



Woodhall School News



March 2016



SPORT RELIEF 2016



By now, your child will have come home with their sponsorship form for our walk/run a mile event on Friday 18th March. We are hoping to raise as much money as possible! Money raised will be split between Sport Relief and the school; where it will be put towards items such as play equipment for the children. On the day, children can come to school in their sports gear. This could be their normal PE kit, something a little crazy, their favourite team's kit or any of the official Sport Relief merchandise available in supermarkets. We have got everything crossed for some decent weather!

If you are in receipt of benefits and therefore qualify for free school meals - *even if your child is in KS1 and would be eligible for a free school meal anyway* - **PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER THIS INFORMATION AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.** Doing so enables the school to receive extra funding, which we are then able to put towards continuing to support the children's learning in a multitude of different ways. If you don't wish your child to have a free school meal, but you do receive benefits, *you can still register with the school* so that we receive extra money. To see whether you would qualify for free school meals, please go to <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services> and search 'Free school meals'.

Your help is greatly appreciated.



BONNET BONANZA!



Once again, we are preparing to celebrate one of Woodhall's many traditions...the EASTER BONNET PARADE! This year, our parade for Year 1-Year 6 children will be at 9am on Thursday 24th March. Classes will show off their amazing creations by walking outside the Year 1/2/3 and 4 classrooms, so that as many parents/carers as possible can see them!

Bonnets need to be made at home before being brought into school. There will be an EGGciting prize for the best bonnet in each year group...please note that effort is always taken into consideration!

Our Reception/Nursery parents/carers are invited to come and watch their children's Easter bonnet parade on Wednesday 23rd March - a separate letter will follow.

Here's some past creations to inspire you...



Tickets for our Easter raffles will be on sale from Monday 14th March. This year we have a chocolate raffle for CHILDREN ONLY! Once again, Harrow and Pinner Lions Club have kindly donated a giant chocolate egg for the ADULTS ONLY Easter raffle. Tickets for both raffles cost £1.00 per strip. The children's raffle will be drawn during our end-of-term assembly.

Good luck everyone!

WICKER BASKETS AND WELLIES...

Our Nursery and Reception classes are in desperate need of wicker baskets (all shapes and sizes) and pairs of wellington boots that the children can wear for outdoor learning activities. If you have any, please drop them off at the school office. Many thanks.



COMPUTER GAMES

While the majority of our pupils enjoy age-appropriate computer games, it has come to our attention that some children have been playing (or watching) games that contain material containing scenes of intense violence and/or graphic sexual content. These include games such as Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto and Dogs of War. The high-quality graphics on these games mean that events appear incredibly realistic to children and at times, this has caused great distress not only to themselves, but also to their friends. Please make sure that the games that your child might be playing/watching are suitable.



A helpful guide can be found at:



www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/protecting-your-family/parents-guide-to-video-games

RED, WHITE AND WOODHALL DAY 2016

This year, we will be holding Red, White and Woodhall Day on FRIDAY 1ST JULY. The day will start with various performances by the children, followed by a family picnic and, of course, lots of stalls for everybody to visit! If you would like to be involved in organising this event, or you have ideas/contacts that might be helpful, Miss Lake will be holding the first planning meeting on WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH at 2.30pm. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

GRAMMAR GROUP



Feeling confused by your child's English homework? Following the success of our first grammar session, our next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH at 2-3.15pm. Everybody is welcome to attend (whether or not you came to the first session) and there is absolutely no pressure...if you feel like you are drowning in a sea of adjectives, adverbs and alliteration, don't worry! The only thing we ask is that everybody is supportive of one another. We hope to see you there!

Please note...

This term, school is closed on Friday 25th March and Monday 28th March, for the Easter weekend. Children need to be back in school on Tuesday 29th March. We break up for the 2-week holiday on Thursday 31st March. Thanks.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT	TIME
16.3.16	Red, White and Woodhall Day planning meeting	2.30pm
17.3.16	Year 1 Class Assembly	9am start
17.3.16	Year 6 trip to Science Museum	Leaving at 9am
18.3.16	Sports Relief Day - sponsored event	Letter to follow
23.3.16	Nursery/Reception Easter Bonnet Parade	9am
23.3.16	Grammar session for parents/carers	2-3.15pm
24.3.16	Easter Bonnet Parade	9am
25.3-28.3 EASTER WEEKEND (NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 25th OR MONDAY 28th)		
30.3.16	Year 3 and Year 4 Performance	6pm
31.3.16	Open Classrooms	1.15pm
31.3.15	End of Term - EARLY FINISH	2pm
18.4.16	Back to School	8.50am

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE
EASTER, EVERYONE!**

