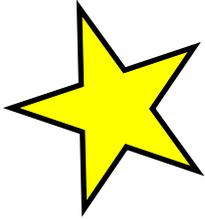
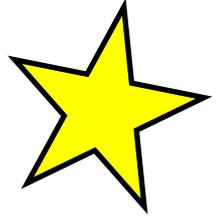




Woodhall School News



September 2016



Welcome Back, Everyone!



...and an extra special Woodhall welcome to our new children; not only those in Nursery and Reception, but in **every** year group! We hope that being part of our Woodhall family will help you to be **THE BEST** that you can be! You will also see some new adult faces around the school. We are pleased to welcome our new SENCo, **Mrs. Raithatha**, who will be working alongside Mrs. Andrews for this half term. **Mrs. Cartwright** will be joining our fantastic TA team...although some of you will be familiar with her already, as one of our school cooks!

Looking Good, Feeling Great!



Well done everybody for looking so smart in your school uniforms! Please remember that the children need to wear **SCHOOL SHOES** and *not trainers*. Year 1 upwards must have a school PE kit (black shorts/tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, trainers.) If it is not raining, PE lessons will be held outdoors, so please ensure that your child has a pair of tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt handy. We have some really smart black hooded PE tops, along with all other uniform, available from the school office. PE kits should be kept in school from Monday to Friday, as we often have sports 'taster' sessions.



CLUBS



Our Friday afternoon 'Woodhall University' clubs are off to a successful start! The children were consulted about their opinions of and ideas for clubs, and as a result we have made a few changes for the new school year. Children can now choose between Art Club, Music Club, Story Club, Book Club, Quiz Club, Reporters Club, Nature/Garden Club and Get Active! If you would like to come in and help with any of the clubs, we could always do with extra hands... please let Sue or Nikki in the office know. In addition to Woodhall University, we have our lunchtime and after-school clubs which started last week: chess, football and gymnastics.



ATTENDANCE



Research has proved that there is a strong link between attendance and attainment. Failure to attend school regularly can have a major impact on young people's **education**, their **future** and their **life chances**. We all want every child at Woodhall to have the best possible opportunities. Please support us by making sure that your child is at school every day.

Each Monday in assembly, we talk about the previous week's whole class attendance figures and announce the winning class for the week. This is marked on our attendance leaderboard. In the final week of this half term, the leading class will be rewarded with an extra playtime.

Here's how our attendance figures look so far...

Autumn 2016 First half term	Week 1	Week 2
Reception	97.9%	96.9%
Year 1	99.3% Winners!	97.7%
Year 2	92.6%	97.8%
Year 3	93.6%	96.4%
Year 4	96.8%	98.4% Winners!
Year 5	93.1%	92.8%
Year 6	94.6%	91.8%

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 1 AND YEAR 4!

GREEN = ABOVE 95%

YELLOW = 90-95%

RED = BELOW 90%

(These colours correspond with the children's individual mentoring files)

FRIENDS OF WOODHALL

We are very appreciative of all the time that parents/carers give up to come and support your children at parents' evenings, open classrooms, sports days etc. However, it has been a very long time since we had a committed group of people to be 'Friends of Woodhall' and help to organise events to raise money for our school. It would be an amazing achievement if we could change this! Whatever time you can spare, however little, would help us enormously.

Without your help and support, it will become increasingly difficult to hold any fundraising events.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Friend of Woodhall', there will be a meeting at **2.30pm** on **TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**. All welcome, and tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided!

ROALD DAHL DAY



Thanks to all of you who made sure that the children looked completely brilliant dressed as a whole host of characters from Roald Dahl. We had a fantastic day, with classes taking part in a huge range of activities, from making 'Froboscottle' to generating their own Roald Dahl-themed names. Our first book sale was a huge success and really got the children interested in talking about their favourite books and the types of things that they wanted to read about. The Roald Dahl Bake Off was of such high quality that our judges found their job very difficult! Well done to all who took part. Our winner was Owen with his delicious Snozzycumber Cake. Runners-up were the brilliant bakers: Chloe, Alfie, Violet and Alyssa.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT...

TABLE TOP SALE

This is something that we have never tried before, and (if successful!) we hope to make it a regular event. Pitches will cost £10, with the proviso that food and drink may only be sold by the school to raise money. The event will be held on Saturday 1st October from 10-12pm, and



stallholders will be able to set up from 9am.



If you are able to distribute leaflets in your road/to local shops, please let the office know.

The more people that know about it, the more likely that this could be a regular event!

I am also hoping to arrange a second hand school uniform sale...watch this space!

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR NEEDED!

From after the October half-term, we will need a new Midday Supervisor as we have to say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs. Bakrania. If you might be interested in the position, please pop into the office for more information. Thanks.

Your ongoing support is much appreciated. If you have any questions or want to talk to the class teacher/SENCo/myself, please pop in and make an appointment.

Thanks,

Miss Lake.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
27.9.16	Friends of Woodhall meeting	2.30pm
30.9.16	'Once Upon a Time' family literacy course starts	9-11am
1.10.16	Table Top Sale	10am-12pm
6.10.16	'Poetry and Pizza' afternoon	TBC
11.10.16	Y5 trip to Science Museum	Leave @ 9am
12.10.16	Harvest Festival (Reception parents only)	9am
17.10.16	Parents' Evening	3.45-6pm
18.10.16	Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm
24.10-28.10.16	HALF TERM WEEK	
1.11.16	School photos	Morning
11.11.16	Year 6 class assembly	9am
17.11.16	Y4 trip to St. Albans' Abbey	Leave @ 9am
18.11.16	Children in Need Day - evening disco	Disco time TBC
25.11.16	Y5 class assembly	9am
2.12.16	Y4 class assembly	9am
9.12.16	Y3 class assembly	9am
12.12.16	Watford Colosseum Carol Concert (school choir)	Details TBC
14.12.16	Key Stage 1 Christmas play	Afternoon performance
14.12.16	Key Stage 1 Christmas play	Evening performance
15.12.16	Carols by Candlelight	Afternoon performance
15.12.16	Carols by Candlelight	Evening performance
21.12.16	End of Term	2pm finish