We are at the end of our second week back and Christmas seems a long way away now. Firstly, I’d like to apologise to you all. I completely forgot last week to introduce our new members of staff. I would like to welcome:

- Mr Rob Day who is covering in year 3 for Miss Birmingham.
- Mrs Emma Thorne & Mrs Rachael Jennings who are teaching in Oak class.
- Mrs Sophie Parker who is our new HLTA and will be working across the school as well as becoming our new librarian.
- Mrs Abi Sayers who is a teaching assistant and working in Birch class.

We hope they have settled into life at Woodlea and enjoy their time with us all. I know you will all make them feel very welcome.

I can’t write this week’s newsletter without addressing the fire we sadly had last Saturday. As much as it was devastating for us all to find out about this and to then see the total damage caused, I don’t want to dwell on this too much. I would however like to say, on behalf of everyone at Woodlea, a huge thank you to everyone at school and in our local community, for the amazing support and also a special thank you to the police and fire service who acted so quickly. We have been overwhelmed with the amount of money that has been kindly donated and the generous offers of cubby houses and help to tidy and rebuild the damaged areas. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our Woodlea FOWs group who have worked relentlessly to set up the Go Fund page and to set up a working party to make the area safe again.

The FOWs are organising an EYS working party for **Saturday 18th January from 09:30am** for about a couple of hours. During this time, we will be aiming to clear all of the broken resources, clear the fire damaged playground and tidy up the woodland play area. We can then organise another date to build the new fencing and cubby houses for the children. If you are able to come along and lend a hand, all help will be gratefully appreciated.

Have a fabulous weekend and we look forward to seeing you back on Monday.

Miss Jo Mumford
**Bottle top artwork**

EYS & KS 1 are planning to do some recycled artwork using plastic bottle tops. Please can you save any plastic bottle tops (from bottles of milk, fizzy drinks, water bottles etc) and bring them into the school? They would like a range of colours and sizes but only plastic ones.

The children will be working together to design artwork linked to our topic on Our earth – Save Our Planet.

Thank you

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**Golden leaf winners**

**This week’s golden leaf winners are:**

- Piper - Sycamore
- Stanley - Pine
- Bobby & Kaitlynne - Beech
- Annabel - Chestnut
- Esme, Kai, Roary & Stanley - Birch
- Kacie - Oak

**Golden table winners**

Each week, children will receive a golden ticket if they had **100% attendance** for the week before. **6 tickets** will get drawn in each celebration assembly and the lucky winners get to join Miss Mumford on the Golden Table for lunch, the following Friday.

- Nancee - Chestnut class
- Ryan & Erik – Beech class
- Chloe – Pine class
- Kamil – Sycamore class
- Ruby & Olivia – Oak class
Change of date

My apologies – I think the date for parent’s evening on last week’s newsletter was incorrect. Just to confirm - Spring term parents evening will be held on:

**Wednesday 11th March 2020**
**3:30pm – 7:00pm**

This will take place in the school hall and there will be chance to see children’s work on display while you wait.
Letters will be sent out nearer the date.

Woodlea on Social Media

Thank you to Ms Knibbs who has set up our new social media accounts. We are now available on all 3 of the major social media sites. We hope you join our pages and follow our news feeds.

Twitter: @WoodleaPrimary
Instagram: woodleaprimaryschool_whitehill
Facebook: Woodlea Primary School

Woodlea Primary School Website

Miss Dawson is currently working on developing and updating our school website. You may start to notice some differences as she gradually changes the layout and organisation of documents and pages. As the school has been working on our new values and vision, we are excited to look forward to the new look Woodlea Primary. More details will follow shortly.
We have our 3rd parent’s forum meeting coming up. This one will take place early evening to allow parents who work, to be able to come along. Up for discussion this half term are the following topics:

- The new relationships and sex education changes for primary schools
- Feedback from the new homework format
- School website
- Reviewing Christmas celebrations
- Parental engagement
- Attendance

House Teams

Last term, children decided on the new names for our house teams. The new house teams are:

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The children have now been allocated their house team (families will be in the same house) and as from next week, the children will be working hard to collect house points for their teams. Watch this space each week to find out how the house teams are doing. Children will bring home a letter on Monday to say which house they are in.
PE Kits

Just a reminder that **ALL** children need to have a suitable PE kit in school. Children will not be allowed to do PE in their school uniforms. Children must have a complete change of clothing for PE – outdoor uniform is not acceptable. This time of year, the children would benefit form having a tracksuit or leggings and jumper to wear as the majority of lessons will be outside. It is recommended that the PE kit is kept in school unless it is particularly muddy / dirty.

Thank you for your co-operation.

**PE days are as follows:**

- Monday Years 1 & 2
- Tuesday Year 1
- Wednesday Year R & 3
- Friday Years 4, 5 & 6

Road safety

It has been observed that some of our children are waiting for their friends outside of the school gates in the mornings and behaving in a reckless manner. Please can all children be reminded by parents to wait for their friends inside of the school gate. Parents will be contacted if children continue to wait outside on the corner as this is not safe.

Additionally, a few children are not being very sensible with their scooters which has resulted in cars being scratched.
- Monday 27th January 2020: Parent’s forum 6pm
- Monday 3rd February 2020: Astronomy night 5pm (weather dependant)
- Wednesday 29th January 2020: GLive classical music concert trip for KS2 12:30pm (now SOLD OUT)
- Wednesday 11th March 2020: Parents evening 3:30pm – 7:30pm
- Thursday 13th February 2020: CM Sports basketball tournament – further details to follow
- Friday 14th February 2020: Woodlea Awards ceremony 1:30pm – further details to follow
- Friday 14th February 2020: Last day of half term
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020: Half term holiday
- Monday 24th February 2020: First day back to school for Spring 2