17th November 2023





Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to let you know that the school's new central heating system will not be operational from 4th December 2023 for an expected period of ten days. The control panel, which controls the heating system across the entire complex (including Haberdasher's Abraham Darby and the Leisure Centre) is not working correctly. The control panel needs an urgent rebuild.

I know you will be understandably concerned at the timing. This wasn't a decision we took lightly but to leave the rebuild any longer risks far more serious damage to the system, a much longer period without heating and a massive repair bill.

Fortunately, our building is constructed of modern materials and will retain heat. We also know from experience that we were able to operate in similar circumstances when pupils returned to school post-Covid and all exterior doors and windows had to be kept permanently open. We will have portable heaters around the building and, if necessary, will allow pupils to wear additional clothing to remain comfortable.

Our hot water supply will not be affected by the control panel rebuild and lessons and lunchtimes will remain fully operational.

Should you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Mrs Crilly



Thank you to the customers of The Robin Hood, who have collected £112 in donations to support the building work and improvements being made to our wellbeing area!

Science in Year 3

Today the children in Year 3 have investigated light sources. They have found out that a light source is anything that provides its own light, such as a lightbulb, fire or the sun. The children looked in a box where there was no light and were asked what object was inside. The class discussed that nothing could be seen because without a light source we cannot see anything. After, the children sorted a range of objects into light sources and not light sources. They shared their ideas with the class before discussing some objects that were a bit tricky – like the moon and a mirror. Finally, the children thought about darkness being the absence of light, everyone closed their eyes to experience darkness.



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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

TUESDAY 2ND - FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY 2024

Full Day 9:00am to 4:00pm - £40 / HAF funded place £5 Short Day 10:30am to 4:00pm - £35 / HAF funded place FREE

About Us

If you're new to EKO we are all about having fun outdoors whatever the weather. We might be bug hunting or plant spotting or den building or creating natural art or music or gardening, the list is endless. There will always be something new to try. We are based at Weston Park and have our own dedicated EKO Outdoor Learning Site and Shelter as well as use of the extensive grounds.

So what do you need to know?

- Each day is a new adventure. We start with guided activities in the morning and have free flow activities in the afternoon.
- We provide a hot lunch and healthy snacks throughout the day, taking into account dietary choices and allergies. We encourage children to try new foods and expand their palates, but rest assured that no one goes hungry!
- On Thursdays, we welcome Steve Guy, aka the Hungry Guy, who teaches us how to prepare, cook, and enjoy delicious foods. Please note that Thursdays are less flexible and may not be suitable for certain SEND children who require more outdoor time.
- Our Christmas Holiday Club is in partnership with the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF), and we're thrilled to offer free places to children with HAF codes from Shropshire, Staffordshire and Telford & Wrekin councils.
- We welcome children of all abilities and have ample experience supporting those who
 receive SEND assistance in school. If your child requires 1:1 support or attends a nonmainstream school, please contact us before booking. Currently, we can only
 accommodate one 1:1 child per day.

Find out more

Take a look at our website www.ekolearning.org.uk and if you have any questions or concerns email us at info@ekolearning.org.uk.



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Attendance	Our attendance this week was 94.53%.	Dates for your diary:	
Matters		Mon 27th Nov	Y3 Firefighters visiting school
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The KS1 winners this week are Miss Smallwood's class		Mon 4th Dec	Bedtime Stories
with 95.93%	everyone!	Wed 6th Dec	Y4 Pioneer residential
		Thurs 7th Dec	WINTER BOOK FAYRE
••		Thurs 7th Dec	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation
		Thurs 14th Dec	EYFS Nativity
ClassDojo If you have not yet signed up for 'Class Dojo' please speak to your child's teacher. This is a great way to keep in touch with school, have access to important			

information and keep up to date with your child's learning!

All dates, information and school information is also available on our school website:

https://www.woodlands-sch.org.uk/