



## 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.

3 <sup>rd</sup> December	KS2 visit to King John (We Will Rock You production)
4 <sup>th</sup> December (NEW)	Cheerleading club performance to their parents 4.00
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Carols around the Christmas Tree (PTFA event)</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> December	Book Fair
13 <sup>th</sup> December	School Choir performance including to parents of choir members 2.30
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Thameside Nature Reserve trip
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years & KS1 Decoration Morning
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concerts at Westwood 1.30 and 5.30
19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Productions 2.00 and 5.00
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas School Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Production 1.45, Reception Christmas Production 2.30
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christingle Services at Hadleigh Baptist Church
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term in school and Bridging Club and Woodys closed.
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school.
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Bridging Club and Woodys CLOSED.

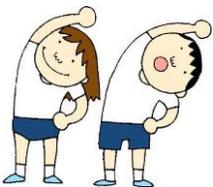
## Coming up in the next few weeks...

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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 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

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- **Carols around the Christmas Tree – December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

### Respectful conduct towards 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.

From Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018, work has started 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. So far, this has not meant changes to routes into and around the school, but we will update you via the newsletter if that changes.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

### Chocolate Tombola Contributions.

As part of the PTFA Carols around the Christmas Tree event on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a chocolate tombola. It would be brilliant if donations of chocolate could be sent into school as prizes for this popular annual Christmas activity. Thank you!

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

Attendance this week was **97.1%**. Thank you all for helping us beat our target again. Regular attendance helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 4** are this weeks winners, again, 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: -

# 8. Get the technology out of the bedroom!

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.**

Louis took part in his first tennis tournament at the weekend, winning every game he played therefore making him overall winner.

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 3 from the new Winter Menu, which can be seen [here](#).

### **Christmas Productions.**

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

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

Reception will be putting on a Christmas performance on Thursday 20th December at 2.30pm

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

Key Stage 2 will be performing a Christmas concert on Tuesday 18th 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.

### **King John Performance.**

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December Years 3-6 will be walking to King John School to see their drama students production of 'We Will Rock You'. We will be leaving at 10.15 and we will be back at Westwood by the end of school. Children will need a packed lunch and a drink and an outdoor coat and comfortable footwear.

### **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.

### **Cheerleading Performance.**

For parents of pupils who attend cheerleading club on Tuesday after school, they have worked on a routine that they would like to share with you on 4<sup>th</sup> December at 4.00.

### **Clubs.**

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

### **Christmas Trees thanks to Stibbards and Sons.**

Many thanks to the kind people at Stibbards and Sons for supplying the school with two beautiful Christmas Trees. Your generosity is genuinely appreciated, Merry Christmas!

# 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.

## Carols around the Christmas Tree.

Join us for the last PTFA event of 2018 on **7<sup>th</sup> December!**

Come along from 5.00-6.30pm for hot chocolate, mince pies and cakes in the small hall.

There will be great Christmas activities including: -

- Letter writing to Santa;
- Making jingle sticks;
- Glow stick sale;
- Christmas Lucky Dip;
- Chocolate Tombola.

There might even be some Christmas magic as we are strongly predicting snowfall at 5.45pm when we all head out to the Christmas tree to sing Christmas Carols!

