

# Woodlands Primary School Newsletter



22nd November 2019

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## Calendar Dates

Wednesday 27th November—Reception  
2020 Intake Open Event (1.00pm)

Thursday 28th November—Reception  
2020 Intake Open Event (9.30am)

Thursday 28th November—Book Fair  
Starts

Thursday 5th December—Christmas  
Fayre

Friday 6th December—Book fair ends

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are now nearing the end of November, and it will soon be the beginning of December and we are already starting to prepare for the Christmas events and performances. It has certainly turned colder and the children have really needed their coats and gloves outside in the playground!

We have had a busy term so far, and it was lovely to see you last week during parent meetings. It was lovely to hear some very positive comments about the school. We were very lucky to have a visit on Thursday from Roger Mills, from the Board of Trustees who was very complimentary about the children and the school:

***'I enjoyed walking into a calm atmosphere which is self disciplined and calm. Students want to learn; they want to outperform.'***

Here are some other really positive comments about the school:

***'I wouldn't want my child to go anywhere else. All the staff are helpful and the children thrive here.'*** Mrs MacGilp

***'Woodlands has high expectations for all children'*** Mr Phelps.

***'My daughter enjoys a fantastic range of extra curricular clubs'*** Mrs Caswell

Mrs Dean  
Headteacher

## Reception Open Day

We have been feeling very proud of our school over the last few years. All staff have been continuing to strive to ensure the experiences the children have are Outstanding for All and because of this our results across our school have been above the National Expectations. Since September we have been working hard to promote our School in our community. We held a very successful open day event and have continued to hold tours for parents. The next tours are on Wednesday 27th November 1.00pm and Thursday 28th November 9.30am.

As well as these tours we have begun to build better relationships with our local Pre Schools. We have invited the closest of them to come and watch our EYFS Nativity performance and will be inviting other school starter children to come with their parents. This is being planned for Thursday 12th December 1.30pm. We are also planning story time sessions at local Pre-Schools with our Reception Teachers. If you know of any school starters please let them know of these upcoming

## Message from the Chair of the Board of Governors

Back in the summer, Woodlands Primary and Yate Academy finalised their separation which required us to form a separate Local Governing Body for each school, rather than the joint one that had operated previously. Having served on the previous board as a parent governor for two years, I was delighted to be asked to serve as Chair on the new Woodlands board. The role of the governing body is to challenge and hold to account the Headteacher and to

provide governance on a range of things from finances, curriculum policies and so on, roles which are delegated to us by Greenshaw Learning Trust.

I am a parent to two children in the school and have lived in Yate most of my life attending Rodford and King Edmunds Schools, neither of which exist now! As such I do feel invested in the school's future and I am committed to making that a successful one. I feel that Mrs Dean and her team are driving the school towards a bright future, and that the recent changes will improve our children's attainment and prospects. As we progress on this journey, if you wish to contact me then my Greenshaw email is below.

Lee Howe

## PTA NEWS

The Christmas Fayre is only a few weeks away so we are asking for donations of teddies, bottles (alcohol, smellies, soft drinks, anything!) as well as raffle prizes by Wednesday 4th December. Anything you could do to help would be most welcome.

From 23rd November, the Sun newspaper is running a promotion and there will be tokens in the papers. There will be a box for collection of these in the foyer and we would be grateful if we could get as many tokens as possible

## Christmas

Don't forget our Christmas craft afternoons and Christmas events. These are on our website and a paper version of our key dates is available in Reception. For the Christmas performances, letters will be sent out two weeks before and will contain tickets for each performance.



Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 13th December and children are welcome to wear a Christmas themed jumper along with their uniform. We will be collecting for Save the Children and welcome donations of 50p or £1.00 if you are able to. We recently raised £115.00 for Children in Need!



## Social Media Highlights

