

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 25th October 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been lovely to see many children in school today wearing traditional clothing to celebrate our Diwali Day. It's always a highlight of the Autumn term and gives us a chance to learn about the celebration of Diwali and the traditions which accompany it.

Today, Mr Brown arranged for each year group to take part in a Bollywood-style dance session which has been a great success! I've thoroughly enjoyed watching parts of each workshop and seeing the smiles on the children's faces as they take part. Many thanks, also, to Mrs Shah and Mrs Thakrar who set up a table of artefacts for the children to visit as well. I hope that the children have thoroughly enjoyed their day and that they have learned lots!

It's hard to believe that the first half term of the year is over! I'd like to say a huge well done and thank you to the Year 3 families, as all of the Y3 children have settled in really well to life at Woodside. This was highlighted in the fantastic Harvest assembly, where they all performed incredibly well. It's been a great start to the year all round, with the Y6 cohort also completing their 11+ tests and every year group working really hard throughout the term.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs Lindsey, who has completed her certification as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant! Well done!

As the weather begins to get darker and colder, please ensure that anyone who cycles to and from school has lights on their bike and wears reflective clothing. **All children will need to be collected from any after-school clubs after half term**, as it will be too dark for them to walk safely home alone. Thanks for your cooperation with this.

I hope that everyone enjoys a restful half-term and look forward to seeing you all on Monday, 4th November when school reopens.

Best wishes,

Mr Lloyd

Dates for your diary


Date	Event
25.10.24	Diwali Day
25.10.24	Last day of half term - School finish at 3.15pm
05.11.24	Year 5 Trip - Oxford Science Museum
06.11.24	Flu Vaccinations
08.11.24	Break the rules day
08.11.24	Year 6 Height & Weight Check
12.11.24	Open Morning 9-10.30am
14.11.24	Year 5 & 6 Cinema trip (details to follow)
15.11.24	Year 4 Greek Day
20.11.24	Year 6 Cross Country @ Amersham School
21.11.24	Year 3 & 4 Cinema trip (details to follow)
22.11.24	Year 3 Gymnastics @ DCHS
26.11.24	Amersham Band Workshop - Year 4
29.11.24	4B Hockey Tournament after school - Invitation Only
06.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day
06.12.24	PTA Christmas Fair
09.12.24	Year 3 visit to St George's Nativity
09.12.24	Choir sing to Age Concern @ Chiltern Lifestyle Centre
10.12.24	Choir Christmas Concert- 6pm
11.12.24	Year 3 to Amersham School for Basketball
13.12.24	Year 6 Black History Workshop

[Click here for the calendar of 24/25 Term Dates](#)

Please see our brand new Easyfundraising QR code for anyone who is able to make a donation towards school activities and events which are additional to the regular curriculum. If you are able to, please scan the below code and donate what you can- thank you on behalf of all at Woodside!



House Point Totals

This week	689	588	647	587
Half Term Total	3192 	2910	3131	2921
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar



Chiltern Toy Bank

We are collecting to help the Chiltern Toy Bank and we need you! If you are able to help, please have a read below and drop any donations to the school by **Friday 8th November**.

Donate – please if you can...

There are different ways you can support Chiltern Toy Bank.

If you have pre-loved toys that are clean, complete and in full working order you can donate them to us to re-gift to a family in need. We accept donations at a specific time in the year and this is normally October. Please look on our homepage and check out our Facebook page for more details on when we are taking donations and where you can drop them off. When donating us pre-loved toys please remember: If you wouldn't wrap it up for Christmas for your child, please don't donate it to us!

We cannot accept the following:

Anything broken or with missing pieces.

Books with torn/missing pages.

Half used/scribbled/torn colouring books. Even if it is only one page, we can't accept it.

Soft toys without CE labels.

Puzzles/games with missing pieces.

Opened/used toiletries/perfumes/aftershaves.

We are very lucky that some people donate us brand new toys/gifts. If you would like to do this then we would be very grateful! The sorts of items we love to receive (as we do not always get these donated second hand) are:

Arts and crafts items, particularly for ages 10+

Creative kits (like make your own slime or jewellery) for ages 8+

Gifts for teenagers (boys and girls, aged 13+) like: hats, scarves, gloves, make-up, toiletries, rucksacks, bags

As a charity we are reliant on grant funding and generous monetary donations. If you would prefer to donate money to Chiltern Toy Bank please head to our PayPal page or our JustGiving link where you will be able to donate directly to us through [Paypal](#) or [JustGiving](#).

SCAN ME

Register for Support

We aim to make Christmas a little more special by providing free toys and gifts at Christmas to children, aged 0-18 years old, that would otherwise not receive anything.

Registrations for support are open from 28th October - 24th November.

HOW DO I REGISTER?
Go to:
www.chilterntoybank.org
from 28th October - 24th November (inclusive) and follow the link to the online registration form.

WHO CAN APPLY?
Any parent or carer who lives within the Chesham, Amersham & Prestwood area (and surrounding villages) and is in need of some additional help this festive season with toys and gifts for their children.

Chiltern Toy Bank is a registered charity in England and Wales (1275516). www.chilterntoybank.org

The Chiltern Toy Bank are also open for registrations for parents and guardians who need a little extra help this Christmas.

Registrations are open from 28th Oct - 24th Nov. We support children from 0-18yrs and registration will be through our website: <https://www.chilterntoybank.org>

WOODSIDE QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
8PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL



A GUARANTEED FANTASTIC EVENING, WITH A BIT OF
HEALTHY COMPETITION THROWN IN...

£12 PER PERSON, INCLUDES FOOD
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON CLASSLIST

SNACKS & DRINKS BAR ON THE NIGHT
PLUS ... THE FAMOUS PUDDING AUCTION!!

Please see a photo below of the Year 6 children who went into London on a School Trip to the Natural History Museum...



Please note, this photo has been blurred for GDPR purposes.

Please see some photos below of the children enjoying the Bollywood-style dance Workshop...



BROWNIE

CAFE



At Amersham Free Church
from 2pm - 5pm On the
10th of November

Includes:

- Coffee & Cake
- Games
- Crafts
- And More!



All Money
goes to
the Chiltern
Food Bank

Everyone
Is
Welcome