



# WOODLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 12th January 2024



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## **Important—Winter Weather**

At Woodland we always try to keep the school open for pupils if it is safe to do so. Unfortunately sometimes as you know this is not possible. However if we do need to close we will try to make the decision as early as possible so that parents can make arrangements.

**We will email parents and will also put a message on the school website and the Durham County Council site. Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details.**

As you know the children love playing outside in the winter, so please could you send coats, hats, gloves, scarves and suitable footwear for them each day to stay warm and enjoy playing out at Woodland. Thank you.

## **Staffing Update**

We are pleased that Mrs Fowell is starting to return to work in Owl Class working alongside Miss Herriot for the next few weeks.

We also welcome a student teacher to work alongside us in Squirrel Class. Mrs Kellett will join us next week and be with us until early March.

UPDATE

## **Parental/Child Learning Opportunity**

We have the chance to run a course in school if there is enough interest from our parents, carers and grandparents. We would hope to run the course after February half term.

**Please let us know if you would be interested in taking part by Friday, 19th January for us to confirm with the provider.**

Join our Multiply Champion to go through some of the teaching methods used in school today to help you support your child. The first part of the session will look at the techniques used, and the final part will give you a chance to put this into practice and work with your child by answering some maths challenges. As well as helping you to better support your children you will also receive a £20 supermarket voucher if you attend the course.

Sessions would start at 2.30 for parents and the children will join at 3.30. They would be delivered as follows:  
4 x 1.5-hour sessions - Hour 1: methods and strategies with parents, final 30 minutes parents working with children on a range of questions.

Session 1: Addition  
Session 2: Subtraction  
Session 3: Multiplication  
Session 4: Division



## **Courses for Parents**

Attached to today's newsletter is a flyer for a number of sessions designed to support parents to support their children. Links to book courses are on the poster.



## **School Holidays**

Please find attached to the newsletter email the school term dates for 23-24 and 24-25 academic years. These are also available on The Dales Partnership website and include the training days.



## **PE in School**

Squirrel class PE is split over the week: Tuesdays for all Squirrel class children, Thursdays for Year 1 & 2 children and Fridays for Nursery & Reception children. Owl class will do PE on a Wednesday & Thursday.

The children need to bring their PE kit in to school and leave it on their peg until half term, when it will be sent home to wash. The kit should include red t-shirt, a pair of shorts, trainers, tracksuit bottom and top for going outside.

**Please could you also make sure that all school uniform is clearly named. Thank you.**

## Community News



**HeartSongs**

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Beautiful songs with simple harmonies, taught by ear.  
All women welcome, any age, no experience needed.  
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Woodland Village Hall,  
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### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

#### Squirrel Class



#### Owl Class



Happy 11th Birthday  
to  
Emma

Happy 5th Birthday  
to  
Bertie