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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move through another exciting chapter of the school year, our classrooms are buzzing with creativity, curiosity, and community spirit. We're proud of all that's been accomplished and look forward to what's ahead! Here are a few things we would like to share with you.

KS2 Team Building Workshop

Tuesday 2nd December KS2 will be taking part in a Team Building day with Bee Active. On this day the children will need to come to school in their PE kit. Please return consent slips by Friday 28th November.

Day of the Dead Parade

Woodcroft were involved in the Day of the Dead celebration in Leek. In school staff and children worked hard producing a Mexican Alebrije. This was displayed in the Trestle Market on the day of the celebration and Mrs Hammersley spoke about our involvement and opportunities to learn about different cultures and celebrations.



Remembrance Day Parade

On Sunday 9th November Connie, Bowie, Ida and Kian represent Woodcroft at the Leek Remembrance Day parade. They were amazing representatives both in the church service and parade, where they laid a wreath at the monument. Thank you to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Hammersley

for supporting the children with this.



Pupil Parliament

Bowie and Georgie represented Woodcroft at the latest St Bart's Multi Academy Trust Pupil Parliament meeting. They worked with children from other schools to create a greener more sustainable future for our schools. They have come back to school with a mission to raise awareness of Switch Off Fortnight. They have taken responsibility of checking each class has turned off their lights and whiteboards when the classrooms are not in use to help reduce our energy use.



Learn to Ride

Last week, our KS1 pupils took part in the Learn to Ride training programme with Bee Active, learning important skills to help them ride safely and confidently. The sessions combined fun and learning, as children practised balance, signalling, and awareness while riding. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow during the session! A big thank-you to the instructors for their guidance and to all the pupils for their enthusiasm and positive attitude — we're so proud of everyone who took part.



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Watch me learn

We were delighted to welcome so many parents to our recent Phonics Workshop, where families had the opportunity to learn more about how phonics is taught and how they can support reading at home. The session was filled with practical tips, fun activities, and demonstrations from our teaching team. It was wonderful to see parents engaging enthusiastically and asking thoughtful questions. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the workshop such a success — together, we're building confident and happy readers!

Be Bright Day

Our school was a blaze of colour this week as pupils took part in our Be Bright, Be Seen dress-up day! Everyone came dressed in their brightest and most reflective outfits to help raise awareness about the importance of being visible and staying safe, especially during the darker winter months. The children loved showing off their neon accessories and learning how wearing bright clothing helps keep them safe when walking or cycling. A huge thank-you Ryan from Air Aware for hosting our assembly and giving out prizes for the brightest class and to all families for supporting this fun and important safety message!

Odd Socks Day

This week, our pupils joined in Odd Socks Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Everyone proudly wore their brightest and most unusual socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and to spread the message that it's okay to be different.

Class discussions and activities throughout the day focused on kindness, respect, and standing up for others. It was wonderful to see our school community coming together to promote such an important message — that every pair of socks, and every person, is special in their own way!

PTFA Bags to School – 19th November

With Christmas approaching, it is a good opportunity to have a clear out of unwanted clothes/items. Please pass your bags to the school office by 9am on Tuesday 18th November.

Christmas Plays

A letter will be sent out in due course for parents to book tickets to watch our Christmas performances in December, please see the dates and times below.

EYFS – Tuesday 16th December AM

EYFS – Thursday 18th December PM

KS1 – Tuesday 16th December PM

KS1 – Thursday 18th December AM

Christmas Theatre & EYFS Christmas Trips

We have exciting trips booked for EYFS, KS1 & 2 during this festive season. Can we please remind parents to give consent for the trip and make payment via Parent Pay. Please see previous letters sent regarding details for the trip. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Lunchtime table families

In September we launched our lunchtime table family routine. Recent feedback from a sample of pupils has been positive. The school's aim is to give as many real-life opportunities as we can and during lunch children are reminded about how to sit at the table properly, use a knife and fork and engage in purposeful conversation with children that are less familiar to them. For this half term some children have remained on the same table, but others have changed to keep conversations fresh!

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Lunch Payment Reminder

A reminder to please pay for lunches in advance, any debts above £15.00 will mean that your child will need to bring a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

School Attendance Target

At our school, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best possible learning opportunities, and excellent attendance plays a key role in this. While we strive for 100% attendance, we understand that occasional illness or exceptional circumstances may mean this isn't always possible. For this reason, we set a realistic target of at least 97% attendance for all pupils. Reaching this goal helps children make the most of their education, stay on track with their learning, and develop positive habits for the future.

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| Number of days we have achieved 100% this academic year | 11 |
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| Class | Week Beg 20/10/25 % Attendance | Week Beg 03/11/25 % Attendance | Lates |
|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Miss Harrison | 94.7% | 97.9% | 2 |
| Mrs Jones | 100% | 90.9% | 2 |
| Miss Ritchie | 96.4% | 95.4% | 6 |
| Mrs Hammersley | 95.8% | 99% | 3 |
| Mrs Moores | 100% | 95% | 6 |

Star of the Week and Values Winners

Congratulations to our stars whose efforts and achievements have been celebrated in our Celebration Assembly week ending 7th & 14th November.

Nursery – Vinnie & Vinny Tr
 Reception – Beau-Arlo & Edward
 Year 1 – Freya & Theo
 Year 2 – Jasmine & Reuben
 Year 3 – Lawrence & Savannah
 Year 4 – Elaina & Tyler

For Resilience & Enjoyment

Our STAR winners are::
 Nursery – Martha P & Whole class
 Reception – Jack B & Finley
 Year 1 – Keira & Nellie
 Year 2 – Holly & Finley
 Year 3 – Pippa & Freddie
 Year 4 – Grace & Georgie

Well done to you all – we are super proud of you!

Dates for your Diary

19th November – PTFA Bag2school
 20th November – PTFA Wreath making workshop
 24th November – Year 2 parents evening
 2nd December – KS2 Team building challenges
 (Bee Active enrichment day)
 3rd December – EYFS Christmas Trip
 9th December – PTFA Christmas disco
 10th December- KS1 and KS2 trip to New Victoria Theatre
 16th December – EYFS and KS1 Christmas plays
 18th December - EYFS and KS1 Christmas plays
 17th December - Carols around the Tree for children and staff

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