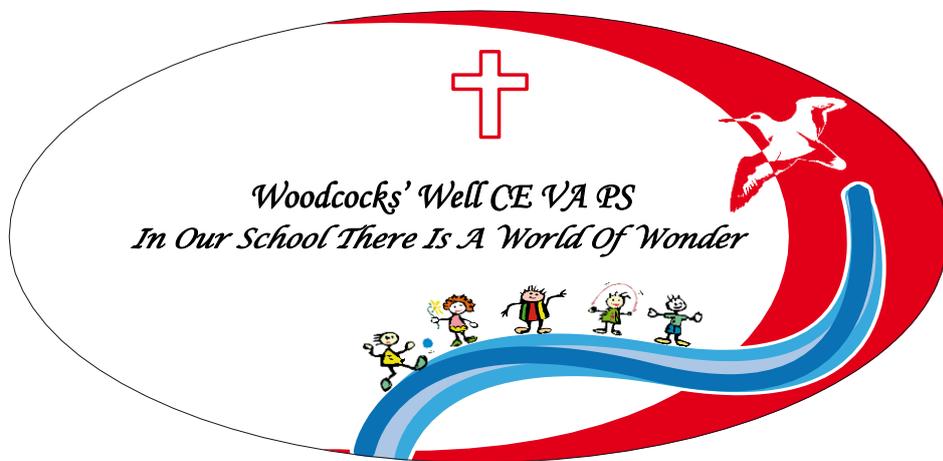


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Dear Parents,

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Christmas and New Year seem like an age away now and everybody has been working extremely hard since returning to school. Our website is regularly updated to keep parents in touch with events in school and teachers are getting to grips with blogging and so, if you have not visited the website for a little while, why not log on and find out what your child has been up to. All parents have been provided with usernames and passwords and the website address is <http://www.woodcockswell.cheshire.sch.uk/>. If you have not received a user name and password please contact the school and let us know. The class blogs can be found towards the bottom of the home page. Topic plans can be located on the 'Class' pages and the calendar details what is coming up.

Work in the school hall is on track to be completed, together with the refurbishment of the children's toilets, by the time we return to school after the half term break. If all goes well, parents will have an opportunity to visit the hall during our parent evenings which are taking place after half term. For the parent evening appointment, parents will be able to book a slot on the school website. It is important to ensure that the school holds your current email address. Please let us know if it has changed. To book a slot:

- Log on using your log in details
- Choose the best day and time from the option lists
- Click on your choice

Last week, Miss Booth set up a Parents Evening Booking Test Page to ensure that it would work. All parents who made a booking on the test page are asked to repeat the process and book again. If you do not have internet access, please let us know and we will provide a parent evening slot for you.

### **The parents evenings are being held on:**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm – 5:00pm for Reception children only**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 3:30pm – 6:00pm for Years 2 to 6**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 3:30pm – 6:00pm for Years 1 to 6**

Next week, the hall will be fully out of use and so an alternative menu has been produced to enable the children to enjoy a selection of healthy and warm food through the week whilst taking their meals in the main school building without the use of the plastic trays, for logistical reasons. The menu has already gone out to parents.

Last week, we held a 'Safety Awareness Week'. All teachers covered the important topic of ESafety. Parents will find very useful information about staying safe online on the school website under the 'Parents' tab. The Year 6 children took part

in a Road Safety presentation led by the Cheshire Police Constabulary. The Canal and River Trust have provided water safety leaflets coming home today. In addition, a group of 25 Year 5 & Year 6 children participated in a 'Technical Awareness' morning at the Barclays Technology Centre.

We are delighted to welcome back to school our dance teacher, Ms Clare, who is working on a Chinese dance theme for Maple Class and a French themed dance for Oak Class. No doubt the children will want to share their work with you and look forward to showcasing their work next half term.

There has been much debate in the media about the new 'Fairer Funding' formula coming into force. It is every bit as threatening to our current education provision as is being claimed. It is important that parents have their say and so I will be requesting that you complete the online survey set up by the DfE and I will provide guidance for doing so next half term.

Please can all families make every effort to exercise good punctuality at the start and end of each day. The school day starts at 8:55am. The earlier start option (8:45am) gives the children time to enter the building, go to the toilet, have a drink and chat with their friends before settling down ready for the first lesson. Please can families make sure that they are on time to collect their children at the end of the day (3:15pm) and after school clubs. We urge all families to take advantage of the early start option. Please also can parents ensure that their child is wearing school uniform in school. The dress code policy can be found on the school website, should parents require more information.

What is coming up next week?

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2:45pm Parents Forum Meeting
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3:15pm Maths VIP Club for Year 6 children
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Reception Vision & Hearing Tests
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February Year 5 children will be attending Eaton Bank Academy's 'Fame' performance at the Daneside Theatre
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February Willow Class Medieval Dressing Up Day and Banquet
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 3:15pm Maths VIP Club for Year 6 children
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Non-Uniform Reward Day for all children with extra special 'golden time'
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February Oak Class Art Workshop led by Adele Langstaff
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February School closes for half term and re-opens on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February

As a special thank you to children for working so hard this half term and making the lunchtime adjustments (due to the hall refurbishment) with maximum cooperation, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February is going to be a non-uniform reward day together with extra special Golden time.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Massen