

### Dates for the diary:

- Tuesday 5th February—Internet Safety Day
- Wednesday 13th February—Author Sinead O’Hart visits our school
- Friday 15th February—PD Day
- Monday 18th February—Half Term Break
- Monday 25th February—PD Day
- Tuesday 26th February—Children return to school
- Thursday 7th March— Phase 1 Phonics Workshop for Nursery parents/carers
- Friday 8th March—World Book Day celebrations in school
- Friday 15th March—Red Nose Day
- Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th March—Parents Consultation Evenings



Thank you to everyone who supported our collection for the NSPCC during Christmas performances. We raised an incredible £689.40!

During January, the NSPCC have delivered **Speak Out, Stay Safe** assemblies to all children and workshops to our year 5 & 6 children. The assemblies and workshops have been popular and effective, helping our children to know how to keep themselves and others safe.



A new year and an enthusiastic start for Woodside Primary School with the Safer School initiative. Last year the school was accredited a ‘Safer School’ and Miss Bennett was keen to ensure that the school maintained its involvement in the security/safety initiative. On Wednesday 16th January, the school held a Safer School group meeting. This was a large gathering of children (school councillors), staff, Mr Hunt (governor/councillor), the police and myself representing Shropshire Council. We reviewed a pupil survey and considered any school issues during the past year. Good news, there were no recorded issues on the school site and the main concern was the highway surrounding the school. Pupil contribution to the meeting was excellent and, unknown to staff, two pupils provided the meeting with a document illustrating their ideas for improving the highway for safety; real initiative by the pupils. Their presentation and many other ideas were discussed regarding road safety. The meeting concluded with forming an action plan for Safer Schools including road safety. Overall, a thorough and positive meeting and a future annual Safer School group meeting is due to be held during the Spring term 2020. Excellent work by Miss Bennett, staff, pupils and governors.



Ian Bartlett, Crime Prevention Officer, Shropshire Council



## **Woodside Sure Start Children's Centre to become part of our school**

As you will all be aware, sadly many of the Sure Start Children's Centres across Shropshire have closed. We are currently in the process of working with Shropshire Council to transfer the Woodside Centre (on our school site) to become part of our school.

Our vision is for this to become Woodside Wellbeing Centre, continuing the original purpose of Children's Centres, which was early help for our children. As you will have heard in the press, children's mental health and wellbeing is something all professionals working with children are very aware of. Woodside Wellbeing Centre will enable us to deliver early help intervention such as art and play therapy, mentoring, counselling, small group work space, parent/carer workshops and much, much more.

## School Council Art Competition

The School Council are running an art competition to raise money for Derwen College. Children can enter the competition by drawing, painting or making any piece of art they wish. On offer are some fabulous prizes (kindly donated by FOWS) for children from Early Years up to Year 5/6. Entries cost **£1** and must be in by **Friday 1st March 2019**. Good luck!



### Winter weather

There was much excitement when we had a flurry of snow last week! Here's a quick reminder of the emergency procedure in the event of snow...

If there is overnight snow or icy conditions which are causing problems on the roads and might make it difficult for staff to travel to school then please note the following:

1. If the school needs to close then all parents/carers will be texted to let them know.
2. It will be on the school website [www.woodsideschool.co.uk](http://www.woodsideschool.co.uk).
3. It will be on the Shropshire Council website [www.new.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures](http://www.new.shropshire.gov.uk/school-closures).
4. We will inform Shropshire Council who will in turn contact all local radio stations. Announcements will be made via the radio after 8am. The school will be referred to as Woodside Primary School, Oswestry.
5. Signs will be placed at the school gates announcing the closure of the school.
6. School phones will be staffed after 7.45 a.m. to answer any queries. **Please do not phone school UNLESS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL as we will need to use the phones to inform staff of the closure.**

Hopefully, we will not find ourselves in a position in which we have to close the school but it is important that you all know the closure procedure as a precaution.



# Meet our House Captains 2018–2019

## Oak House



Harry & Matilda

## Yew House



Josh & Luke

## Elm House



Anya & Keira

## Ash House



Camlin & Emma

## **Musical Theatre comes to Woodside!**

Woodside has invited an experienced professional to come and lead a fun musical theatre workshop with our KS2 children.

Lisa van der Horst, Principal of 'Stagecoach Oswestry' will help the children learn movement, singing and drama skills to help bring out the very best in each child.

Children will be building confidence, learning songs and dance moves from the popular west end shows such as Matilda, Bugsy Malone, Mamma Mia and Lion King.

Lisa has a vast amount of experience in the theatre world. Being a professional performer and teacher herself, she loves to share her passion and knowledge with children from ages 4-16 years. She is thrilled and excited to be leading these fun workshops in March.





**Sinead O' Hart, author of *The Eye of the North* and *The Star-Spun Web* will be visiting Years 5 & 6 on Wednesday 13th February.**

**Thank you to Carrie & the staff at Booka for their continued support.**

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### **School Choir**

The School Choir took part in a musical theatre workshop with Eleanor Diack from Moreton Hall. Eleanor will be working with the choir until March, when they will perform in 'The Big Sing' at Moreton Hall. Here are some of our wonderful singers!



# Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium Funding?

## What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential. At Woodside we get up to £1,320 for every eligible pupil, every year.

We've previously used Pupil Premium Funding for:

- ◇ Educational provision/resources
- ◇ 1:1 and small group interventions
- ◇ Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions

## Which pupils qualify for Pupil Premium Funding?

Your child might be eligible if you access:

- ⇒ Income Support
- ⇒ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- ⇒ Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ⇒ The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- ⇒ Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- ⇒ Working Tax Credit run-on
- ⇒ Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- ⇒ Have parents in the armed forces
- ⇒ Is looked after or has previously been looked after.

Currently, pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free school meal but you can still apply for Pupil Premium Funding.

## How do I register?

Come into school and we will help you. You only need to register once.

# Safeguarding update

Safeguarding our children is our number one priority and we are further improving our site security.

We are currently in the process of upgrading our CCTV to give us enhanced coverage and image quality.

Also, during February half term break, we will be having a barrier installed at the entrance to the car park. This will allow to us carefully control who drives onto our school premises and when.



## KS1 Planetarium

Children in KS1 were very excited when the planetarium arrived in our hall! The children explored the planets and stars as part of their space work. They then spent time researching a planet of their choice for their own information text.





# Year 3 & 4 Chinese New Year Dance Workshop

