

DECEMBER NEWS

The school hall is prepared, the tree is up and the magic of Christmas is upon us...

Merry Christmas from all of us at Woodmansey CE Primary



Remembering the true meaning of Christmas

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

All the staff and children are preparing for the upcoming Christmas events which we hope will ignite the magic of the season and provide opportunity for us to share the festive period with the Woodmansey friends and families.

The Foundation Year and Key Stage 1 are busily preparing for '**A King is Born**' which will be performed on **Tuesday 11th December at 9.30am**. We are also offering a handful of parent places at the dress rehearsal on **Monday 10th December**, alongside Key Stage 2 who will also be in the audience. This will also begin at 9.30am. These times have been chosen to hopefully help parents with the potential for flexible working to attend, rather than it being in the middle of the day. Please complete the booking form at the end of the newsletter for tickets. (This form has also been sent out as a

hard copy.) At the moment, there are a maximum of 2 seats available per family. If after the initial booking period there are spares these will be released on a first come, first served basis up to a maximum of 2 more per family. Please apply for tickets directly to the school office with your form.

The Key Stage 2 '**Festival of Christmas**' will take place on **Monday 17th December** at Beverley Minster at **7pm** where they will perform songs from '**Christmas Around the World**', alongside the children from Molescroft Primary School. We really hope that all the Key Stage 2 children and their families can join us for this event. If your child really cannot make it, please put this in writing to your child's class teacher so they are not given a key role. The doors of the Minster will open at 6.30pm where

your child will find their class teacher and Parents and Friends can find a pew. The performance this year will incorporate the whole central nave meaning you should be able to see the performances no matter where you sit. This event is not ticketed. As those of you who were able to join us last year know, it was truly a magical evening and a wonderful opportunity to partner with our sister school and share the celebrations.

Finally, let me wish all the Woodmansey Families and Friends a warm and blessed Christmas Holiday with the chance for a mince pie and celebratory lemonade!

Mrs Bethan Nicholls

Head of School



WOODMANSEY CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

MINSTER TREES 2018

Once again the PTFA are kindly sponsoring a Christmas Tree for the school for the Minster Tree Festival. Children invited to the enthusiastic artists group have designed and are busily applying the finishing touches for the tree along with the guidance and creative talents of Mrs Fisher and Mrs Owst. The Woodmansey tree, along with around 90 others are available to view in Beverley Minster from Thursday 6th December. Please support the school by visiting if you can, and if you spot our tree, take a photo of you with it and tweet us @WoodmanseyPS.

**BEVERLEY MINSTER
CHRISTMAS TREE
Festival
2018**

THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER
Open 10.00 - 16.30 (Last entry at 16.00)

FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER
Open 10.00 - 16.30 (Last entry at 16.00)

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER
Open 10.00 - 16.00 (Last entry at 15.30)

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER
Open 12.00 - 17.00 (Last entry at 16.30)

Entry with programme £3.00 (accompanied children free)
COFFEE, SOUP & SANDWICHES and TEAS

'A Christmas Carol'
- Can you spot our tree from
Thursday 6th?

RAISING FUNDS WITH FESTIVE CHEER!

On Wednesday 19th December 2018, Key Stage 2 are Carol Singing at Tesco Beverley at 1.30pm. We will be using the Service Bus to take us to and from Tesco and will be back in time for the end of the school day. Any questions please ask Mrs Fisher.

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

After all, Christmas is only once a year!

A special tradition at Molescroft Primary School is being brought to us at Woodmansey once again to welcome the decoration and lighting of the Christmas Tree. Mr Lancaster will be presenting a special Christmas Tree Assembly on Monday 3rd December. Unfortunately we cannot invite everyone to attend, however if Governors, Staff, Volunteer Helpers and members of the PTFA are able to join us, they are most welcome. Guests attending, please let the school know and **please be on site by 10am**. Please do look out for pictures of the event on the School Twitter Feed (@WoodmanseyPS).

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR - PTFA

The annual Christmas Fair will be held on Thursday 13th December, 2.30 - 4.30pm in the school hall. There will be a variety of stalls and activities to take part in. Parents, Carers and Friends of the school are invited to join us.

The PTFA are working tirelessly to fundraise for the school to improve the environment or help fund new resources for your children, so please support them if you can.



DRESSING UP FOR CHARITY

The last event of the Charity Campaign

Our final day is a non-uniform day but children may also choose to be more creative and come in fancy dress. The same applies to staff! The fine for this is £2. The aim is, as you know to encourage the children to think of those less fortunate than themselves and to make some small sacrifice in the terms of time, effort and pocket money. It is not designed as a major assault on parental purses and wallets! Any monies raised will go to our three chosen charities of Age UK, Guide Dogs for the Blind and St Peter's Church.

SNOW POLICY: IMPORTANT

The following is taken from the school's Safeguarding Policy and should prepare parents/carers for what to expect when it snows.

The school will only close without prior notice as a last resort. The Head of School or her representative will remain on site until the last child is collected.

Policy in Practice

What the school does to assist in the event of icy weather conditions.

It is not practical to grit the entire site, but as part of the gritting policy, safe routes round the site and across the Playground have been identified and will be gritted before giving access to the site, thereby minimising the risks to children parents and visitors. The car park will also be gritted.

Children are not allowed to make slides on the playgrounds. Playgrounds are gritted if practical before 8:30am and when not, by morning break. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the senior teacher on duty in conjunction with the Head of School.

Children may not throw snowballs on the playgrounds. However if the field is covered by thick snow pupils may be allowed to play on the field in the snow, make snowman and throw snowballs. Those not wishing to throw snow (or indeed be hit by snowballs) should stay on the playgrounds. The school believes that playing in and throwing snow is part of a child's life experiences.

In extreme cases the Executive Headteacher may decide that there is no option but to close the school if there is presented a severe health and safety risk. This done, the Chair

of Governors and the local radio stations will be informed. A severe Health and Safety Risk would be presented if insufficient staff could reach the school or indeed the health and safety of staff meant that they should leave early. Due to the location of the school it is expected that the school will be able to remain open. Closing a school at short notice including closing mid way through a day poses considerable difficulties for parents and will only be taken as a very last resort.

A complete heating failure in the winter and/or a loss of the water supply would however result in the school having to close.

Good communication is essential. Parents receive a copy of specific instructions during the autumn and winter months via the monthly newsletters and the website. Children have the processes explained to them in the classroom. It is expected that parents adhere to these instructions and pass all relevant information to friends and relatives who may also come to school to bring and fetch children. Parents/Carers are asked to be responsible and plan more time for their journey, suitable footwear for having to walk further, wrapping up to keep warm etc....Parents should not expect to be able to park close to the school at these times! Parents and visitors are expected to use the gritted paths rather than walk across the snow and ice.

Snow Policy and Procedures - information for teaching and support staff

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

It is expected that all staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school.

It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be

able to arrive before the normal start of school time.

The school will only close without prior notice as a last resort. The Head of School or her representative will remain on site until the last child is collected.

In the event of severe weather, a decision to close the school for day pupils will be made by 7am. The Head of School will contact Radio Humberside and Viking Radio to ask them to broadcast the information.

PARENTS WILL BE INFORMED BY TEXT IF THE SCHOOL IS TO CLOSE.

Updates will be posted on the Twitter Feed - @WoodmanseyPS

In the event of the normal timetable being suspended, a programme of activities will be organised for pupils who arrive at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be delegated to supervise these activities.

Rather than a full closure it is more likely that the school will remain open on a reduced capacity. In such an event, parents/carers will be asked if it is possible to make alternative arrangements for pupils. Where this is not possible the school will remain open for those who need to come to school or for those who cannot go home in the case of an unexpected early closure. As the number pupils remaining decreases, they will be moved to other classes or the hall.



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December

Mon 3rd	Christmas Tree Assembly led by Mr Lancaster
Fri 7th	Nasal Flu Vaccine - FS2, Year 1-5. No celebration worship today.
Sat 8th	PTFA Family Disco at the Village Hall 4pm-6pm
Mon 10th	FSU/KS1 'A King is Born', Christmas Performance dress rehearsal to school St Peter's Church 120 years consecration service, 2pm, all welcome.
Tues 11th	FSU/KS1 'A King is Born', Christmas Performance to Parent/Carers
Thurs 13th	Christmas Dinner PTFA Xmas Fair, School Hall 2.30pm-4.30pm
Mon 17th	KS2 Christmas Festival at Beverley Minster 7pm-8.15pm
Tuesday 18th	Class Christmas Party afternoon
Wed 19th	KS2 Carol Singing at Tesco 1.30pm
Thurs 20th	Chrstingle Service, St Peter's Church 2pm-3pm, all welcome.
Fri 21st	COME DRESSED AS YOU LIKE DAY (£2 fine for non-uniform) School Closes at 3.30pm for Christmas Break.

January

Mon 7th	School Training Day
Tues 8th	8.50 am School Opens for Pupils Year 3/4 Swimming lessons commence (Please remember swimming kit)
Mon 14th	Year 5/6 visit to York Minster

Yours sincerely,

B Nicholls
Head of School

Christmas at Woodmansey CE

Booking Form

PLEASE REFER TO THE NEWSLETTER FOR FULL DETAILS
PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2017.

A KING IS BORN

*Name of one child in **EYFS, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2***

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Please reserve me tickets as indicated below. (Please Circle). **MAXIMUM 2 IN TOTAL AT THIS STAGE.**

Number of tickets

Monday 10th December 09.30 am.(Dress Rehearsal)	1	2
Tuesday 11th December 09.30am.	1	2

Signed Parent/Carer

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***Please note the Year 3 to Year 6 Festival of Christmas at
Beverley Minster on Monday 17th December at 7 p.m.
is open to all and has no ticket reservations.***

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