

JANUARY NEWS

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www.woodmanseyprimary.school

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What will 2019 bring?

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

A warm welcome back to you all. I do hope you have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. I also hope you enjoyed the events leading up to Christmas as much as we did. It seems a long time ago that Mr Lancaster launched the Christmas season with our 'Christmas Tree Celebration' and then we were blown away by the performing talents of our youngest children in their nativity. Of course we cannot forget the magical evening spent at Beverley Minster celebrating with Molescroft Primary and our Key Stage 2 children, 'A Festival of Christmas.' The children made us all so proud throughout a very busy month and brought a tear to my eye with their fantastic singing during the Christingle Service held at St Peter's Church. Thank you to those of you that supported us as wonderful audience members and helpers - your support does not go unnoticed.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank you for the generous gifts and cards and wishes at the end of term. Although never expected, they were received with grateful thanks - our staff room snack bowl has never looked so bountiful!

With the Christmas tree and decorations taken down and a break to draw breath we can look ahead to what 2019 may bring.

The highlight of the Spring Term is set to be our annual 'International Festival'. The destination will be revealed on Wednesday 23rd January and the International Fortnight will commence on Monday 4th February, concluding in the **International Festival on Thursday 14th February 3.30pm-5pm** which all friends and families of the school are invited and encouraged to attend; a date for your diary. The children still comment on what they learnt during

their 'trip to Europe' last year! This year we will be partnering with Molescroft to share some of the international experiences and in turn strengthen our school family link.

Further details about the International Fortnight will be released after Wednesday 23rd.

Thank you for a great start to 2019 and I really hope the year brings happiness and good health to you all.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Bethan Nicholls

Head of School

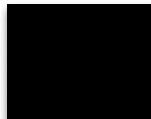


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The Poppy Appeal
The Royal British Legion
Beverley Branch

27 November 2018



Dear School,

I write on behalf of The Royal British Legion, to thank everyone at Woodmansey Primary School, for helping with this year's Poppy Appeal. You collected the magnificent sum of £137.43 which has contributed to an Appeal total of nearly £53,000 for the Beverley area, with more yet to be collected.

Without your support we would be unable to continue our vital welfare and benevolent work, helping members of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families, wherever the need arises.

Could you please ensure that Mrs Widowski gets sight of this letter.

Thank you all once again.

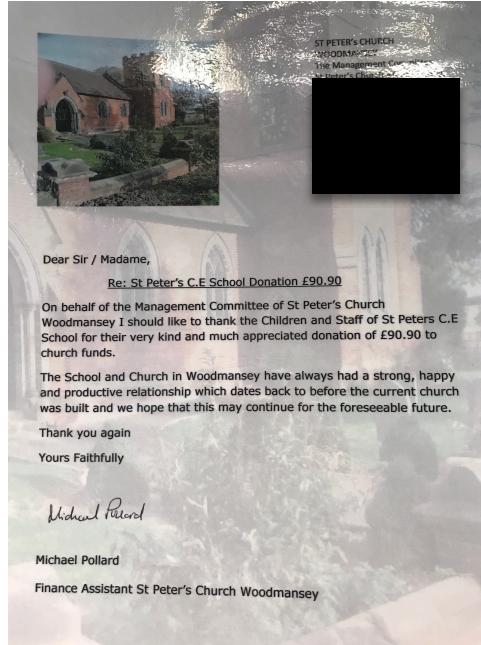
Kind regards
Rod Evans

Beverley Poppy Appeal Organiser
The Royal British Legion

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IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE. ACTS 20:35

We spent a lot of time in the Autumn Term thinking about those both on our doorstep but further afield who are less fortunate than ourselves. Along with our Charity



Dear Sir / Madame,

Re: St Peter's C.E. School Donation £90.90

On behalf of the Management Committee of St Peter's Church Woodmansey I should like to thank the Children and Staff of St Peters C.E. School for their very kind and much appreciated donation of £90.90 to church funds.

The School and Church in Woodmansey have always had a strong, happy and productive relationship which dates back to before the current church was built and we hope that this may continue for the foreseeable future.

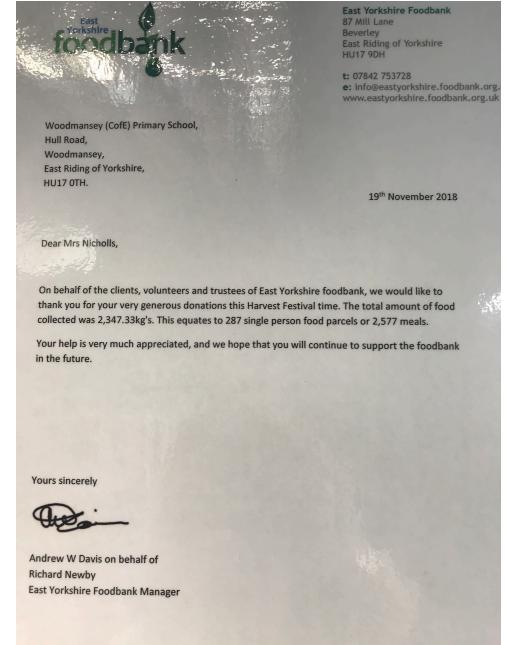
Thank you again

Yours Faithfully

Michael Pollard

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Finance Assistant St Peter's Church Woodmansey



Dear Mrs Nicholls,

On behalf of the clients, volunteers and trustees of East Yorkshire foodbank, we would like to thank you for your very generous donations this Harvest Festival time. The total amount of food collected was 2,347.33kg's. This equates to 287 single person food parcels or 2,577 meals.

Your help is very much appreciated, and we hope that you will continue to support the foodbank in the future.

Yours sincerely

Andrew W Davis

Andrew W Davis on behalf of
Richard Newby
East Yorkshire Foodbank Manager

with their charitable donations.
Thank you.

Fundraising fair, Harvest market and Poppy sales and non uniform the children raised a remarkable £506.13. We were also able to donate the boxed and tinned harvest items to the Beverley food bank. The children of Woodmansey are securing the future of so many

50 YEARS OF CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 3rd February 2019 - All Welcome

To celebrate 50 years of Christingle Beverley Minster are holding a celebration in the Minster on Sunday 3 February 2019 at 10.30am

See Christ's light shining in the world as you hold your Christingle with us and help the Children's Society show children in Britain that they are not alone.



MID YEAR REPORTS See how your child is progressing in English & Maths

Throughout the week commencing the 21st January, parent/carers can expect to receive a mid- year report for assessments made in English & Maths (a full report is published at the end of the academic year). Remember that we are only beginning the Spring Term so many assessments will be blank, or in Flic's case, grey. Many parents found it useful to look at any areas which presented

themselves as 'developing' (or orange) so they could spend a little time at home helping to fill any gaps within that objective. Remember, you do not have to wait until consultation evening to raise any queries with the class teacher, please phone the school where your call will be returned at the next opportunity by the teacher or send them an email, which I know many of you find the most efficient:

Ms Eastwood: seastwood@woodmanseyprimary.school

Mrs Kett: jkett@woodmanseyprimary.school

Mrs Fisher: rfisher@woodmanseyprimary.school

Miss Williamson: ewilliamson@woodmanseyprimary.school

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.

DIARY



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January

Mon 7th	School Training Day
Tues 8th	8.50 am School Opens for Pupils Staying Safe Week Year 3/4 Swimming lessons commence for 10 weeks (Please remember swimming kit)
Mon 14th	Year 5/6 visit to York Minster
Thurs 17th	Governors' Curriculum & Quality Assurance Committee 5.30pm
Mon 21st	Mid Year Reports published this week
Wed 23rd	Official launch of International Festival
Thurs 31st	Governors' Safeguarding, Health & Safety & Premises Committee 5.30pm Governors' Finance & Personnel Committee 6.30pm

February

Sun 3rd	50th Anniversary for Christingle, Beverley Minster 10.30am - All welcome
Mon 4th	International Fortnight
Thurs 14th	International Festival 3.30pm - 5pm - All welcome
Fri 15th	Break up for Half Term
Mon 25th	School Re-opens

Join us in our school vision...



**WOODMANSEY CE
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We celebrate every child in our care as part of God's great plan, loved and accepted just as they are and for all they could become.

We recognise that every child has a unique task to do with God and for God, whether they know it or not.

Supported by the strong foundations of our chosen Christian values as expressed in our relationship with St Peter's Church: Hope, Compassion, Trust and Respect, we seek to unlock the potential of every child.

'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.'

John 10:10