



## KEY DATES IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Please note that dates are provided in advance to try and ensure that communication is as efficient as possible, but may be subject to change. Where possible, the school will try to stick to all indicated dates.

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>PTFA Christmas Craft Afternoon</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 3 Chelmsford Museum trip
<b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Autumn Term exhibition evening 3.30-4.30pm
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Chelmsford Museum trip
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	KS2 visit to King John (We Will Rock You production)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carols around the Christmas Tree (PTFA event)
<b>12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Book Fair
<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Choir performance including to parents of choir members 2.30
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 Thameside Nature Reserve trip
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Early Years & KS1 Decoration Morning
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December (CHANGE)</b>	<b>KS2 Carol Concerts at Westwood 1.30 and 5.30</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December (CHANGE)</b>	<b>KS1 Christmas Productions 2.00 and 5.00</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas School Dinner
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery Christmas Production 1.45, Reception Christmas Production 2.30
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Christingle Services at Hadleigh Baptist Church
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December (CHANGE)</b>	Last day of term in school <b>and Bridging Club and Woodys closed.</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Back to school.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> January (NEW)</b>	<b>Bridging Club and Woodys CLOSED.</b>

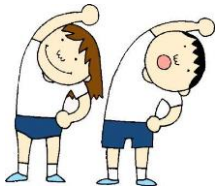
## Coming up in the next few weeks...

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## Water Bottles, Snacks and Sun Cream.

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle that can be kept in the classroom. Please ensure children only have water and **NOT** squash or juice. Please make sure that snacks are healthy – sweets and chocolate are not acceptable and we are a **nut free** school. Thank you.



## PE Kits.

We do not keep spare kits at the school for PE. Please ensure that all pupils are provided with PE kit throughout the school year. If there are any issues providing a PE kit, please speak to the school office to make us aware of them. PE kit is part of the school uniform, details of which can be found [here](#).

## Parking and road safety outside school.

Please park considerately if you need to drive to school. We have a long history of good will from our neighbours and it is something that we hope will continue in the future. If parents have any concerns about dangerous parking or driving outside the school, call the non-emergency police number to report them on **0300 333 4444**. It is essential that the pupils and their families are safe – please park and drive safely around the school. Thank you for your continued support.



## Newsletter – 23rd November 2018.

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### Respectful conduct with our staff.

Please remember that we are a school for young children, and that our behaviour and language as staff and parents sets an example to the pupils of how to behave. Please ensure that when dealing with our staff, the conversations are polite and civil and that communication is conducted in the way that you would want to be treated yourself. Thank you.

### Work on new library and facilities.

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, work will start on our new library and other facilities at the back of the school. This will mean that throughout the year there will be changes to the routes used to enter and move around the school particularly at the beginning of the day. Initial setting up on the site will take place from today and over the weekend. This may mean a different route into the school on Monday, but will be outside to organise entry via the side gate if circumstances require it.

If this is the route in use on Monday, please drop your child at the side gate – any parents wanting to come into school with their children for any reason will have to go through the office route.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

### Attendance - We expect pupils to be in school everyday, and aim for 97% attendance for the year.

Attendance this week was **95.7%**. Regular attendance helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 4** are this weeks winners at **99.3%** Well done year 4.

### Online safety tip – we know it is a regular feature but it helps you to know how to keep children safe.

It is worth knowing that many social media sites have minimum age requirements for users. These are put in place to protect children from inappropriate material or risk of grooming, offering sensible guidance to parents just as film certificates and PEGI ratings do. Here are some examples of the minimum ages for popular social media sites: -

**Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook**

**Minimum age 13.**

**WhatsApp**

**Minimum age 16 (to register) 13 to use.**

**YouTube**

**Minimum age 18 (or 13 with parental permission).**

Do your children have access to these services? If so, were you aware of the minimum age requirements and, what they are using them for? This is a good example of how one of our regular e-safety tips can be used: -

# 7. Watch [Thinkuknow](#) films to learn more.

Help keep our children safe whilst using technology – check out the new resources and advice about e-safety on our website at <http://www.westwoodacademy.org/about/e-safety/>

## **Bridging Club and Woodys – AVAILABILITY NEWS 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

Both Woodys and bridging club will not be open on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. This is for works on the school site and a whole trust training session. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **Out of School Achievements.**

Freddie from Year 3 played really well in his first away game for his rugby team Benfleet Vikings on Sunday, they played against May and Baker in Dagenham!

Congratulations to Hollie in Year 2 for passing her Pre-primary tap exam with a distinction! Well done Hollie, 2 distinctions in a month! We are all very proud of you.

Ethan from Year 4 attended the Seishan Karate Club Competition, which was held at the school last weekend. He was very successful and was awarded a Gold medal for his Kata and a Silver medal for his Kumite (fighting). Ethan and David from Year 5 won a Bronze medal for their Team Kata - well done boys! Ethan and David both attend Seishan Karate Club which is held at our school.

If you have any out of school achievements that you would like mentioned in the school newsletter, please email the office at: [office@westwoodacademy.org](mailto:office@westwoodacademy.org) by the Thursday before the Friday publication date. We love to hear about what the Westwood community have been up to! Thank you.

### **School dinners.**

School dinners next week will be Week 2 from the new Winter Menu, which can be seen [here](#).

### **Bridging Club on Friday afternoons.**

Bridging club for Friday afternoons now has a £1.50 charge (unless pupils are attending Woody's afterwards, in which case it is free). Attendance **must be confirmed by Wednesday each week** with the office, and payment can be made via parentmail. Thank you.

### **Christmas Productions.**

This year the Christmas productions will all be held at Westwood:

Nursery will be performing a few Christmas songs on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm

Reception will be putting on a Christmas performance on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

Key Stage 1 will be performing 'A Christmas Toy Story' on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 5pm.

Key Stage 2 will be performing a Christmas concert on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be 2 performances. 1 at 1.30pm and another at 5.30pm. Parents are invited to join us following the first performance for Mince Pies.

More details will follow.

### **Choir Performance.**

The choir will be doing a performance for parents on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the hall. If your child is in the choir please feel free to come along and listen to them.

### **Clubs.**

All clubs will finish week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> December and will re-commence after Christmas.

### **School Photographs.**

Please can all photographs be returned to school by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> as they are being collected first thing Tuesday morning. Many thanks.

# PTFA NEWS



For updates and more PTFA news, please join the [Westwood PTFA page on Facebook](#).

Please note that this page is intended for the use of PTFA members to **organise and promote events for fundraising**. It is **not** monitored by the school, so if there are any other issues or questions that you would like to discuss, please contact the school directly. Thank you.

Looking forward to welcoming the children to our first Christmas Craft Afternoon today from 1:30-3:30pm. Tickets will be available on the door £5 per child and siblings £3. Hot drinks on sale for a small donation...

Meeting - Tuesday 27th November 7pm school meeting room. We will be planning our next event Carols by the Christmas Tree which is on Friday 7th December.

Thank you to all who have worked behind the scenes planning and prepping the Craft Afternoon it takes a lot of running round and organising, everyone's help is greatly appreciated, and a very special thank you to a couple of Mums who have so kindly donated items/gingerbread for the afternoon..