire site, but as part of the gritting policy, safe routes round the site and across the Playground have been identified and will be gritted before giving access to the site, thereby minimising the risks to children parents and visitors. The car park will also be gritted.

Children are not allowed to make slides on the playgrounds. Playground are gritted if practical before 8:30am and when not, by morning break. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the senior teacher on duty in conjunction with the Head of School.

Children may not throw snowballs on the playgrounds. However if the field is covered by thick snow pupils may be allowed to play on the field in the snow, make snowman and throw snowballs. Those not wishing to throw snow (or indeed be hit by snowballs) should stay on the playgrounds. The school believes that playing in and throwing snow is part of a child's life experiences.

In extreme cases the Executive Headteacher may decide that there is no option but to close the school if there is presented a severe health and safety risk. This done, the Chair of Governors and the local radio stations will be informed. A severe Health and Safety Risk would be presented if insufficient staff could reach the school or indeed the health and safety of staff meant that they should leave early. Due to the location of the school it is expected that the school will be able to remain open. Closing a school at short notice including closing mid way through a day poses considerable difficulties for parents and will only be taken as a very last resort.

A complete heating failure in the winter and/or a loss of the water supply would however result in the school having to close.

Good communication is essential. Parents receive a copy of specific instructions during the autumn and winter months via the monthly newsletters and the website. Children have the processes explained to them in the classroom. It is expected that parents adhere to these instructions and pass all relevant information to friends and relatives who may also come to school to bring and fetch children. Parents/Carers are asked to be responsible and plan more time for their journey, suitable footwear for having to walk further, wrapping up to keep warm etc....Parents should not expect to be able to park close to the school at these times! Parents and visitors are expected to use the gritted yellow line continuing to adhere to current Government guidance.

### ***Snow Policy and Procedures - information for teaching and support staff***

*In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.*

It is expected that all staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school.

It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of school time.

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In the event of severe weather, a decision to close the school for pupils will be made by 7am. The Head of School will contact Radio Humberside and Viking Radio to ask them to broadcast the information.

**PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED BY TEXT IF THE SCHOOL IS TO CLOSE.**

Updates will be posted on the Twitter Feed - @WoodmanseyPS

In the event of the normal timetable being suspended, a programme of activities will be organised for pupils who arrive at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be delegated to supervise these activities within their EYFS/KS1 and KS2 key stages.

Rather than a full closure it is more likely that the school will remain open on a reduced capacity. In such an event, parents/carers will be asked if it is possible to make alternative arrangements for pupils. Where this is not possible the school will remain open for those who need to come to school or for those who cannot go home in the case of an unexpected early closure. As the number pupils remaining decreases, they will be grouped where possible, with available staff.

## CHANGING THE WORLD ... one life at a time.

Thank you again for supporting the Jacob's Well Christmas Shoebox appeal. Throughout the pandemic charities across the world faced immense difficulty but the charity has not given up and has continued to support children in need throughout. An amazing 68 shoeboxes filled with love were presented to John Baynon on the 12th November 2021.

Each class was able to bring their gifts to John Baynon from Jacob's Well. The charity aims to support children, one life at a time. Following your engagement another 68 children will experience the joy and love that springs from the generous gift from a family, unknown 1000s of miles away. Our boxes are on their way to Sierra Leone.

Every box tells a story of love from the Woodmansey family.



# Jacob's Well Appeal

Changing the World ... One life at a time

## CHRISTMAS DINNER

Book in the normal way.

Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 15th December 2021 from 'Crofty's Restaurant.'

Vegetarian and allergen options are available, but there will not be a salad bar or jacket potato option on this day.

The first sitting will be at 11:30am for the Foundation Stage. We will be joined by the School's Music Service in the afternoon who will play festive musical numbers for the children - a very Christmas filled day!



Cards can only be sent  
within year groups.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS

There will be no school post box this year.

In fact there hasn't been a school postbox for a few years now.

Should children wish to send Christmas Cards **within their class**. There will be a box in each classroom where they

can be collected and handed out at the start of the next week, following quarantine. The boxes will be removed after Tuesday 14th December 2021 for final deliveries on the last day.

Children must not hand deliver post to each other.

# CLUBS: What's on at Woodmansey

FROM THE WEEK COMMENCING: **Monday 10th September 2022** **DEPENDENT ON GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AT THE TIME. NEW CLUBS**

Day	Club	Time	Open to...	Led by...
Monday	Street Dance	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 1 & 2	First Step Sports
Tuesday	Musical Boom Whackers	12.30 - 1.00pm	FY & Years 1/2	Ms. Eastwood
	Tag-Rugby	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 3-6	First Step Sports
	Drama Club	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 4-6	Mrs. Fisher
Wednesday	Choir	12.00 - 12.30pm	Years 4-6	Mrs. Fisher
	Irish Dancing	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 3-6	Mr. McEntegart
Thursday	Book Café	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 2-6	Mrs. Kett
Friday	Basketball	12.30 - 1.10pm	Years 3-6	Mr. McEntegart
	Street Dance	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Years 3-6	First Step Sports

Please contact the school office if your child wishes to join any of the clubs on offer at Woodmansey.



## PTFA SUPPORT Thank you

I wanted to pass on my huge thanks to members of the Woodmansey PTFA who spent time not only running the Christmas Fair on Sunday but weeks planning the event. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces there and many of our own Woodmansey children running stalls.

All money raised goes to the school to enhance the children's learning experiences. Each Ukulele, many of the iPads, Smart TV screens for the classrooms, sports equipment, staging has all been purchased by the PTFA. Without the vital fundraising, your child's school experience would be very different. Thank you for all your continued support and if you would look to become a more active member then please do contact the school to find out more.

## PARKING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Restrictions apply, virus or no virus, sun or rain.

I wish to remind drivers not to park or drop off in the bus stop or in front of the school gates. Equally any area within the yellow zig zag lines must be kept clear in order for the view for Mr Taylor, and children's safety when crossing, even if 'you will be quick'. This also includes the entrance to the Caravan Park opposite which is private property.

Thanks must go to those who choose to park away from school and walk the remaining distance and to those who cycle or scoot - thank you!

However, it only needs one car to cause a disruption. As the nights arrive earlier and poor weather begins please can I ask all parents to remind others e.g. grandparents of the parking expectations.

Please remember that all these measures are designed to protect your children. A zero tolerance to infringement ensures that we keep the area safe. Turning a blind eye only ends up with the situations we see often on the news at other schools across the country.



Parking in the village is of course fine and appreciated, but if I could just remind parents to still park respectfully and ensure they are not blocking anyone in or parking dangerously.

I am sure everyone understands that those crossing must keep moving swiftly past Mr. Taylor and at a suitable distance. I also remind

We are having frequent traffic warden and PCSO visits. Please inform anyone who drops off or picks up your child where not to park!

everyone not to cross behind him. It is actually quite a complex crossing and is hindered by those crossing behind the crossing patrol officer.

## SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE Grab a bargain!

We are happy to announce that we are now able to offer second-hand uniform sales. This will happen twice a year, organised by the PTFA. All proceeds will go back into the school fundraising pot, helping to fund new initiatives in school. We have items for all year groups ranging from

trousers, shorts, skirts, school polo shirts, school jumpers and cardigans. The first stall will be held on the playground on **Thursday 13th January at 3.30pm.**

If you have any outgrown but in good condition uniform you wish to donate, please send in a bag labelled 'PTFA Uniform' and we will make sure it finds its way to the clothes rack!



We will be doing outdoor PE throughout the winter.

## PE IN THE WINTER Keeping warm in outdoor PE for Y1 to Y6

Parents may recall that I announced because of the MUGA we can now ensure PE sessions can occur inside **and outside** throughout the year.

This means that children will need in addition to their black and white PE kit, clothes to keep them warm.

Some children have already been a bit chilly in outdoor PE as they didn't have anything warm to wear.

Warm jogging bottoms and tops are probably the most useful. Also it is vital (except the FY) that children have a pair of trainers to wear which must not be the pair that they may be wearing in school.

**AS WE CANNOT LOAN KIT: IF CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE KIT (after a reminder phone call), WE SHALL PROVIDE A KIT AND WILL HAVE TO CHARGE FOR IT. Just send the kit on a Monday and we will send it home on a Friday.**

# Advance Warning

## Dates for your diary

Please be aware however that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances. **Some of what follows is also dependent on national regulations and also dependent on the school not having to enact its Outbreak Management Plan.**

### JANUARY

We 5th	Pupils return to school & STAYING SAFE WEEK incl. E Safety
Mo 10th	Mid Year Reports published for English & Maths
Tu 11th	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme commences (10 weeks)
Th 13th	Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Premises Governor Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Th 13th	PTFA Second-hand uniform sale on the playground 3.30pm
Th 13th	Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting 6.30pm
We 26th	Official Launch of International Festival
We 26th	12noon Australia Day lunch
Th 27th	Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly at 10:15am
Th 27th	Curriculum and Quality Assurance Governor Meeting 5.30pm

### FEBRUARY

Tu 1st	Chinese New Year - Year of the Tiger
Su 6th	Celebration of Queen's Accession to the throne. 69 years today.
Mo 14th	Valentine's Day Lunch at Crofty's Restaurant
Th 17th	International Day - Crafts
Fr 18th	1:30pm – 3.30pm International community experience
Fr 18th	3:30pm Break up for Half term
Mo 28th	School Reopens
Mo 28th	STEM Week
Mo 28th	All children to visit the Hull University Planetarium Dome at Woodmansey Village Hall led by Prof. Brad Gibson

### MARCH

Tu 1st	St. David's Day & Dinner
Th 3rd	World Book Day Dressing Up in 2022
Mo 14th	COMMONWEALTH DAY & Dinner featured country Singapore
Th 17th	St. Patrick's Day lunch
Th 17th	Full Governor Meeting 5.30pm
Fr 18th	Sport Relief
Fr 25th	Greek Independence Day Lunch
Su 27th	Mothers Day



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# DIARY

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**We look forward to the day when our normal programme can be resumed.**



## December

- Mo 6th 9:15am FY/KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION to KS2
- Tu 7th 9:15 am FY/KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION to P/C
- Tu 7th Christmas at St. Peter's Church: Carol Singing around the village, starting at The Warton Arms
- We 8th 9:15 am FY/KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION to PC
- Th 9th 9:15 am FY/KS1 CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION to PC &
- Mo 13th 7pm Christmas Festival Y3 to Y6 with Molescroft Primary
- We 15th Christmas Dinner
- We 15th 1.15pm Music Service Music Concert
- Th 16th 11am Christingle Service
- Th 16th Class Christmas Parties
- Th 16th Christmas at St. Peter's Church: 'Carols & Cheer', Family Fun event at The Warton Arms 7pm
- Fr 17th COME DRESSED AS YOU LIKE DAY for CHARITY £2 fine.
- Fr 17th 9:30 am FINAL ASSEMBLY
- Fr 17th 3:30pm School Closes

## January

- We 5th 8:50am School reopens for the Spring term

Yours sincerely

Bethan Nicholls  
Head of School