



### Academy Update!

The Full Governing Body met on Tuesday 9th December to consider whether Woodham Ley Primary School should or should not convert to academy status.

The Governors considered all of the information that has been gathered during the consultation period before reaching its decision.

I am delighted to announce that the Governors have decided to proceed with the school's application to convert to academy status.

This means that as of the 1st January 2015, Woodham Ley Primary School will be strengthened by the formal partnership of Thundersley, Montgomerie and Kingston Primary Schools and will begin a new period in WLPS' history as a member of a Multi-Academy Trust.

As we have mentioned before, nothing will change the uniqueness of our school, its ethos and its values, but we are expecting, through the formal partnership approach that the outcomes for the pupils across the four schools will be greatly enhanced.

I would like to thank you for your engagement with this process over the past few weeks.

### It's behind you!!! Oh no it isn't!!!

For those of you who didn't hear from your children this week, the staff at WLPS decided (were forced) to take part in a Pantomime for the children. We *think* that they all enjoyed themselves; our ears were certainly ringing for many hours after from their screams.

I would like to thank the staff for putting themselves up for what proved to be a really lovely, albeit scary event. We were reminded of how nerve-wracking it is performing in front of an audience—something that the children have been doing so brilliantly over the past few weeks.

This may be the start of some glittering new careers—Mr Pringle's rendition of Captain Hook having an argument with his parrot will remain with us for a long time to come.

### KS2 Xmas Sing-a-long

A big well done to the staff and children in KS2 for helping us feel, 'Christmassy' yesterday afternoon. The children sang and signed beautifully. A special well done to all of our soloists and readers who performed so confidently and Mrs Curtis who accompanied us on the piano. Finally a big thank you to all the parents who came along and joined us in the festive occasion.

### Final word

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents again for the support that you have given the school this term and wish you and your families a very 'Merry Christmas' and a happy New Year.

We will look forward to seeing you all again on

**Tuesday 6th January.**

### Diary dates

5th Jan	<i>Non pupil day</i>
6th Jan	<i>Back to school</i>
5th Feb	<i>CPR governors meeting 5pm</i>

### Weekly results

#### Attendance

#### League

Well done Dali Class for winning the attendance League for this week, and to Dali & Monet classes for jointly winning the Attendance League for this half term.

Class	Result	League points
Turner	91.67%	5
Picasso	93.10%	4
Matisse	90.71%	4
Monet	96.19%	21
Hockney	93.33%	0
Goldsworthy	95.38%	8
Dali	98.21%	21
Whole school % since the start of the year	<b>95.47%</b>	<b>Lead Class Monet &amp; Dali</b>

### Letters home this week

#### Lost Property

*Please come and rummage. We have lots of uniform and even coats in our lost property which need a home!*

*'WLPS is committed to developing unique and ambitious children who make informed choices and are inspired to reach their greatest potential.'*