

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to announce that yesterday, some of our school councillors were involved in interviewing a number of candidates for the role of Pastoral Support Manager at our school. With their help and insight, we have appointed Mrs Hall who will join our school after the half term break. We are all looking forward to her joining us here at Woodcock hill.

This year our harvest food collection will be in aid of Birmingham Christmas Shelter's snack bar (details in this newsletter). Our Year three children have designed some incredible posters to advertise this. Well done Year Three!

Finally, I am looking forward to welcoming you all to school next week for our Autumn Term Parents' Evening.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins

### Birmingham Christmas Shelter

This amazing poster was designed by Leo<sup>T</sup> from Year Three.



## DIARY

16<sup>th</sup> October

Parents' Evening

21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Snack Food Collection

25<sup>th</sup> October

Non Uniform Fundraiser

25<sup>th</sup> October

MacMillan Coffee Morning

28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November

Half Term Week

31<sup>st</sup> October

Deadline for Secondary School Applications

4<sup>th</sup> November

Teacher Training Day

5<sup>th</sup> November

Autumn Term<sup>2</sup> starts for children

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week

12<sup>th</sup> November

PTA: Toy and Book Sale

13<sup>th</sup> November – 9.10am

Reception Parents' Workshop

15<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need

What will Mr Higgins have to do this year?

22<sup>nd</sup> November

Bottle Donation Day for the Christmas Fair



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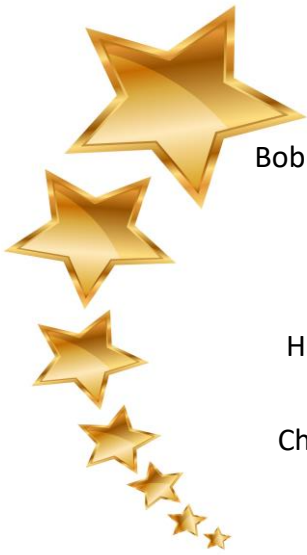
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## Celebration Assembly

Today in our assembly we celebrated the achievements of:



### Year One

Eden and GiGi

### Year Two

Bobbie-Jane and Horace

### Year Three

Iliana and Leo<sup>s</sup>

### Year Four

Harper and Richard

### Year Five

Charlotte and Harley

### Year Six

Deccan and Lexi

## Children in Need

Each year the children challenge Mr Higgins to do something silly. In turn, they sponsor him and all the monies raised goes to support the BBC Children in Need Charity.

Last year, Mr Higgins sat in a bath of cold porridge and the year before a bath of cold beans. On each occasion the children paid a small fee to douse him in the cold porridge or beans.

What would you like Mr Higgins to do this year? Place your suggestions on a piece of paper and place it in the Children in Need suggestion box in the school foyer. Mrs Clarson and the school council will review all of your suggestions and choose a suitable challenge for this year.

So, get you thinking caps on and suggest something challenging!



## School Photographs

Once again this year, we will produce your child's class photographs here in school and not use an outside photographic company. By doing so, we can provide you with good quality photography at a reasonable price.

**Photography Day:  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

## Harvest Food Collection

This year, our harvest food collection will be in aid of Birmingham Christmas Shelter's snack bar. We will be collecting donations of crisps, chocolate, wrapped sweets, shop bought cakes and biscuits along with bags of sugar, jars of coffee and tea bags. Please ensure all items do not have an expiry date **less than 31.12.24**.

Your donations should be sent into school between **Monday 21 October** and **Thursday 24 October**.

**Thank you!**

## Reception Class 2025

Applications open on 1 October 2024 for reception class places for entry in September 2025. **The closing date is 15 January 2025.**

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. **An e-mail offer of a school place will be sent on 16 April 2025.**

To make your online application go to:

**[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

Woodcock Hill's open day for Reception Class 2025 will be on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm and 4pm**. Further details will be on future newsletters.

## A Page from History: The Woodcock Hill Archives

Within a month of opening the pupil numbers had almost doubled and by the following September had grown to 325. By January 1956 numbers had risen to 352 necessitating the building of an annexe to accommodate the increasing school population.

With further housing development and changes in the catchment area, it was necessary to provide separate junior and infant schools. Work on the new infant school commenced on October 27<sup>th</sup> 1958.

*...to be continued*

**Our School Values: *We are respectful, ambitious, creative, inclusive, independent and we persevere.***