



Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

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Happy New Year

It is nice to see everyone back in school after the holidays and we hope you all had a good break. We have got off to an exciting start this term. Classes are busy on new themes. Year 2 are engrossed in their "The world on our Doorstep" enquiry. They are gradually expanding their area of research and "fly" to Ireland during our whole school Airport day and international week.

Year 1 are beginning their enquiry about animals and their environments. This will involve looking and respecting animals' needs for survival. Reception and Nursery are exploring Space. Nursery are using "Whatever Next" for their space exploration and Reception are hoping to do a bit of Planet hopping from the International Space Station!

SEND Roadshow

27th January 2016 - 6pm to 7pm

The Cluster have arranged a free information evening for parents at Hethersett Academy.

Please do go along and hear from a number of organisations and take advantage of the opportunity to meet with other parents.

Refreshments will be served.

Booked so far are:

Contact a Family; The Indigo Centre; NANSA; SENsational Families

The Girl with the Curly Hair - Sending leaflets - selling books (ASD)

Dyspraxia Foundation - Sending Leaflets

We are hoping Autism Anglia; The Hamlet Centre and SEND will also be represented at the roadshow. For more information please contact Emma Pugh email: senco@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk

If you want more information do contact Liz Hughes on senco@mulbartoninfant.norfolk.sch.uk

COMPOST CORNER

We are still collection empty baby wipe packets to be recycled. If you would like to collect these and bring to the office, we will forward onto "Ellie's Fund" (a brain tumour trust).

Used postage stamps are also being collected along with old mobile phones and empty ink cartridges. If you would like to bring these into school, we have a collection box for them.

Attendance

Please make sure you notify school early if your child is not going to be in attendance. A phone call is needed to the office before 9.30am otherwise your child's attendance will be marked as unauthorised.



Fundraising for Charity

The Christmas performances raised

£310.42

For Community Sports Foundation

Christmas Jumper Day raised

£147

Many thanks for all your contributions and support!

Also a big thank you for all the contributions to the Norwich Food Bank. This will continue throughout the year.

Prospective Nursery Parents Information Evening

**Thursday 28th January
2016 - 7.00pm - School
Hall**

This year before Nursery places are allocated we are offering prospective parents an opportunity to attend an information evening and to look around the school. If you have a child due to start Nursery in September 2016 or you know of someone who may be interested then please tell them and come along.



Request from the Office

Please make sure you keep your details updated in the office. Christmas may be a time for new mobile phones – please make sure we have the new number! Also please make sure your Parentmail account is updated.

Any parent not on Parentmail and would like to be, please get in touch with the office.

office@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk

Celebrating Success!

On Friday morning every week, we have a "Good News" assembly where we celebrate children's learning and achievements. Some children bring in achievements from outside school. We would like to encourage more of this!

Please keep us up to date with your child's achievements and learning via the Home/School sharing book so that we can celebrate these in our assembly!

Many thanks for you continued support!

A huge thank you to the Friends of Woodside!

Many of the Friends were extremely busy before Christmas with various fundraising events.

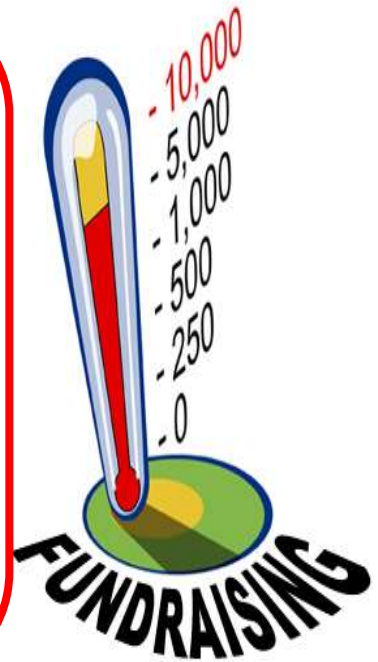
The Book Fair was a resounding success yet again and the money raised allowed all classes to choose £46 of books each!

The Christmas Fair had a different twist this year with a special visit from Santa and his Grotto. The Fair made £1500.

The Christmas craft morning for the children was an absolute treat with children enjoying making decorations and cards to adorn their own Christmas trees.

A busy and thoroughly enjoyable half term!

Many thanks to all who arranged and supported these events.



WANTED – COMMUNITY GOVERNOR!

What are we looking for?

Our school Governing Body is made up of various members of the community including staff and parents. Our Governors may come to us through a variety of routes and with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, but they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the School and are the link between the School and the community it serves. We are looking for someone who has:

- An interest in the performance of the school
- A desire to contribute to and represent the community
- The ability to look at issues objectively
- The confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- A willingness to listen and make informed judgements
- The ability to work well with others
- Time to spare

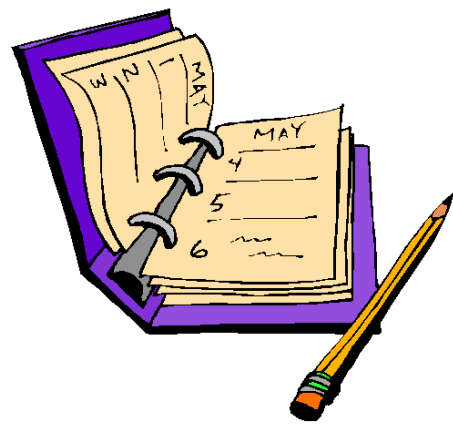
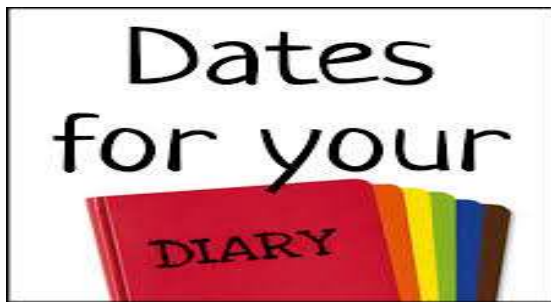
If you match the above description, you may be the very person to become a Governor at Hethersett Woodside. Everyone has something to offer and we want people from as many backgrounds and with as wide a range of interests as possible.

What can we offer?

- A chance to develop skills in strategic management
- The opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our School
- Training to develop an understanding of specific School management issues
- A sense of achievement in making a difference to our School

Being a governor can be enjoyable, stimulating and rewarding.

If you are interested, please contact Joanne Adcock, Clerk to the Governors, on 01603 810674 or by email: clerk@hethersettwoodside.norfolk.sch.uk and book an appointment to meet with Angela Jermy, Headteacher. Candidates will be asked to write a short personal statement indicating their suitability for the role.



Dates for your diary

Please also see front page of the Website for all dates

Wednesday 20th January - Reception height & weight checks - School nursing team

Wednesday 27th January - Parents Meeting - SEND Roadshow - Hethersett Academy at 6pm

Thursday 28th January - Year 1 Multiskills event at Easton College.

Thursday 28th January - New Nursery Parents' Evening 7pm

Tuesday 2nd February - Whole school Airport Day

Friday 5th February - Nursery Parents' Show and Share - 11am and 2.30pm

Friday 5th February - School Discos - Nursery & Reception 3.30-4.30pm

Friday 5th February - School Discos - Year 1 & Year 2 - 4.45-5.45pm

Saturday 6th February - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s

Monday 8th February - Year 2 cultural festival with cluster schools at Cringleford - 1.15pm

Wednesday 10th February - 9.15am Year Reception Assembly to parents

Thursday 11th February - 2.15pm Year 2 Assembly to parents

Friday 12th February - 9.15am Year 1 Assembly to parents

Friday 12th February - 3.05pm school closes for half term holiday

Monday 22nd February - School begins

Tuesday 23rd February - Bags2Schools clothing collection by 9am

Monday 29th February - Reception Road Safety visitor

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

Saturday 12th March - Dad's Forest Schools for under 5s

Wednesday 16th March - Parents' Evening - 3.30-6pm

Thursday 17th March - Parents' Evening - 5 - 7.30pm

Thursday 24th March - 3.05pm School closes for Easter Holiday