

Dear Families,

Happy New Year!

We started with a bang! Year 1 went to the pantomime in Stratford last Wednesday- they walked all the way there and it took them only 35 minutes (OH yes it did!) I do think we often underestimate how much children can do....

As part of the school streets we have been gifted additional storage for bikes and scooters- no one can believe how many children ride and scoot to Woodgrange!

You may have noticed the work going on at the front of school. This is prep for the new staff bike shelter. The existing shelter will have new child sized bars fitted to make more room and make it easier to get your bikes in. Our scooter storage has been expanded this week- room for up to 30 more!!!!

The final work takes place on Monday 20th Jan- next week- to make this possible we ask for:

BIKE FREE MONDAY (scooters as normal)

If you have locks attached to the bars please collect them as we will be unable to keep them- they will be removed with the bars. From Tuesday 21st we welcome bikes as normal

The PTA **bags2school collection** is underway- please use the bags to collect any unwanted shoes or clothes. The collection will be on **31st January**. Please do not bring bags in before 30th as we have no room to store them.

Educational Visits

We make as much use as possible of free travel on TfL, visits to the local area and free museums. We fund in school activities- Year 1 have meerkats visiting next week for example... but we do need to ask for a voluntary contribution to some visits such as the pantomime. Year 2 are going to the Tower of London in the summer term and this is a visit with a cost.

We really need everyone who can pay to pay to make it possible to offer exciting experiences. If any parents want to make a contribution to the Year 1 panto it isn't too late!

This year we hope for the first time to take Year 2 children camping at Debden in June.

This would be an overnight stay...very exciting!

We will soon be sending out a parentmail/ letter asking for expressions of interest so that we can book transport and calculate the costs...

Have a good weekend

Sarah & Staff