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Woodlands Newsletter: January 2024

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Welcome to our Woodlands Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and are looking forward to the year ahead.

We have lots of things planned for 2024 and will be communicating important updates, events and celebrations through our Woodlands Newsletters throughout the year. We are looking forward to boosting our Eco Journey in 2024, kicking off with our Green Tree Award.

The Woodland Trust: Green Tree Award

Over the next few weeks and months we will be working towards gaining accreditation from The Woodland Trust by being awarded a "Green Tree Award", The award recognises outdoor learning and taking positive steps to teach our young people all about the environment, trees and wildlife.



We earn points through taking part in a variety of activities, from creating Well Being areas, learning about the seasons, improving our well being, recycling and protecting and caring for our environment.



There are 4 levels to the award; Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum.

We have already started working towards gaining points, you may have seen on our social media pages and Tapestry.

Our Baby Bees went out to explore the local park, on their "Walk and Talk". They used their senses to see, hear, touch and smell.



Our Pre-Schoolers have been enjoying Welly walks over to Holly Hill. Learning about the seasons, mark making in the frost and splashing in puddles!

Keep an eye out on your little ones Tapestry to see what they take part in!

Preschool exploring Holly Hill

Baby Bees enjoying their Walk and Talk



Final Straw

We are collecting plastic chocolate tubs on behalf of Final Straw Solent. We have worked with Final Straw for a number of years now, since launching our Eco Journey.

These tubs will be used with an Education Station that they will take in to local schools and organisations; teaching people how to grind the tubs down, to turn them into little flakes, ready to be moulded into fabulous, new, sustainable, and most importantly reusable items! They can make plant pots, carabiners and coasters.



The circular economy model: less raw material, less waste, fewer emissions

Can you donate your festive chocolate tubs to help us reduce waste & extend the life cycle of products? We can turn them in to plant pots, carabiner clips & coasters using our new machinery.

Raw materials, Sustainable design, Production, Consumption: Reuse, Repair, Collection, Waste management, Residual waste

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Source: European Parliament Research Service

If you have any of these tubs at home, please bring into ei-

ther offices



Busies learning about recycling

Also reusing materials

Funding Information

If your child is turning 3 before the 31st March 24, you will be eligible for Free Education Funding from April 24.

Some families will be eligible for extended funding (30 hours), to check your eligibility, go to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you are eligible, you will be given a unique code, that you will need to put on to the DocuSign forms that are sent to you, along with the national insurance number of the parent applying for the funding.

You should have already received your funding forms from DocuSign. If your child is eligible and you have not received these forms, please email toni@earlyroots.com.

Uniform is back in stock!

We have t-shirts and zip up hoodies, in a range of sizes back in stock. Please pop by the Barnes lane office to purchase or email in and we will have it ready for you at Also.

Don't forget!

Keep reconfirming your code every 90 days, via the government website.

If your child is 2 or 3 before 31st March, you must apply before 31st March.

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2 year Funding

From April 24, some two year olds will be eligible for childcare support funding, the term after they turn 2.

To receive this, both parents will need to earn over £167 a week and under 100k a year. To claim, please apply <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

We do not need confirmation of your code just yet, please keep it safe until we contact you. Please check Tapestry for further information.

We will contact you as soon as we have further information from the government due in February.

Dates for Your Diary 2024

Here are some important dates we have booked in:

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| Thursday 8th February 2024 | Parents evening |
| Friday 2nd February 2024 | Woodlands' 20th Birthday! |
| Tuesday 4th June 2024 | School Leavers Parents Evening |
| Saturday 22nd June 2024 | Woodlands Family Open Day |
| Wednesday 2nd October 2024 | Parents Evening |
| Saturday 26th October 2024 | Woodlands Also - Bonfire Party |
| Friday 20th December 2024 | Last Day before Christmas break |
| Thursday 2nd January 2025 | Re-open for New Year |

Dates for
your
diary.....

Remember!
check Tapestry
for updates



We'll add events and celebrations throughout the year, if there are any you would like us to include please e-mail us.

Internet Safety

As part of young children's learning and development, they will be exploring electronic devices and working on their ICT skills from a very young age, preparing them for the technology they will be using throughout their lives.



Online Safety Top Tips!

- ✓ Explore Together
- ✓ Activate Parental Controls
- ✓ Search Safely
- ✓ Use Passwords
- ✓ Check age suitability
- ✓ Set Boundaries

Sophie's Legacy

Thank you for all of your support and donations towards our Christmas Appeal on behalf of Sophie's Legacy.

This charity is close to our hearts, having known Sophie's Mummy, Charlotte and the family for many years. We are excited to be continuing support this year by becoming a drop off point for toiletries, snacks and art supplies.

If you have anything you wish to donate, across the year, please drop it in to either offices at both settings. Thank you.

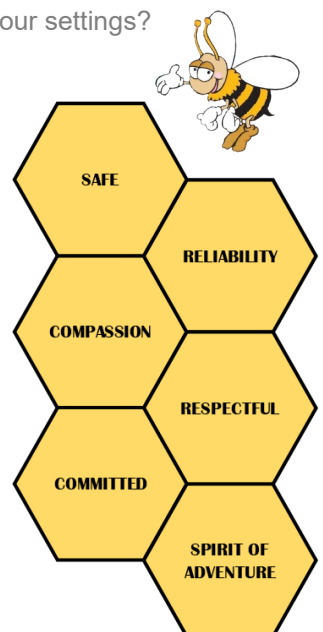


Woodlands Book Swap

Did you know that we have free book swap libraries at both our settings?

At Woodlands we have a true love of reading and encourage all of our children and families to embrace this too! Reading can lead us to the most magical of words, can help us through things which can be tricky to understand and allows us to identify with characters.

Come along and pick up a book, you don't need to swap one each time!



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