



Woodhall School News



July 2014



Goodbye, Year 6!



It seems like only yesterday that our Year 6 pupils were just starting out in Reception! We are really proud of them - each one has been a fantastic ambassador for Woodhall School. We are all very sad to see them go, but we wish them all the very best as they continue their learning journeys. Omar, Mamadou, Stevie, Jack D, Matthew, Rylie-Del, Archie, Morgan, Michael, Richal, Lucee, Daniela, Amy, Eridona, Diona, Elenora, Jessica P, Bonnie, Joy, Lewis, Joao, Christopher, Justas, Kasey, Kyle, Bethany, Jessica S, Dimitri and Jack V... make sure that you come back and tell us about all the amazing things that you are doing!



LOOK SMART!



Discussions about school uniform are an important part of the children's AMP meetings – this includes P.E. kit. Please help your child to be fully ready for the new school year by making sure that they have the correct school uniform. All items are available from the school office – please use the order form on the separate letter. Thanks!

New Term Dates

A full list of dates will be sent out in September.

Autumn Term starts for the children on WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2014. We break for half term week on Friday 24th October 2014.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If your child/children qualify for free school meals, please remember that you **need to re-apply in September**; either by visiting the school meals website at www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals or phoning 0300 123 4048.

KEY STAGE 1 CHILDREN: *as you may be aware, all children in KS1 will be entitled to a free school meal from September. Please refer to the separate letter which gives more details.*

How can I help my child during the holidays?

There's no doubt that summer holidays are a welcome break for children from the routines of term-time. However, such a long stretch of kicking back and chilling out without school can also mean children slipping back with their learning. Here are some sneaky summer learning tricks to help give your child the best possible start in September...

- *Join Oxhey Library's 'Summer Reading Challenge'*
- *Keep a holiday diary with photos, drawings and tickets stuck in it*
- *Read ANYTHING and EVERYTHING together...backs of cereal packets, adverts, comics etc*
- *Add up the cost of activities such as a cinema trip, ice-creams, change and so on*
- *Measure out ingredients for baking*
- *Look at maps for holiday destinations, leaving times, flight facts - height, speed etc*
- *Write postcards to friends/relatives*
- *Play board games*
- *Think about non-academic skills...can your child tie their shoelaces? Zip up their coat? Ride a bike? Holidays are a great time to teach them!*

Parents/Carers play a CRITICAL role in their child's education - we need your support to ensure the very best outcomes for the children. Look out for our new Learning Agreements in September!



YOU SAY GOODBYE...



At the end of this year, we will be saying goodbye to **Mrs. Briscoe**, who has been with us for a year and **Miss. Walker** who has been with us for 2 years. We thank them for all their hard work and wish them all the very best in their future careers.

Sadly, we will also be bidding **Mrs. Taylor** farewell, after a whopping 9 years at Woodhall! During this time, Mrs Taylor has been completely dedicated to achieving the very best for the children at Woodhall School. **Thank you Mrs. Taylor, and we will all miss you very much!**

...AND I SAY HELLO!

We are really pleased to welcome some new teachers to Woodhall. **Mr. Marvelly** (yes, he IS Mrs. Marvelly's husband!) will be teaching Year 4 and **Mrs. Martin** - already a familiar face to our children - will teach Year 5. We know that you will make them feel part of the Woodhall family!



ONE LAST REMINDER...!

'Red, White and Woodhall' day takes place just one week after we return from the holidays. Please look out for texts/letters during that week, and make sure that you come along and support the school on SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER from 11am until 4pm. The more, the merrier!

Woodhall 60th Anniversary. www.friendsofwoodhall60@gmail.com

The Staff and Governors of Woodhall School would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for your hard work and support this year.



Happy Holidays, Everyone!

