

Wood End School

Learning Together, Respecting Each Other

News 9th December 2022



Cinderella - Whole School Pantomime – Tuesday 13th December

We are really looking forward to our whole school visit to the Alban Arena next Thursday. May we please remind you that your child will need a packed lunch as school lunches will not be available on this day, this will be eaten on their return to school. Please provide your child with a water bottle, that has a secure top (no fizzy drinks please). We will provide a snack at the interval.

Jumpers and Coats

A reminder that children should all have a school jumper and a coat in school, particularly when the weather is very cold. Children should **not** be wearing long sleeved tops under their t-shirt.



Christmas Lunch 2022 – Jumper Day

Our Christmas lunch day is **Friday 16th December**, and this will be a Christmas jumper day too! There will be a voluntary donation to FOWE (please see FOWE news later in this newsletter). If you wish your child to have a Christmas dinner please pre-order on the [Relish website](#) (instructions of how to pre-order can be found on the [school menu page of the school website](#)).



Your child will not be able to order in class on the day.

Christmas Message from Mr Boulton



It's our final newsletter of the term and I cannot praise your children highly enough. They have worked incredibly hard and we are delighted at the progress they are making. Myself, senior leaders and subject leaders have spoken to a lot of children this term to find out how they are doing; what skills they have learnt; and what knowledge they have remembered. It has been a pleasure to speak to them and discuss their work.

My sincere thanks to the staff team for their dedication and for doing their very best for the children at Wood End – they go above and beyond in making this school what it is.

As always, a massive thank you to the parents for your support, your role at Wood End is valued immensely by us all here.

Finally, with just over a week to go, we are in full swing with productions and concerts. These are the memories that adults and children will cherish. The children make Christmas such a magical time.

I wish you all a peaceful, safe Christmas. Please take good care of yourselves and I look forward to seeing you on **Friday 6th January 2023**.

Merry Christmas! Mr R Boulton [News of the Christmas performances on Mr Boulton's Twitter feed on the home page of the school website.](#)

Autumn term will end on Wednesday 21st December at 2pm.

15th January 2023 is the deadline for applications for Reception Places in September 2023. For further details please go to the admissions page on our [school website](#).

E-Safety Session for the Whole School Community

Once again we have organised an external company ECP, to visit and talk to all our children in years R to 6 about e-safety. This is now very much an annual event. They will be in school on **Wednesday 18th January 2023**. **This year they will also host a face to face, e-safety hour long session for parents on the same day from 9am to 10am. The session is open to all parents and relevant to all age groups.**

This will help parents understand the wide array of current and popular games, apps and websites. They will also talk about how children are taught to be safe online, whilst also giving parents tips and ideas on how to stay in control at home. The session is up-to-the-minute, and is a must for all those who are concerned about the safety of their children when using the internet.

The session will be 9-10am in the KS2 hall. We are expecting quite a large turnout of parents.

Please book via Arbor Trips. We are allowing for a maximum of 2 seats per family. You can register your wish to attend by accepting a place for one child in your family.

Wood End School Parent Questionnaire 2022

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the questionnaire. The deadline is today and we would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire, for each of your children.

It should only take a few minutes of your time. Many thanks in advance. Your views are greatly appreciated.

[Link to Questionnaire](#)

Poppies - Thank you to everyone who donated to The Royal Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised a fabulous total of £697.79!



Rotary Carol Concert

Well done to those members of our lovely choir who represented the school on Wednesday night, as part of The Harpenden and District Junior Schools' Choir.

It was absolutely fantastic and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They sang their hearts out and were a real credit to the school. Many thanks also to Mrs Timms and Mrs Whitwam for all their hard work with the choir and for looking after them during this fabulous evening.



Dates for your diary...

- **Friday 16th December** - Christmas Jumper Day - donate £1 via School Gateway
- **Thursday 19th January**: next FoWE meeting
- **Friday 20th January**: Break the Rules
- **Saturday 4th February**: Quiz Night 2023



Festive Friday kicks off Christmas and raises over £1300

Last week's Festive Friday was a huge success - thank you to everyone who braved the cold weather and attended. It was very well organised with a huge selection of delicious cakes, drinks and gifts for parents.

A huge thank you to all the year 1 parents for putting on such a magical event. Special mention goes to Taryn Scrooby (who organised Festive Friday AND Christmas cards), Mrs Timms and the school Choir, and Becky and the performers from Confident Kids Drama for keeping us entertained.

We'd also like to say thank you to the Year 4 parents who organised and ran the Christmas jumper stall at Festive Friday.

Christmas trees raise £170 for the Learning Hub!

Thank you to everyone who ordered their Christmas tree from Harpenden Academy this year. A special thank you to Laura Pert for organising it.

Friday 16th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget to make your **£1 donation** towards the school's new learning hub via [School Gateway](#) and wear your most Christmassy jumper next Friday.

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>



Saturday 4th February – Quiz Night 2023 tickets now available!

Gather the troops and come and join us for a fun-filled night! Tickets are just **£16pp** and include a meal from Godfrey's. This year you can buy individual or group tickets.

To take part all you need is your group's team name and meal choice for the tickets you are buying. Smaller and individual bookings can write 'put me in a team' instead of a specific team name when they buy their ticket and we'll join them up with others to form a team. Teams usually consist of eight people.

For further info and tickets please visit

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/woodend/#.Y5HFFHbPO2w>

The Easyfundraising Advent Calendar has Started!

Sign up to [easyfundraising](#) this Christmas and you could win a **£100 gift card each day** until Christmas. Plus you'll also get an entry into the Christmas Grand Prize draw to win a **£5,000 donation towards Wood End School's new Learning Hub**.

Visit to sign up:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/advent-calendar/?utm_campaign=Advent-2022&utm_source=raise-more&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-advcal22-f1



Win an Incredible PS5 Festive Mega Bundle!

Christmas is just around the corner – trees are going up, advent chocolate is being eaten – and because we're feeling festive, we're giving you one last chance to win the BIGGEST prize we've EVER offered!

That's right, you could have the HOTTEST present of 2022 sitting under your tree this Christmas – a MASSIVE PS5 bundle! This incredible prize includes a PS5 (disc edition), extra controller, 3 amazing games, an official PlayStation Pulse headset, and loads more goodies – as well as a 43" 4K Ultra HD Smart TV to play it on!

Tickets cost just £1 a week each, and you could win up to £25,000, as well as the fantastic PS5 bundle!

Good luck in the lottery and thank you for supporting your school.

Play Now: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk>

Thank you to Ann Crozier and A big welcome to Kiron and Dani...

We're excited to announce that **Kiron (nursery parent)** and **Dani (year 2 parent)** will be taking over responsibility for the School Lottery, ink cartridges, Easyfundraising and the other commissions. Combined these activities raise a significant amount (last year they raised over **£5,000**) so we really do appreciate Dani and Kiron stepping up to manage them. Kiron will have responsibility for ink cartridges and School Lottery, and Dani will do the commissions including Easyfundraising.

We would like to say a **huge thank you to Ann Crozier** who set and managed these, alongside doing School Gateway for FoWE and organising and helping out at numerous events. Last year she organised both the school quiz and the bar at the summer fair. Thank you so much for all your help.

FoWE 'Fund the Learning Hub'

As you may have seen, the school have set out their vision for an exciting new Learning Hub featuring a computer suite and new library, with construction to start in the new year.

Please head to the following link to make your pledge and do share with any local businesses that you think would like to support us as well. Thank you for everyone's feedback and generosity so far; it's a big target but together we can help to create a wonderful space for our children and future generations to enjoy.

<https://justgiving.com/campaign/Fund-the-Learning-Hub-with-FoWE>



FoWE (Friends of Wood End School)

Charity name: Wood End School Parent Teacher Association

Charity number: 1055324

Email us: fowe@woodend.herts.sch.uk

Raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online.

Over **4,000** shops and sites will donate!



Find out more: <https://www.woodend.herts.sch.uk/whats-on/about/news>



Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WoodEndPTA/>



Follow us on instagram: [@wood_end_school_pta](https://www.instagram.com/wood_end_school_pta)

Support Friends of Wood End each time you shop – sign up to [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.com)

Westminster Gardens Christmas Lights fundraiser for Alzheimer's Society

This Christmas make sure you pop over to Westminster Fields after dark to admire the absolutely amazing Christmas lights display.

This year they're raising money for the Alzheimer's Society. Do come along if you can and don't forget to make a donation via either Justgiving or the collection box at the entrance to the road.

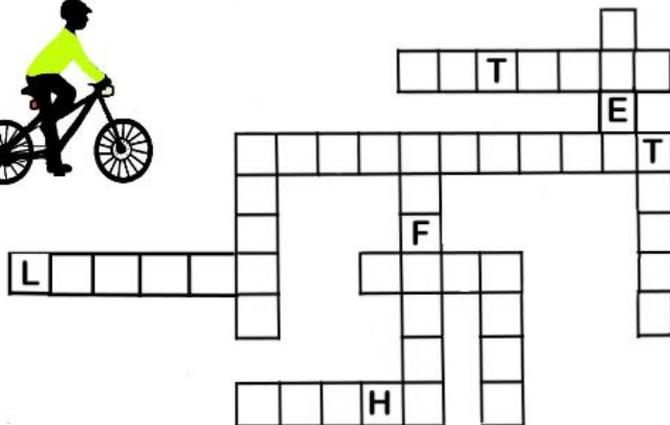
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During the dark Autumn and Winter months pedestrians can often become invisible to drivers. Always remember to be bright and reflective when walking, cycling or running at night.



We are excited to share the Modeshift Winter Wonderland activity calendar for December 2022, attached with this newsletter. This can be and used to encourage active travel, particularly with schools, but anyone and everyone can join in with as many of the suggested activities as you like.



- You use these in the dark on your bike (6)
- What month do the clocks change and go backwards? (7)
- What can a torch do? (5)
- To be safe near roads you need to be? (4)
- When do the streetlights come on? (5)
- This allows you to see in the dark (5)
- This is what reflective material does in the dark (4)
- What does a mirror do? (7)
- What can the colours pink, orange and green be? (11)
- How can children actively get to school? (4)

Harpenden PLUS
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Harpenden-Kimpton-Redbourn-Wheatthampstead



Living with an Anxious Child

A workshop for parents and carers of children aged 5-19 who worry, and show signs or symptoms of anxiety.

We will cover :

- ⇒ **What anxiety looks and feels like**
- ⇒ **When anxiety becomes a problem**
- ⇒ **How to respond to an anxious child**

Monday the 27th of February 2023

9:30am-11.45

At Wood End School

Fully funded by Harpenden Plus Partnership

Call : 01582 623676

or email : dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

Please be aware that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis

List of partnership schools: Beech Hyde, Crabtree schools, Grove schools, Harpenden Academy, High Beeches, Kimpton, Lea, Marland, Redbourn Schools, Wood End, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, Sir John Lawes, St Dominic, St George's, St Helen's, St Hildas, St Nicholas, Wood End, Katherine Warrington School

Simply Christingle

at St Mary's Kinsbourne Green

Sunday 11th December 4.30pm.
in aid of
The Children's Society.



Please contact:
associate.vicar@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org



Christmas Eve Crib Services

at St Mary's Church, Kinsbourne Green

24th December 2.30pm and 4.30pm

Children welcome to come dressed as
nativity characters.



Contact: associate.vicar@stmarys.parishofharpenden.org



[Link to information re all our External Clubs on our website](#)

NETBALL CLUB

**WOOD END SCHOOL
Y5 FRIDAYS**

3.20PM-4.20PM

2 WEEKS
27TH JAN & 3RD FEB
FEE: £14

BOOK YOUR PLACE BY EMAILING
[KAY@NEXTLEVELNETBALL.CO.UK](mailto:kay@nextlevelnetball.co.uk)



NETBALL CLUB

**WOOD END SCHOOL
Y3/Y4 TUESDAYS**

3.20PM-4.20PM

2 WEEKS
24TH & 31ST JAN
FEE: £14

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((BOUNCE)) Harpenden - Here at Wood End School

((BOUNCE)) improves weight loss up to 3 times faster than floor-based exercise due to the addition of gravity and g-force, it builds core strength quickly, is a cellular workout and detoxifies the body efficiently thanks to the lymphatic system being pumped as we jump. There's oodles of scientific research on the health benefits of rebounding, but most impressively we're aiming to lose over 700 calories per session, and have fun of course... that's what trampolines were made for!

You can find classes in the infant school hall every:

Monday 7:30-8:30

Thursday 7:30-8:30

Booking links below

www.bookwhen.com/bounceharpenden

www.bookwhen.com/bounceharpendencentral



Our art project inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's inventions has come to an end. We looked at his visionary drawings of machines and devices like the self-propelled cart, the air screw, 1st ever idea of a robot and scuba

diving gear.

Please find here the [Wood End Art Gallery](#) of the children's artworks.

The e-flyer for the next art project in January-February 2023 is attached with this newsletter.

I wish you a lovely end of the year and a great Christmas.

www.myafterschoolartclub.com

Finishing Touch Sports

Thank you to you all, our active community, for making our inaugural term such a welcoming and fun active opportunity for all at Finishing Touch Sports Ltd. and Wood End Primary School! We have thoroughly enjoyed becoming a part of your school sports community, offering **over 60 children** within the school the opportunity to stay active with Finishing Touch Sports Ltd. weekly!

🎄 Looking for a fun, active Christmas gift for your child? Look no further! Finishing Touch Sports Ltd. Active Clubs are now LIVE for Spring Term! 🎁

Our **Active After School Clubs** for **Spring Term 2023** at **Wood End Primary School** are now **LIVE** for booking via our **secure online booking system** (link below):

<https://www.finishingtouchsports.com/booking-online>

***Spring Term Flyer attached via pdf with full details.**

Please note clubs resume in Spring 2 due to the increased risk of poor lighting/adverse weather during Spring 1.

Please also note on your school specific flyer, how to sign up should you be owed a session credit for a postponed session.

- Y3 Football (Mon)
- Y2 Football (Tue)
- Y1 Football (Wed)
- Y4 Football (Fri)

Clubs are capped at 16 chd. per session and sign up is on a first come, first serve basis.
Please read further terms & conditions via your school specific flyer.