



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

### **Opening thoughts**

As we reach the end of another challenging week, what continually shines through is our collective responsibility to do what is best for our children. The support from the community this week has been wonderful and has seen so many wonderful events supported. Our children have also bought in to this collective responsibility too and this is all owing to the standard being set by everyone. As adults we are often the ones who set the weather for our children and I am continually blown away by their strength of character and sense of pride in what is historically a very challenging term. Our children despite everything that is going on have continued to impress and always make sure they are working to the best of their ability.

I say it often and it is a sentiment shared by many, we are very privileged to do what we do and we would like to extend our thanks to all of you. We look forward to the final week as I am sure many of you do, but we understand we are not there yet. We will continue to monitor and support our children through the last week and when we reach the finish line, on behalf of every here at Woodford School, we would like to say thank you for all your support as always.

### **Christmas Fete**

Last Saturday saw our wonderful POW PTA organise and bring together a brilliant Christmas Fete here at the school. The variety of stalls and range of activities was just wonderful and presented another opportunity for us to come together and be a part of something special. Thank you to everyone who supported and we look forward to more events in the new year now.

### **Christingle service**

Special thank you to all involved with our recent Christingle service. It was lovely to see so many in attendance at St Mary's Church this week and our children once again made us very proud. Another huge thanks to all the staff who made this possible. This is a very challenging term and much of this work has been rehearsed and brought together outside of normal working hours, so as always, I am eternally thankful.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Thank you to all our families for support Save the Children today. The children all looked amazing and as a result we have been able to give back to children who may be less fortunate than our own.

### **Panto season...**

Next week we will be performing our Reception-Year 2 Christmas play. We are still planning on performing this in front of a live audience but with national COVID-19 cases still unpredictable, we must make clear our safety measures:

- We will only be allowing members of the child's household to attend. This means this year unfortunately we will not be able to welcome grandparents and other relatives to come and watch. This will limit the number of households mixing.
- All children over 11 and adults should take a lateral flow test on the day of the performance, for details of how to access these free tests please [click here to visit the website](#)
- Please DO NOT come to the performance if you develop any symptoms of Covid (high temperature, new continuous cough or a change/loss of sense of taste/smell.)
- Please wear a face mask if you would like to.

The performance date is **Wednesday 15th of December at 09.30am**. We very much look forward to welcoming you in to school to celebrate the festive season.





### **Christmas Raffle**

Just a reminder that there are still raffles tickets to buy and that the draw will be made on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December after school**. If you would like more tickets, please do contact the school via [admin@woodford.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodford.northants.sch.uk) and we will support you the best we can.

### **Christmas Lunches**

As a school we will be having our Christmas lunch on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**. These must be ordered as they will only be allocated to those who have ordered them. To order you book via the normal booking process ([please click here to visit the website](#)). If you are having issues with this, please do contact the school via [bursar@woodford.northants.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@woodford.northants.sch.uk) and we will support you the best we can.

### **Collective Community Partnership**

Huge thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting this week. It was really beneficial from a school perspective and we are so thankful for the support. There will be more information coming to you all soon about school values because we would now like to hear your thoughts and opinion about them too.

### **Parent View**

Thank you to all the responses we have received. We are looking at the information collected to improve the service for you all and it has already given us an area we can improve. With this feedback we are confident we can make improvements over time, so once again, thank you all for your continued support.

### **Northampton Town Football Club Tickets**

We have been given an allocation of tickets from Northampton Town Football Club as part of our partnership with them. The tickets are valid for children and their families and are available on a first come first served basis. The fixture is taking place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 15.00pm, in Northampton against Barrow. [If you would like tickets for this, please click this link to apply online.](#) This will not be organised as a school trip and you will need to arrange transport there too, but please do apply if you would like them.

### **Dates for your diary**

15/12 – Reception – Year 2 school nativity  
16/12 - Christmas lunch for children  
16/12 - Christmas Raffle and Tombola after school  
17/12 – Last day of term  
04/01 – First day of term

Kind Regards

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