



# Woodhall School News



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## WHAT'S LURKING IN YOUR CHILD'S BOOKBAG?!

Half-eaten apples? Some interesting-looking pebbles? A pair of PE shorts? Whatever it happens to be, you can guarantee that there will be a couple of letters handed out by their class teacher! Please remember to check your child's book bag every night, so that you don't miss anything important. Thanks to all those who returned a Parents' Evening slip; we'll be sending out forms with your time slot very soon.

Whilst the majority of parents park safely outside the school, unfortunately we have a small number of parents who are using the staff car park on a daily basis to drop off/pick up their children. Recently we have had some very worrying 'near misses' where children have come very close to being knocked down.

*To clarify:*

- *Parents dropping children at Breakfast Club **MAY** use the car park.*
- *Parents picking up/dropping off children for **ANY OTHER REASON** need to park **OUTSIDE** the school grounds.*
- *This includes after-school clubs. Sometimes we have more than one after-school club finishing at the same time, which means that a lot of parents arrive at once. To ensure the safety of our children, we ask that you park outside the school when collecting your child from a club or other after-school activity.*
- *Parents will **NOT** be allowed to cut-through the entrance tunnel (from the car park to the Key Stage 2 playground)*
- *If children arrive at school **before 9am**, they need to go straight to their classroom. **AFTER 9am**, parents need to sign the late book in the office.*

If you do need to use the car park (for example, if your child has broken a leg!) we will always make an exception in special circumstances. Please come and talk to Sue/Nikki and they will issue you with a car park pass. **Please help us to keep our car park safe. We do not want to have to lock the school gates! Thank you.**

Last term, children from Year 1 to Year 6 were enrolled in 'The Good Food Club'. This scheme, run by Hertfordshire Catering, is a great way to introduce children to the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. All pupils received their first Good Food gift box at school. In order to receive the second box, they must log on to [www.hertscatering.co.uk/thegoodfoodclub](http://www.hertscatering.co.uk/thegoodfoodclub) (children will need to enter their name, the school PIN number - 768 - their membership card number and their password), and complete the activities which will unlock the second gift box and enable them to continue in the programme. Don't miss out! If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

## GRAPPLE WITH GRAMMAR!

Many thanks for all the positive responses regarding a grammar workshop. Our first session will be on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15-10.30am**. For those of you that can't make it in the morning, I will repeat the session on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm**. The workshop is open to parents/carers of pupils in all classes. Please don't worry if you think that you know nothing at all about grammar...this is a welcoming workshop and there will be absolutely no pressure! If people find the workshop helpful, I will follow it up with another session next half-term. Thankyou!



## GAME ON



As you know, many of our after-school/lunchtime sports clubs are run by Game On. Permission slips are all taken by our coaches. If you have a query about a Game On club (for example, enquiries about dates of sessions, or payments) please either ring **Graham Hall** at the Game On office (**01923 218124**) or speak to one of our coaches - Vicky, Hadleigh or Lewis.

## WORLD BOOK DAY 2016

Just a reminder to those of you hitting the shops in half-term... at Woodhall we will be celebrating World Book Day on **FRIDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH**. The children will take part in various book-themed classroom activities, and we will also be coming to school in World Book Day fancy dress. This year, our dressing up theme is **ANIMALS FROM STORIES**. We can't wait to see your costumes!



# YEAR 4'S TOP SCORES!

Congratulations to our Year 4 pupils, who performed brilliantly in the Year 4 Indoor Athletics Festival. Our boys' team and girls' team competed against all the other local primary schools in a variety of events. Not only did the children perform to the very best of their abilities, but they were also fantastic ambassadors for Woodhall, displaying teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout. Well done to the girls' team, who came second overall - what an achievement! And we are thrilled to announce that our boys' team came **FIRST** and will therefore compete in the finals next week! Good luck boys, we wish you all the best!



# FARM TO FORK



The pupils on our Healthy Schools + Committee had a fantastic time last week, when they visited Tesco Extra in Watford to take part in the 'Farm To Fork' trail. At the store, they were given special permission to go 'behind the scenes' and have a look at the huge chillers where produce is stored before it hits the shop floor! Louie, Victoria, Finley, Rie-Anna, Katie, Niyathi, Ella, Bradley and Reily also found out where Tesco source their produce, how it is grown, and the information that customers are given about different fruits and vegetables. A great experience, and more evidence towards achieving our goal! **You can see the photos on our Woodhall School blog.**



# HAVE A HAPPY HALF TERM, EVERYONE!



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT	TIME
<b>15.2-19.2.16</b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK</b>	
23.2.16	Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm
24.2.16	Parents' Evening	3.45-6pm
24.2.16	Year 5 and Year 6 Sports afternoon (in school)	Afternoon
25.2.16	Y5 Hockey Festival	1-3pm
25.2.16	Parents' grammar session	2-3.15pm
26.2.16	Y6 Class Assembly	9am start
29.2.16	'Parent Patter...' Morning meeting	Letter to follow
1.3.16	Year 3 trip - Chiltern Open Air Museum	Leaving @ 9am
3.3.16	Y5 Class Assembly	9am start
4.3.16	Woodhall World Book Day Dress-Up	All day
8.3.16	Year 5 trip - Cutty Sark	Leaving @ 9am
11.3.16	Y2 Class Assembly	9am start
14.3.16	Year 4 Sports @ The Centre	Back by hometime
17.3.16	Year 1 Class Assembly	9am start
18.3.16	Sports Relief Day - sponsored event	Letter to follow
24.3.16	Easter Bonnet Parade	9am
<b>25.3-28.3 EASTER WEEKEND (NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 25<sup>th</sup> OR MONDAY 28<sup>th</sup>)</b>		
30.3.16	Year 3 and Year 4 Performance	6pm
31.3.16	Open Classrooms	1.15pm
31.3.15	<b>End of Term - EARLY FINISH</b>	<b>2pm</b>