

Woodside Warbler



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Bikeability

A group of twelve Year 6 children are taking part in four, two hour sessions to develop their cycling skills and confidence.

Although the first session yesterday was rather damp, the children enjoyed themselves and certainly appreciated the hot chocolate to warm them up at the end of the session.



Reception

On Wednesday, the children in Reception ventured out in to the village on the hunt for fairies. We were so excited to find the fairy houses in the trees next to the pond and even more excited to explore Hoglets Hollow. Aurora and Lauren enthusiastically told us how they had built the new area in the woods for the children to come and play in, over the summer. The children loved the tunnel and the bug hotel; and enjoyed finding the "faces" in the trees. If you have not been to visit, it is definitely worth a look! Thank you to everyone who was involved in building it, every single child in our class can't wait to go back and explore some more!

Christmas at Woodside

Christmas Outside—Bringing Christmas Cheer

I am sure you will all agree the "Christmas Outside" display is fantastic and is certainly bringing Christmas cheer to us all!

We would like to thank the Merevale estate for their very generous donation of the Christmas tree—we asked for a slightly larger one this year and they certainly excelled themselves! It is beautiful.

Thank you to Mr King for making the fabulous stable that will be used for many years to come. The pigs, sheep and cattle have arrived, along with the inn keeper. Look out for more visitors next week!

All the children have been involved in making the stunning decorations for the area.

Naughty Elves

A message to parents who are having problems with naughty elves—just to reassure you that we have also got naughty elves in school. We are trying to keep a very close eye on ours and make sure that they follow the school rules like the children do. I have to say they are usually very good during the day. It seems to be during the night when they get up to mischief. I think we are just going to have to try our hardest to teach them how to behave and show them what they should do.

I am sure that if we work together, we will be able to sort out these problems. I think once Santa needs some extra help, we will find that they are too tired to do naughty things because they will be so busy.

Good luck and please do get in touch if you need any support with anything elf-related, we are always here to help.

Mrs Sandland

Christmas Gift Sale

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Christmas gift sale. £206 has been raised so far and this will go to this year's chosen charity (the children will be voting for their favourite charity over the next few weeks).

Thank you also for sending in loose change to make things easier and more "Covid—safe" for us.

There will be the final gift sale on Monday 7th December for Chestnut class, after which, remaining gifts will be sold on Tuesday 8th December. You will receive a text to let you know if this is the case.

Christmas Jumper Day—Tuesday 15th December 2020 (donations for our chosen charity, yet to be confirmed)

Panto Dressing Up Day—Wednesday 16th December (any panto character costume or accessory or not at all)

Christmas Dinner—Wednesday 16th December

Covid-Safe "Bubble" Christmas Parties!

During the last week of term, we are holding mini Christmas parties for each class bubble. These are going to be much simpler than usual with the children having time to play a few party games with their class and time to have a little something to eat.

To keep things straightforward, the children will wear school uniform and may (if you wish) bring a **LIGHT** snack and drink. The snack might, for example be something savoury—a few vegetable sticks **or** a mini sausage roll **or** packet of crisps **and/or** something sweet—some fruit **or** a small cake **or** biscuit. It would be helpful if food items were wrapped, not plated, and if drinks were in the children's own drink bottles.

Party Days are as follows

Ash—Thursday 17th December

Holly—Thursday 17th December

Maple—Monday 14th December

Larch—Friday 18th December

Chestnut—Thursday 17th December

Cherry—Friday 18th December

Beech—Thursday 17th December

New Co-op at Grendon

The children have been involved in creating some art with the theme of "Our Community" for the new Co-op that opened in Grendon today.

Thirty pieces of the children's work are being transformed into a collage which will be displayed outside the new store. There has been a slight delay in producing the collage and we will let the children know when it arrives at the store.

As there were so many lovely pieces of art, we have created a display in the Library too.

Children in Year 4 and Year 6 have also decorated card baubles which will take pride of place on the in-store Christmas tree—photo below.

Cricket

Despite the cold, miserable weather, this half term, Year 4 and Year 5 have been taking part in cricket training. A coach from Warwickshire Cricket Board has visited school every Thursday to teach the children the skills needed to develop cricketers of the future. Maybe we have another Ben Stokes or Jofra Archer in the making at Woodside!



PE Kit Reminder

May I remind you that PE kit should be plain not logo navy/black joggers, navy/black sweatshirts and white t-shirts.

Young Sports Leader Award

12 pupils from Year 6 have taken part in the Young Sports Leader Award. To achieve their certificates pupils have demonstrated a good understanding of the benefits of physical activity, qualities needed to be a leader lessons, learned through sport and how to plan for safe activities

They have planned and successfully led activities, involving equipment management, time keeping, organisation and scoring.

Well done to everyone!!

Free School Meals

Families can make an application for benefits related free school meals at any time if they have a change in circumstances.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Any families that need support and are not eligible for free school meals can contact the Warwickshire Local welfare Scheme on 0800 408 1448 or 01926 359182

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme>

Please contact the school office if you would like any further information