



Dear parents/carers,

Xmas Bazaar

Last Friday we had our annual Christmas Bazaar which proved very successful, again. We made an amazing profit of £1,735 which bizarrely is £2 more than we raised last year!! I would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Fraser and the PTA team who have been working tirelessly over the past few weeks to organise the event; to those parents who gave up some time to man the stalls and to you and the children for digging deep and raising this fabulous amount of money. I would also like to thank S. Stibbards and Sons for donating the Christmas tree and raffle prize and to Browns Solicitors who donated the prize boxes for all of the stalls. A real team effort!!

Children in Need day

Keeping with the theme of raising money -I am pleased to announce that the children managed to raise over £600 at the Children in Need event this year. This was organised by our School Council which involved children dressing up in spots or stripes and covering pictures with copper coins. They also arranged for three people in each class who had raised the most money to be wrapped up like a mummy in toilet tissue! This was a wonderful event and all of the money raised will go to support this worthwhile charity.

Governor monitoring day

last week we were lucky to have our team of WLPS governors visit to monitor the work of the school and to see the school in action. This is a major role that the governors play in ensuring the school is being effective and meeting the needs of all of the pupils. The governors do this in a voluntary capacity and we are grateful for the time that they dedicate to this role. I would like to thank, therefore Mr Mills (Chair), Mrs Webber (Vice Chair), Mr Hill, Mr Clift, Mrs Lodeto, Mrs Brett, Mrs Ashley and Mr Wakefield.

Key Stage 1 Superstars

I would like to say a huge WELL DONE to all of the children in Key Stage 1 for their wonderful Nativity performances this week. The singing and acting was first rate and we were all thoroughly entertained.

Sport

On the 29th November, the Woodham Ley netball team went to play an away match against South Benfleet School. Although we were defeated, we have been making fantastic progress and scored some amazing goals (Well done-Daniel). Our next match will take place after Christmas. We will be working on keeping in a space, communicating effectively with each other and using more bounce passes. Report By Chelsey (Yr6)

On the 1st December, the Woodham Ley football team played an away match against Robert Drake. It was great to see that everyone in the team fought for the ball and because of this we had two brilliant goals saved by Sophie Rayner. Unfortunately we lost, but we kept our heads held high. Report By Dacy (Yr6)

Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner

This Wednesday is our annual Christmas dinner day and for those who have not yet ordered, please do so by **Monday**. We have decided to make this the **Christmas jumper** day too. To take part, the children need to wear a Christmas jumper or festive outfit (Green/Red/Tinsel etc) and bring in £1 to Save the Children Charity.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Sing-a-long

Just to remind parents of children in Key Stage 2 of the sing-a-long on Monday at St George's Church. We are starting at **1.30pm** so you can start arriving at 1.15. The children will sing a variety of Christmas songs and readings all to get us in the festive spirit. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Attendance League

Well done to Picasso Class for winning the Attendance League this week,

Weekly results

Class	Result	League points
Turner	91.72	5
Picasso	97.33	18
Matisse	96.67	14
Monet	95.67	10
Hockney	89.33	9
Goldsworthy	96.21	9
Dali	91	10
Whole school % since the start of the year	95.81%	Lead Class Picasso

Diary dates

12th Dec	KS2 Christmas sing a long at St Georges Church 1.30pm
14th Dec	Christmas Dinner
15th Dec	Reception Nativity
16th Dec	KS2 Big Quiz
19th Dec	Nursery Nativity 9.30pm
21st Dec	Nursery Christmas party Last day of term
5th Jan 2017	Back to school



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QUESTIONS FOR READING

Below you will find a list of possible questions to help you with conversations about your child's reading. They are not intended to be used all at once or every time you read with your child. Use them at your discretion and where they are appropriate. Happy Reading !!

Questions to ask before you read

- Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in our story?
- Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
- Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?

Questions to ask during the reading

- What do you think will happen next?
- What can you tell me about the story so far?
- Can you predict how the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
- As I read _____, it made me picture _____ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?
- As you read, what are you wondering about?
- Can you put what you've just read in your own words?

Questions to ask after reading

- Can you remember the title?
- In your opinion, was it a good title for this book? Why or why not?
- Were your predictions about the story correct?
- If there was a problem, did it get solved?
- What happened because of the problem?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?
- What was your favourite part of the story?
- If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?
- Can you retell the story in order?
- If you were _____, how would you have felt?
- What is the most interesting situation in the story?
- Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?
- Why did you like this book?