

**Dates for the diary:**

- Monday 10th December—Christmas discos (2pm for Y2, 3.15 for Y3 & 4, 4.30pm for Y5 & 6)
- Thursday 13th December—Year 5 & 6 perform at St Oswald's Church from 1.45pm
- Friday 14th December—Non-Uniform Day (we welcome requested donations for the Christmas Fair)
- Friday 14th December—3.30—5.30pm Christmas Fair
- Monday 17th December—9.15am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance (3EW & 4AP)
- Monday 17th December—1.30pm Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance (3CR & 4MR)
- Monday 17th December—5.30 - 6.30pm Carol Service at St Oswald's Church - everyone welcome!
- Tuesday 18th December—9 - 10am Reception Christmas Performance (GH class)
- Tuesday 18th December—9.15am Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance (3CH/GL & 4HP)
- Tuesday 18th December—Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party takes place today
- Wednesday 19th December—9 - 10am Reception Christmas Performance (JB class)
- Wednesday 19th December—Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party takes place today
- Thursday 20th December—9 - 10am Reception Christmas Performance (LS class)
- Thursday 20th December—Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party takes place today
- Thursday 20th December—Christmas Dinner
- Friday 21st December—Reception Christmas Party takes place today
- Friday 21st December—Last day of term
- Monday 7th January 2019—Children return for new term

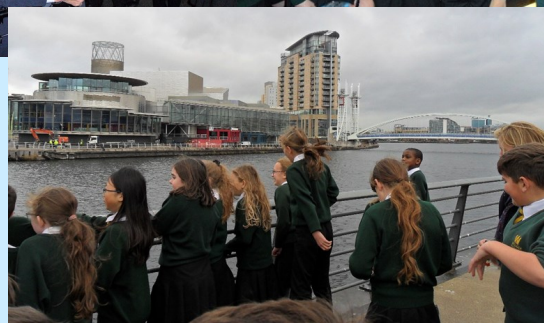


**Our Carol Service takes place at St Oswald's Church at 5.30pm on Monday 17th December. We would love to see you there!**

**Year 5 and 6 visit Imperial War Museum North**



As part of our work on World War 1, children in Year 5 and Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum North in Salford, Manchester. We were lucky enough to see the stunning poppy display outside the museum, and meet a Second World War veteran.



# A note from Gordon Channon-Chair of Governors

This has been a very exciting and positive term for Woodside.

Highlights include our first full term using the new classrooms; numerous educational visits undertaken with very positive feedback from all involved; and a new roof and, thankfully, new boilers in time for winter! On behalf of all the Governors I would like to thank everybody for their contribution to the school –the staff for their hard work and dedication, parents for their support and of course the children for being such a credit to the school. Woodside has a great reputation in the community and that is thanks to all of you.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and looking forward to a happy and successful New Year at Woodside - Gordon Channon, Chair of Governors.



## FOWS (Friends of Woodside School)

**As you know, FOWS are the amazing team behind school fairs, discos and a range of other school activities. They consist of parents and carers who work together to raise funds to be spent on the children of Woodside School. Funds raised by FOWS have been used to subsidise school trips/transport, buy books and pay for visitors/workshops to enhance the children’s learning. FOWS are always looking for volunteers—even if you can only give a little bit of time here and there, it would be much appreciated. If you are able to support FOWS in any way, please speak to Sally Powell (School Business Manager). Thank you!**

# Woodside School Council

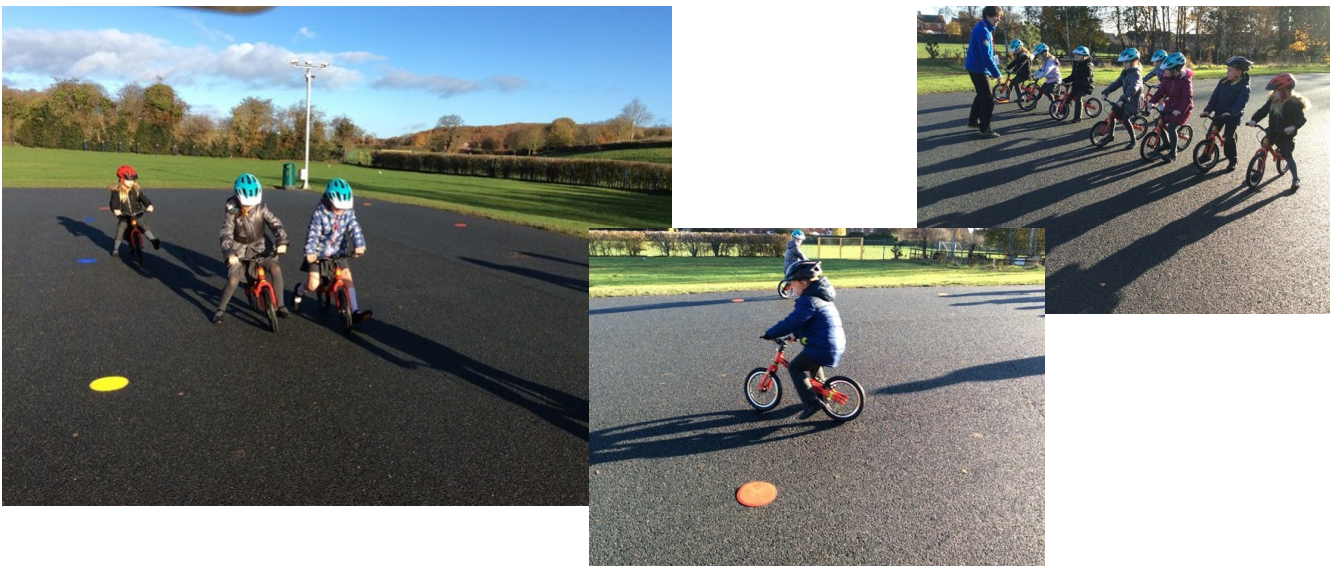


Woodside School Council went to Derwen College to watch the Christmas production of Aladdin! It was fantastic and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

## Trustee Report

**Adam Roberts is one of our parent trustees (governors). Adam spent a morning in school to see Woodside in action.**

Last month I was lucky enough to spend the morning visiting the school and to see first hand exactly what goes on from Nursery to Year 6. We started by looking around the new Nursery. With my background in Early Years this was something I was really looking forward to and I wasn't disappointed. The new setting is clearly improving things for the children and the staff. We saw everything from children in Reception making Halloween pictures, a PE lesson taking place outside on the field and we got the opportunity to observe lessons being taught through all the year groups. There are a wide range of tools the teachers use to help the children learn, from getting them to do maths by using Number Gym to getting the children to talk about life in the trenches in WWI with the use of iPads. All children are well behaved and pay attention to every word their teachers say and are fully engaged in their lessons. As a parent the chance to witness this was priceless. The school are doing amazing job with our children and hopefully we can continue to support them and help them with anything they need to enhance our children's learning journey. **Adam Roberts, Parent Trustee.**



## **Bikeability in Year 2**

This term, children in Year 2 have had Bikeability Balance Training. They were out every morning for a week developing their biking skills. Bikeability Balance is a series of school-based sessions that aims to give children the basic balance and co-ordination skills they will need to learn to ride a bike. It involves fun games carried out on balance bikes (bikes without pedals) to develop handling and awareness.

## Trustee Report

**Louise Bowen is one of our parent trustees (governors). This is Louise's report on her morning at Woodside.**

I have always wondered what it would be like to be a fly on the wall once the children are with their classmates at school. Well today I got to find out! As part of my role as Parent Trustee, I was invited to spend a morning observing classes, chatting to the staff and more importantly – seeing what our children get up to once that bell has rung!

The first thing that struck me when I walked into the newly refurbished Nursery and Reception area was how bright and welcoming it was. The children were singing, mark making on the interactive white board and getting their hands (and clothes) wet with plastic dinosaurs in a tub of water! Teachers and assistants were constantly interacting with the children with plenty of singing and giggles. As soon as we stepped into the outdoor area I could see raised beds for planting, story areas, play areas and even a few hutches with rabbits for the children to care for.

Walking through to Reception and Year One, that bright happy feeling continued. Lots of colourful, relevant displays on the wall and plenty of chatting and interactive learning taking place in each room. The children couldn't wait to show me what they were doing and point out their work on the walls.

In the main school, things were more formal than in the Early Years but you could still hear the enthusiasm in each classroom from children wanting to get involved in problem solving, fact finding using the interactive white boards or iPads, joining in with discussions or working in teams to create projects. The same bright displays carried through each classroom and corridor containing current information about anything from online safety to greetings from around the world.

It was very apparent to me that the whole team at Woodside School are dedicated to giving our children the best education they can in a friendly, caring environment.

So next time your child comes home and you ask them what they have done today and the reply is 'nothing', trust me, they have been having a great time! **Louise Bowen, Parent Trustee.**



**We hope you enjoyed the beautiful display created with flowers made by Woodside children. The flowers were made from plastic bottles as part of 'Oswestry Makes 2018'. Thank you for supporting your child and us in creating this wonderful display.**

## Remembrance at Woodside November 2018



On Monday 12 November, children and staff at Woodside Primary School attended a special remembrance assembly to mark the centenary of the end of World War One. All children wore a poppy and participated in a two-minute silence to remember those who lost their lives during WW1. Children from each year group shared work they had done including learning about life in the trenches and the roles animals played during the war. The children are linking their work on WW1 this term to the whole school theme of respect and remembrance.



### Christmas at Woodside.

As we work our way through our many year group plays and performances we would like to thank you for your help with costumes, learning song words/scripts and supporting our Christmas Fair and Carol Service.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2019!