



Woolston Community Primary School NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 20th December 2017

Woolston Owl Values:

Friendliness

Headteacher's Column

Thank you and Merry Christmas

I would like wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. On behalf of the staff I would also like to thank you for your very kind gifts.

I am coming to the end of my first year at Woolston Community Primary School and it has simply flown by! I showed around a prospective parent on Monday this week and she commented on the very positive feedback she has had from parents in the school about the direction the school was heading in and the changes that have been implemented (thank you for promoting our lovely school so well!). It has been a busy year and I have noted some of the things that have been implemented below:

- New school logo and school signs
- New KS2 reading scheme introduced in April 2017
- Year 6 end of year production introduced
- Increased music provision and increase in residential trips
- Progress data for children now shared at all parents evenings
- Curriculum changes in all subjects to ensure that the curriculum continues to be both challenging and engaging
- Whole school writing themes introduced
- Thematic approach to foundation subjects (history, geography and the arts) introduced so parents and children can see tangible outcomes at the end of topics.

The focus after Christmas will continue to be on improving the curriculum and:

- New emergency entrance put in (Feb 2018) where the old school used to be (this will allow vehicles to access the back of the school for things like school fairs and when we have planned visits from the fire service and ambulance service).
- Make the pond and area surrounding it, accessible for science and other subjects. You will notice this work has already started.
- Introduce a school football and rugby team and source new kits for both teams
- Improve playground area so there is a larger area to play on in the winter and more equipment to play on (the PTFA are helping with this).

I would also like to say a big thank you to the PTFA for the tremendous amount of work they do and to you for supporting them. I will be continuing to talk to the PTFA regularly to see how together we can improve the school further and also to run ideas past them for changes I might be considering in school that I would like a parental viewpoint on.

Finally I would like to thank the entire staff and the Governing Body for both supporting and helping steer the changes that have been implemented. This is a wonderful school and the staff team and Governing Body work tremendously hard every day to make it a great place to be for your children and you.

Have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year! 😊

Cross Country

On Saturday 9th December our cross country runners took part in the last of the runs at Walton Gardens.

Mrs Moore would like to say a huge thankyou to Payton Chesters, Kerry Hennie, Ben Lawton, Noah Frampton and William Stott for their super effort on a very snowy Saturday morning! Very proud!



Whole school attendance for the week commencing
11th December 2017.

School attendance target is 95%

1 st	97.10%	Year 5 - Mr Oliver
2 nd	96.43%	Year 6 - Mrs King & Mrs Quansah
3 rd	95.48%	Year 4 - Mrs Cooper
4 th	94.33%	Reception - Miss Sutherland
5 th	94.19%	Year 3 - Mrs Buckley
6 th	93.33%	Owls - Miss Parker
7 th	93.0%	Year 2 - Mrs Bentley & Mrs Waton
8 th	90%	Owlets - Miss Crawford
9 th	86.33%	Year 1 - Mr Jones

Some good attendances last week.