



WOODLAND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10th January 2020



Happy New Year

We hope that everyone had a happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year, we all certainly did.

The children have settled back into school well this week and are looking forward to starting their new topics.

Norman Cornish Celebrations

With reference to the letter sent out this week regarding the Norman Cornish Celebrations on Tuesday 14th January, the children will be working in small groups using charcoal and creating drawings with rubbers, which obviously could be a little messy! **We will be wearing aprons but if all children could bring an old t-shirt and jogging bottoms/leggings to change into that would be brilliant.**

Vicky will also be running a free, after school session for children and parents (until 4.30pm on the 14th January) where she will be setting up a still life and looking at continuous line drawing. The still life will consist of local mining objects/ Norman Cornish related objects (e.g. mining lamps, old glass bottles, hats, wooden stools, pit pony/ horse/dog ornaments, cards/ dominoes, musical instruments etc) and if anybody has any at home that the children can be bring in to add to Vicky's collection that would be wonderful (they will all be returned after the session).

On Tuesday 28th January Owl Class will also be visiting Palace Green, Durham to continue to explore Norman Cornish and his work. Transport is provided and we will be back in time for normal school day finish.

Another date for your diaries is **Saturday 8th February** where Vicky will be returning to Woodland (Village Hall) between 10am-3pm. She will be working with the community looking at Sketchbooks (10am – 12pm) and self-portraits (1pm-3pm) All ages are welcome to come along and have a go.

Swimming

Squirrel Class and Nursery children will be swimming from next Friday 17th January up to Friday 27th March. Please make sure that the children have their swimming kit with them.



IMPORTANT—PLEASE CAN THE GIRLS NOT WEAR TIGHTS ON A FRIDAY WHEN THEY ARE SWIMMING - THANK YOU.

PE Kit & Uniform Reminder

Could parents please make sure that their child/ren have their PE Kits in school every week, this should include: Red T-Shirt, shorts, trainers and tracksuit bottom and top for going outside. It would also be very helpful if the children could have their kit in a separate bag and all named. Please could you also make sure that all school uniform is clearly named. Thank you.



Sickness & Diarrhoea



Unfortunately at this time of year there are often 'tummy bugs' which can spread rapidly in a school affecting children and staff. In line with Durham County Council policy we ask that if a child has had sickness or diarrhoea they do not return to school until 48 hours after the last incidence. This helps to prevent illness spreading and impacting on more families. Thank you for your continued co-operation .

Important—Winter Weather



At Woodland we always try to keep the school open for pupils if it is safe to do so. Unfortunately sometimes as you know this is not possible. However if we do need to close we will try to make the decision as early as possible so that parents can make arrangements.

We will email parents and will also put a message on the school website and the Durham County Council site.

Please make sure that we have your up to date contact details.

IMPORTANT—Afterschool Streetdance

Just to let you know that there will be no Afterschool Streetdance on **Friday 24h January** as Ashleigh the instructor is attending a competition.



The Giving Machine

Please note that when you buy online you can donate funds FREE to Woodland School by going to www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk.

Please join it's FREE!



Friends of Woodland School has been chosen to benefit from the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund

The funding round opened on 27 October 2019 and closes on 24 October 2020.

During this funding phase, Co-op Members will be able to choose FOWS as their local cause. Every time a member buys selected own-brand products and services, 1% of the money they spend is given to FOWS, so please login to the link below and choose FOWS as your community charity.

Please encourage your friends and family to become a Co-op Member. They can join online at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/new-registration>.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Squirrel Class



Owl Class



**Happy 4th Birthday
to
Lewis**