



Christmas at



Woodlands Primary School

Dear Parent/Carer

We are heading into the busy month of December and have lots of exciting things happening in our school. We wanted to take this opportunity to share some dates with you and ask for your help with some of the key events coming up.

Christmas Fayre Fundraising

We are bringing back our Christmas Fayre this year as our main fundraising event on Thursday 7th December from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. All of the money raised goes directly to the pupils here at Woodlands Primary School. Our initial aim is to support the costs of the Panto trip, Christmas parties and the Summer Trip also. Every penny makes a huge difference and we are relying on our school community to help make it a success.

Teddy Appeal

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out and have any **teddies/plushies** in very good or unused condition, please donate them to the school. We will spruce them up and use these for a very popular stall at our fayre.

Fill a Mug Appeal

Mrs Gibney recently sent a request on Seesaw for donations for a new stall at our fayre. A mug can be filled with sweets, small toys, treats, hot chocolate sachets, etc which will make a lovely gift or Christmas Eve treat.

Raffle

We are currently organising our Christmas Raffle and will be selling tickets soon as well as on the night. If you have any potential raffle prizes or any links to local businesses who may be able to donate a prize, please hand these into the office or get in touch.

Christmas Jumpers

If you have any pre-loved Christmas Jumpers, t-shirts etc, that your child has grown out of, please donate them to us. Some of our parents are planning to recycle these and sell them at the Christmas Fayre.

Panto Trips

This year we have booked a ticket to see the PACE Panto in Paisley for all of our pupils. The panto is Beauty and the Beast. Going on a trip like this is expensive and requires a lot of organisation however we know how much the children enjoy it and what a valuable experience it is.

Pupils attending must wear their school uniform to the Panto. This helps our staff and volunteers to ensure the safety of everyone and quickly identify our pupils.

P1, P2, P2/3, P3/4 will be going to the Panto on 12th December

P4/5, P5, P6a, P6b, P7a, P7b, P7c will be going to the Panto on 13th December

To help us prepare, you can:

- Complete the consent form for your child on Parent Pay – without this your child cannot attend the panto trip.
- The children will return to School for lunch and a sandwich option will be available for each day of the panto. Children will be provided with a snack and drink for the event.

Christmas Parties

As always, every class will have a party this year. On the party day, pupils are invited to come to school in their party clothes rather than uniform if they wish.

The parties will take place throughout the day and will be organised by the class teachers.

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P4/5, P5, P6a, P6b, P7a, P7b, P7c will have their party on 12th December

Christmas Carol Singing

Some of our classes will be out in the community carol singing for charity at Tesco Linwood this year on the following dates:

Monday 11th December - P7C Carol Singing at Tesco – 1.00pm until 1.45pm

Thursday 14th December - P7a and P2/3 Carol Singing at Tesco – 1.00pm until 1.45pm

Friday 15th December - P7B and P1 Carol Singing at Tesco – 9.45am until 10.30am

If you are out and about, please pop along and support them. If you're child is participating in this activity, please complete the consent on Parent Pay – without this, your child will not be able to attend. Please complete consents no later than **Friday 8th December**

Christmas Lunch

Our wonderful catering team will be hosting a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 6th December. A special menu will be in place on that day which we will be sharing with you soon. Your child is welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper, Santa hat etc over their uniform on this day to add to the festive spirit.

Christmas Show

This year, our P1s are working hard on the Christmas Show which will be "Whoops a Daisy Angel" and performed on 20th December. They will be supported in performing with some of our older pupils taking on the roles of narrators. Additionally, all classes will be singing a song before or after the show. The Christmas show is always a well-attended event and we expect it to be busy. To ensure everyone gets to come along, we are offering 2 tickets per family across the 2 shows. The link to complete is:- <https://forms.office.com/e/CpkJR4J4Xe>. We hope to accommodate everyone but can't guarantee to meet everyone's requests. If any of the performances are oversubscribed, we will be in touch to offer you an alternative performance. Ticket requests will close on Monday 4th December. In the event that there are tickets left over, these will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

If your child is not wearing a costume for the show, they are welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper, Santa hat etc over their uniform on this day to add to the festive spirit.

As P1s are the main performers in the show, we will reserve the front rows of the audience for P1 parents/carers – we appreciate your support with this.

Volunteers

These events are really important to all of us here at Woodlands and to ensure we are completely organised, we may need some parent/carer helpers for our Panto Trips and Carol Singing events. If you would be willing and available to assist staff on the day and accompany us to these events, please contact the office to let them know which events you can help with and we will be in touch to confirm.

