



City Community Learning Trust

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a brilliant holiday. Building on the successes that we shared last half term, I'm sure all our children are going to enjoy an equally productive and fruitful time as we head towards Christmas.

May I take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers that, at Woodthorpe, we consider the partnership between home and school to be vital. Without your support, the children will not make the progress of which they are capable and not enjoy successes that we love to see. Parents and carers can support their children in a whole range of ways, some simple and other slightly more complicated. Below are some suggestions of things you could do:

- ✓ Ensure your child attends school every day, is on time and is ready to learn (good night's sleep and healthy breakfast)
- ✓ Talk to your child about their learning – ask them 'What have you learnt today?'
- ✓ Listen to your child read aloud – at least three times a week – and read aloud to them – all children love a good bedtime story
- ✓ Practise 'Quick Maths' and 'Speedy Spellings' with your child – these are on the website but your child's teacher can give you a copy
- ✓ Complete the half termly home learning challenge – again these are on the website but you are welcome to discuss them with your child's teacher
- ✓ And finally....
- ✓ **Tell them they are brilliant!** I know you know that but some positive feedback can go a long way to helping them be successful

On the flip side, as adults we also have certain responsibilities to conduct ourselves in a positive manner and show the children how to behave. May I remind you that we have a visitors code of conduct in our school which we expect all to abide by. This is summarised below:

At Woodthorpe Community Primary we expect all visitors to:

- Understand that both teachers and parents/carers need to work together for the benefit of their children.
- Demonstrate that all members of the school community should be treated with respect and therefore set a good example in their own speech and behaviour.
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue.
- Correct their own child's behaviour especially in public where it could otherwise lead to conflict, aggressive behaviour or unsafe behaviour.
- Approach the school, in a calm and civil manner, to help resolve any issues of concern.

It is sometimes worth remembering that we are a primary school and some of our children are as young as 3. We all have a duty to ensure they feel safe and are presented with positive role models. It is unacceptable for anyone to jeopardise this and the actions which will be taken against those that do are outlined in the Parents, Carers and Visitors Code of Conduct on School Premises (this is available on the website).

Children in Need Day – Friday 16th November

We will be supporting Children in Need next Friday. We will have a Non – Uniform day and are encouraging the children to come dressed in spotty outfits! We will be asking for a donation of £1 to support this worthwhile cause.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 14th November

If you haven't already made an appointment please sign up for a slot to meet your child's teacher. Tea, Coffee and cakes will be available in the dining room all evening. We will be asking for a small contribution for these, all proceeds will go to support the Macmillan Nurses.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We will be supporting the Manor Food Bank in their Christmas Shoe Box appeal. This venture aims to make Christmas special for all by providing gifts for children from under privileged families. Please help us to support this by bringing in any empty shoe boxes and any unwanted toys (in good condition), pencils, pens, felt tips, chocolate & sweets which we will pass on to this worthwhile cause.

Dates for your diary

We will send out individual reminders nearer the time but here's some dates to be aware of in the run up to Christmas:

Tuesday 4th December – Y3 are putting on a Christmasa Market

Friday 7th and Thursday 20th – Packed Lunch Picnic days (all children having school meals will have a Packed Lunch

Friday 7th December – CHRISTMAS DISCO – FS / KS1 3.00pm – 4.00pm / KS2 4.15pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 12th December – FS2 Nativity (1.30pm)

Thursday 13th December – FS2 Nativity (1.30pm)

Monday 17th December – KS1 & 2 Christmas Performance (1.15pm)

Tuesday 18th December – KS1 & 2 Christmas Performance (1.15pm)

Wednesday 19th December – Carol Service at St. Catherine's Church (9.15am)

Wednesday 19th December – FS1 Winter Wonderland (2.00pm)

Thanks again for all your support. Let's hope that working together we can have another happy and successful half term.



Dave Smith – Headteacher



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