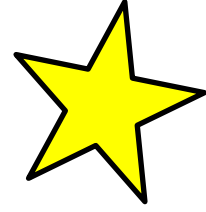




Woodhall School News



September 2014



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 have Mr. Marvelly in Year 4, Miss Martin in Year 5 and Miss Castilla in Year 6. We hope that you will make them feel very welcome and show them where things are!

THE ALL-NEW WOODHALL BLOG!

We are very excited to announce the launch of our Woodhall blog, which can be accessed through the school website (<http://www.woodhall.herts.sch.uk/>) Staff have been busy over the holidays learning how to upload pictures etc, and you will already see lots of photos on there! We are still in the beginning stages, but very soon we hope that everybody will be able to make comments and respond to questions etc on the blog and that it will become an integral part of day-to-day life at Woodhall. Once it is possible for parents to make comments, a letter will be sent out outlining exactly how to do so!

SMART, SMILING, AND SET FOR SCHOOL!

Congratulations to everybody on looking really smart in their school uniforms, and keep it up! Please remember that all children need to wear **black school shoes** and that *bracelets (including loom bands) and necklaces should not be worn at school*. P.E. kit consists of a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. All school uniform is available from the office. We had lots of comments last year about how smart the Woodhall children looked when out on school trips/sports festivals etc. Let's get even more this year!



Woodhall University



On Friday, the children will choose their club for the first half-term. The clubs include a range of exciting activities where they will learn skills that will stay with them for life. This year, clubs include...*Spanish, Music, Eco-Warriors, Kids in the Kitchen, Pottery, Playground Games, Drama, Mad Science, Art Attack and First Aid!* We are always looking for extra adults to come and help out. If you would like to lend a hand with any of our clubs, please let Miss.Lake know.

Assertive Mentoring Programme (A.M.P.)

We are now in our second year of using the Assertive Mentoring Programme, and feedback has been very positive from both children and parents. Every child from Year 2 upwards has their own A.M.P. file in which their personal progress and targets are recorded. Children are given a colour - red (below), yellow (on track) or green (above) -at the end of each half-term. Our 2 categories are ATTAINMENT (reading, writing, maths, Big Maths, spelling) and ATTITUDE (behaviour, homework, attendance, punctuality, effort, uniform) These are all discussed during a 1:1 mentoring meeting with the child's class teacher. Look out for your child's new target sheet, which should come home at the end of the week. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

PIZZA PARTY!

There is a HUGE link between a child's attendance at school and their progress/achievement. Children with the best attendance make the best progress! Please help your child to achieve their potential by making sure that they are in school EVERY DAY. As an incentive, this term we will be holding a PIZZA PARTY, with pizza delivered to school! Only children with 98% + attendance over the half term will be invited. Let's cost Mrs. Spence a fortune in pizza by making sure that as many children as possible get that magic 98%+ attendance!



RED, WHITE AND WOODHALL DAY



Tombolas have been ticketed, burgers have been bought, lucky dips have been decorated, and the maypole dance is...a work in progress!! We are really looking forward to our very special 60th anniversary celebration this Saturday, and there are lots of former staff members and pupils coming along. We are still collecting **sweets (in packets) for the children's tombola and homemade cakes to sell.** *Thankyou for all your support so far.* Bring your friends and families (and a winning smile for the Watford Observer!) and we'll see you at 11am ! Stalls will include...

Raffle

Burgers/hot dogs

Name the Lego Head

Adult's tombola

Cakes

Lucky square

Children's tombola

Toys/books

Handmade gifts

Sumo suits

Lucky dip

Beat the goalie

Sweet cart

Hook a duck

...and many more!

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year	Time
13.9.14	Red, White and Woodhall Day	All	11am-4pm
<i>21.10.14</i>	<i>Parents' eve</i>	<i>Reception-Year 6</i>	<i>3.40-6pm</i>
22.10.14	Parents' eve	Reception-Year 6	4.40-7pm
<i>24.10.14</i>	<i>Harvest Festival</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>9am assembly start: Nursery parents only</i>
27.10.14	Half term week	All	N/A
<i>6.11.14</i>	<i>World War I workshop</i>	<i>KS1/2</i>	<i>All day (children only)</i>
14.11.14	Children in Need Day	All	All day (children only)
<i>21.11.14</i>	<i>Class assembly</i>	<i>Y3</i>	<i>9am start</i>
28.11.14	Class assembly	Y4	9am start
<i>5.12.14</i>	<i>Class assembly</i>	<i>Y5</i>	<i>9am start</i>
12.12.14	Class assembly	Y6	9am start
<i>12.12.14</i>	<i>Open classrooms</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>1.15-2pm</i>
15.12.14	Christmas play	KS1	TBC
<i>16.12.14</i>	<i>Christmas play</i>	<i>EYFS</i>	<i>TBC</i>
16.12.14	Carols by Candlelight	KS2	TBC
<i>17.12.14</i>	<i>Christmas play</i>	<i>EYFS</i>	<i>TBC</i>
17.12.14	Carols by Candlelight	KS2	TBC
<i>19.12.14</i>	<i>End of term</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>2pm</i>