

Woodhouse Primary School

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| Activities for week commencing – Monday 22 November | | |
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| Mon 22 Nov | 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm | Year 3 trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre TT Rockstars Club – Year 3 & 4 Girls' Football Club – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Crafts Club - Year 1 |
| Wed 24 Nov | 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm | Nacho Club Choir – Year 5 & 6 |
| Thu 25 Nov | Am 3.15-4.15pm | Year 4 – Geography walk Christmas Crafts Club – Year 2 |
| Fri 19 Nov | 1.00pm | ROKT – 5W |

Christmas Raffle

We are hoping to hold a Christmas raffle to raise money for school improvements and enhancements to benefit our children.

We would be very grateful for any donations so that we can put together some Christmas / Festive hampers.

Items such as chocolates, festive gifts/food and bottles would be appreciated.

These can be given to your child's teacher and any bottles can be left with staff members who are on the school gates each day.

Details of tickets sales will be given at a later date.

If you wish to contribute, please can items be sent to school by Wednesday 1 December.



Rotary in Calderdale Community Shoebox Appeal 2021

We are taking part in the Calderdale Rotary Shoebox Appeal. Their aim is to provide Christmas presents to vulnerable individuals by filling a shoebox with toys, warm gloves and hats, toiletries and stocking fillers.

Each year group will have a box for a boy and a box for a girl to be given to a child of a similar age to themselves.

Items can be sent to school with your child and given to their class teacher from Monday 15th November.

The shoeboxes will then be collected on **Wednesday 24 November** to enable them to be distributed in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support.



Year 6 Residential - Lakeside Deposit

Please note that the final day for deposits is Wed 24 November.



Pupil Absence – Safe Guarding

Please can I ask that parents/carers contact the school as soon as possible each day to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. This can be done via telephone or email.

Should a child be absent from school and no communication has been received, school will make contact via text, telephone or, if deemed necessary, in person to ascertain the reason for the child's absence. **LA advice is to contact the police if the child's whereabouts cannot be established, therefore I cannot underestimate the importance of this.** Thank you for your co-operation.





Winter Weather

Should there be a significant snowfall, **it is highly unlikely that the school will be closed**. We shall endeavour to contact you by text to inform you of the situation and post information on the school website. Alternatively, check the Local Authority website www.calderdale.gov.uk for further details. In the event of snowfall during the school day, pupils **will not** be sent home. However, children may be picked up early should parents deem this necessary. Please **do not** call school if you are collecting them early. Thank you.



School Uniform

Uniform orders this term should be placed via the shop on Eduspot by 9.00am, Friday 10 December. The orders will then be ready shortly after the Christmas break. Thank you.



Classroom News

Year 4 - We have started our new English topic 'Fantasy Stories'. We have been focussing on portal journeys and where this could take us. During our lessons, we have looked at different types of portals, acted out a portal journey and thought of exciting words to describe this. In Maths, we have been multiplying and dividing numbers by 10 and 100. We have been looking at how the digits move on a place value grid. In Science, we have been learning about how sound is measured in decibels. We measured different sounds in our classroom. In CCL, we have been learning about the different layers of the Rainforest and creating an information poster about this. We have also been researching the different countries in South America.

Year 5 - We have had a very exciting week! On Monday, we journeyed up to Castle Hill for our first school trip since lockdown and we had a fantastic time walking, sketching and learning some new historical facts. Following our visit to Castle Hill, Roger Davis came into school to deliver an inspiring Art lesson on how to draw Castle Hill. In Maths, we have started to learn about factors of numbers and we have drawn factor bugs to help us visualise the different factor pairs a number can have. In music, we have been playing different notes on the glockenspiels to a tune.

Year 6 - This week, we have written a biography about the world-famous naturalist Charles Darwin. We have worked hard to include a range of impressive features in our writing, for example, relative clauses, hyphenated words and formal conjunctions. In Maths, we have solved word problems and challenges that include finding fractions of amounts. We were extremely lucky to have a visitor in school this week who led a fantastic workshop called 'Friendship, Kindness and Social Media.' We shared our experiences and ideas; our teachers were really impressed with our thoughtful answers.