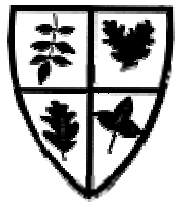
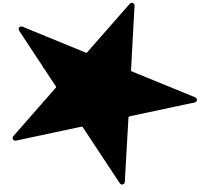


# Woodhall School News



January 2014



A very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

...and we are already nearing the end of January! Although we are only three weeks into our Spring Term, we have done so much already and the children are busier than ever. It is lovely to see everyone looking so smart in their school uniforms. Please remember that all children also need to have the correct P.E. kit in school, including a pair of trainers. Thank you!



## Parent Helpers



We have some fantastic parents/helpers who volunteer their own time to come in and listen to children read, help out with our university clubs or lend a hand with classroom activities such as art. If you are able to spare some time (whether it's on a weekly basis or just the occasional day), we would be very grateful. Please let your child's class teacher know.

## Bug Club

We have come to the end of our Bug Club subscription and have decided not to renew it, so you will *no longer be able to access Bug Club at home*. We made this decision following numerous technical difficulties and feedback from staff, parents and children. However, we are currently investigating new online reading schemes, so watch this space!

## Fire Plan Friday

Following Woodhall's involvement in the 'Fire Plan Friday' scheme, we received a lovely email from Watford's Red Watch firefighters...

***'We were so pleased at how well the children received us and the challenge. They were so polite and receptive, we felt so welcome and especially pleased to see their plans and the information they had remembered.'***

The children's fire plans and photos from the day are now featured in the 'Schools' section of the website: [www.fireplanfriday.com](http://www.fireplanfriday.com). Please log on and have a look!

## P.E. Clubs

The Year 2-4 football club continues to take place every Friday after school. This term, we have a Year 5/6 tag rugby club and very soon, we will have our list of fixtures for the local schools' tag rugby league. Sensei Moley will be starting the second term of karate club this week, and it's not too late to join! Congratulations to Woodhall's Year 5/6 football 'A' team, who came top of the local league and have gone through to the Watford and District cup matches!



Last term, our school nurses came to talk to the children about the importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle. Last week, the children were given a 'Smart Swaps' taster recipe booklet which is full of easy ways to make mealtimes healthier. Please support your children by encouraging them to make the healthy choices which will have lifelong benefits. See the Change 4 Life website for some brilliant and easy ideas.

<https://smartswaps.change4life.co.uk/>

### Do you know about the UNDERWEAR RULE?

It's a simple way to have conversations with your child about staying safe. The NSPCC have created a guide to help parents/carers talk to their children about their body, and what to do if they're made to feel uncomfortable.

Talk **PANTS** and you've got it covered!



Privates are private; Always remember your body belongs to you; No means no;  
Talk about secrets that upset you; Speak up, someone can help.

Please log on to [www.nspcc.org.uk/underwear](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/underwear) for more information.



Chinese New Year

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London's Chinese New Year celebrations are the largest outside Asia. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people descend on the West End to wish each other "Kung Hei Fat Choi" (or Happy New Year). Chinese New Year 2014, the Year of the Horse, falls on 31st January, and at Woodhall we plan to celebrate by having our own 'Chinese New Year Day'. The children will take part in different activities such as making dragons, lanterns, lucky envelopes and even learning the language! If you can lend a hand with the arts/crafts, please let the office know. Thankyou!

## Three Rivers Sports Survey

Three Rivers District Council sports development team are trying to improve the opportunities for children to participate in sport and physical activities in our district. To do this, they need to build up a picture of current participation and involvement, and they need YOUR help! Please log on to [www.surveymonkey.com/s/JGQCJT7](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JGQCJT7). Click on the link to take you through to the survey (which is short and easy to do!) The primary school with the most surveys completed will be awarded a sports equipment voucher worth £100!

### Tell us a story!



We are looking forward to a visit on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January from James Campbell; writer, storyteller, and children's comedian! We hope that he will entertain and inspire the children to write some amazing stories of their own! Why not ask your child what they thought about James' visit, and encourage them to do some writing at home?! [www.thejamescampbell.com](http://www.thejamescampbell.com)

### Wellies Appeal!

We are running low on spare wellies in our Foundation Stage, so that the children are able to use the outdoor area even when it's a bit wet! If you have wellies that your children have outgrown, all donations will be very gratefully received!



### ON TIME AND IN THE LINE!



Every minute at school counts. From the minute your children comes into school in the morning, they are busy with activities such as practising handwriting, reading with an adult, maths tasks and so on – building upon the skills that they will need throughout life. Most of our children are ready in their class line when school begins at 8.50am. However, we have a worrying number of children arriving late for school EVERYDAY. Not only does this mean that they are missing out on their education, but if your child is continually late after the register has 'closed', you could be liable to pay a fine.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD ARRIVES ON TIME FOR SCHOOL!**

## Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year	Time
Tues. 28 <sup>th</sup> January	James Campbell visit	Reception-Year 6	School day
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Chinese New Year	Year 1-Year 6	School day
Tues. 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Lifestyle workshops	Year 1-Year 6	School day
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Disco	Year 2-Year 6	6-7.30pm
Mon. 17 <sup>th</sup> -Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term		
Thurs. 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - myths/legends/fairy tales fancy dress	Whole School	School day
Fri. 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Class assembly	Year 6	9am start
Fri. 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Class assembly	Year 5	9am start
Fri. 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Class assembly	Year 2	9am start
Fri. 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Class assembly	Year 1	9am start
Tues. 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Karate session	Karate Club	3.30-4.40pm
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 3/4 production	Year 3 and 4	6pm start
Weds. 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 3/4 production	Year 3 and 4	6pm start

### SPEAKING WITHOUT WORDS

*...an idea to help your child understand body language.*

*Communication is not always through talking. People reveal how they are feeling through their body language too. Sometimes we are giving a very loud message just using our body language! Learning to 'read' non-verbal messages is a very important life skill. Can you tell how someone is feeling just from their body language? What message are you giving others through YOUR body language? Talk about body language and feelings with your child.*

*If you were feeling happy/sad/angry/afraid, how might you... walk? Sit? How would your voice change? Where might you look? Can you show me?*

