

Nursery



Hethersett Woodside Infant & Nursery School

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term February 2010

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Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Would you please sign for an appointment, the boards will be available in the class bases from Wednesday 10th March.

The Nursery will also be open on the same two evenings 4.30- 7.30pm for parents to come and talk to Mrs Johnston and Mrs Hall. Additionally, there will be slots available through out the day of Wednesday 17th March. To book appointments, please see Mrs Johnston.

You will be receiving an interim report on your child's progress after half term, before parents evening.

We look forward to seeing you on these occasions and welcoming you to our school.

Please find a comment sheet for you to complete and return before Parents Consultation. (Page 4 of this newsletter).

Keeping us updated!

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Dates

School closes on Thursday 1st April for the Easter break. Monday 19th April will be a staff training day and the children will return to school on Tuesday 20th April, hopefully rested and ready for the long Summer Term ahead.

Parking

Can we please remind you that the car park at the front of the school is for staff and visitors only, with the exception of those who have been given permission to park in the designated space for disabled badge holders. Can we also remind you to park safely along Firs Road and Recreation Road especially avoiding the corner near to the park entrance. Woodcote Sheltered Housing are experiencing cars parking and turning round in their designated parking area within their grounds. As you can imagine this can be extremely dangerous and must be avoided.

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Communicable Disease – Guidance for Schools

In the light of the recent outbreaks of the winter vomiting bug, I am writing to inform you of our Guidance from the L.E.A and the Health Service regarding exclusion periods of children from school following Diarrhoea or Vomiting, to ensure that children are not returning to school too soon.

As Gastroenteritis can rapidly spread in the school environment guidance for Schools is as follows:

Gastroenteritis (Diarrhoea & Vomiting)

Under usual circumstances of individual cases:-

- *Children aged 5 or over should be excluded until they are well and symptom free. In the light of so many cases being reported to us, we advise that this is a period of 48 hours (2 full days) after symptoms cease.*
- *Multiple linked cases should be reported by the school to the local environmental health department. In event of a major outbreak across the county guidelines may be updated to exclude all children until 72 hours (3 full days) after they are symptom free. I will keep you informed should this advice be issued to school.*

In order to reduce infection passing between children in schools we request that you adhere to these guidelines regarding exclusion times.

World Book Day 4th March

We are celebrating World Book Day with literacy activities during the day. The children will receive a 'World Book Day £1 Book Token'. These are a gift from the World Book Day charity, it's supporters and participating booksellers, to help every child have a chance to enjoy books and reading. Six special £1 books will be available, exchangeable for the £1 book token. Other purchases need to be of a minimum of £2.99.

Flora Tokens - Cooking with Schools

We are collecting Flora Tokens at school in order to acquire much needed cooking equipment for our children. Please save the inner cover from the Flora tubs and send into the school.

Plastic Bottle Tops

The school is supporting Mrs Procter and her daughter Imola, in collecting plastic bottle tops for a charity event. If Imola is successful in collecting enough bottle tops to equal a child's weight her employer will donate a wheelchair to a child. If you can support this worthwhile cause, please place the bottle tops in the box in the school foyer.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Staffing News

It is with great joy that I write to inform you of staffing news.

Mrs Gaffney, Miss Holt and Mrs Crowder-Barr are all expecting babies in the Summer and I'm sure you share with me in congratulating them and their partners on this exciting news and we look forward to the birth of more Woodside babies.

Mrs Crowder-Barr will start her maternity leave at Easter, Mrs Gaffney at Summer half-term and Miss Holt at the beginning of July.

Staffing cover for Miss Holt will be provided by Mrs Charman and Miss Russell extending their contracts to a full-time position for the last 3 weeks of the year to cover both classes. This will enable the children to complete Year 2 with familiar teachers and routines.

Mrs Gaffney's maternity leave will be covered by Mrs Nicky Ingham who is a regular supply teacher in our school and knows the reception class very well. This will ensure the children have a stable and happy end to their year.

Miss Reed will continue to job share with Mrs Ingham.

Recorder Club

I will be starting a Recorder Club for Year 2 children after half term. We will be doing singing activities and musical games as well as learning the first few notes on the recorder and playing simple tunes. Children joining the club will need their own descant recorder and a copy of the book :- 'Recorder from the beginning Book 1' By John Pitts (available at music and book shops). The recorder club will be held on Thursday's after school from 3.10 - 3.50pm, commencing 4th March. Please note, there will be no Recorder Club on Thursday 17th March which is Parents Evening. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the slip below and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Andrea Eckley

I would like my child to join the Recorder Club on Thursday's after school.

Name of child

Signed

Date



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What does your child enjoy at school?

Do you feel you are kept informed about your child's learning? eg:
Newsletters, parents evenings etc.

Does your child have any concerns or worries about school?

How useful did you find it to set targets alongside your child during the last
parents evening?

How do you think we could enhance your child's experience at school?

Child's Name..... Class



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What does your child enjoy at Nursery?

Does your child have any concerns or worries about Nursery?

Is there anything you would like to specifically discuss at parent consultation?

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