



Woodhall School News



November/December 2017

GET READY FOR A WONDERFUL
WOODHALL WEBSITE!



I am thrilled to announce that we are in the process of building a brand new, user-friendly, information-filled, up-to-date, fantastic school website! Over the next few weeks, we will be busy gathering information for our website. As usual, we'd like to know what YOU think...what do you think of the current website? What would you like to see on our new school website? We'd also love some short quotes about Woodhall to put on different pages. Please follow this link to complete our survey:

<https://lemongrassmedia.co.uk/woodhall-school-questionnaire/>

Welcome to Woodhall

We've had lots of families looking around our wonderful school recently and it is always a privilege to introduce them to the 'Woodhall Family'. This half-term, we'd like to welcome Mia, Logan, Shivam and Mirulan. I know that everybody will make you feel very welcome.

Attendance

A huge **THANK YOU** to all of you who make sure that your children are in school everyday. We are always working hard to try and improve attendance, as we know that this is essential to children's futures. Missing school means that they are missing out! Each week, we have a special attendance assembly where a winning class is announced for the week. We give certificates for 97%+ attendance at the end of each half-term, and once a term we hold a celebration for the children who have achieved 97%+ for the term. Here are our class attendance figures from September to now:

Class	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Current %	89%	93%	96%	95%	97%	93%	95%	96%
Good attendance supporting learning = 97% and above			Worrying attendance affecting learning = 93%-96%			Poor attendance with a hugely concerning impact on learning = 92% or below		

Congratulations to **Year 3**, who are the only class currently at 97%. This could change by the end of this term!

If you would like to know your child's current personal attendance figure, please ask the class teacher. Before Christmas, an Attendance

Officer from Hertfordshire County Council will visit the school to check up on any child whose attendance is concerning. We have so many different avenues of support within school - please ask if you need help!

Christmas Fair

For the first time in years, we are holding our Christmas Fair on a Saturday (**Saturday 9th December, 10am-1pm**) and we hope that you will bring your friends and family along to support the school. The Fair has been organised by our amazing Friends of Woodhall and it promises to be a great event. We've got tombolas, sweets, refreshments, games, a fabulous raffle and (ssshh!) we've even asked Santa to drop in!

We are currently collecting bottles (for our adults' bottle tombola) and bags of sweets (for our children's tombola) Please send these to your child's class as competition for the most bottles/most sweets is fierce!

Friends of Woodhall are still looking for volunteers to help either before or on the day. If you can lend a hand, please let the school office know. Thanks!

Soft Start



Last half-term, I asked for your views on our 'soft start' to each day, and I'm pleased to say that, because of your overwhelmingly positive responses, we will be continuing with it for the rest of the year! Thanks for taking the time to complete a questionnaire.

School Uniform



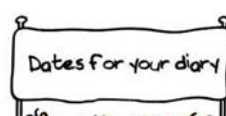
Please do not allow your child to wear trainers to school. The vast majority of our children wear a pair of school shoes, which are an essential part of school uniform. Each half-term, teachers talk to every child about their learning targets and other important aspects of school such as behaviour, attendance and uniform. Several of the children have said that they would like to wear school shoes but "mum/dad won't let me" which makes them feel very self-conscious. Please set up good habits for secondary school by making sure that your child wears school shoes!

Due to popular demand, there will be a secondhand school uniform stall at the Christmas Fair. **If you have any uniform that you wish to donate, please drop it to the school office.** We are also taking **secondhand Christmas jumpers** (which are often worn once and then never again!) ready for Christmas Jumper Day on December 15th.

'Healthy Schools'



I am currently ~~looking~~ looking for a few parents/carers to become part of our Healthy Schools Committee. This will involve coming into school a couple of days each half-term and working with some of our older children to make Woodhall a healthier school. We will be working towards gaining



'Healthy Schools' accreditation. If you are interested, please let me know.

Christmas Dates Reminder

Please note the change of date for 'Carols by Candlelight' and Year 4 assembly. This is due to a very special trip to Watford Palace Theatre (Oh, yes it is!).

Letters/texts for all performances will be sent out separately.

Date/Time	Event
Monday 4 th -Thursday 7 th December	International Week (see above)
Friday 8 th December 9am	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 6 th December	Children's Christmas Dinner day
Saturday 9 th Decmber 10am-1pm	Woodhall Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th December 9am	Nursery/Reception Christmas Play
Tuesday 12 th December 2pm and 6pm	Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Play 'Prickly Hay'
Wednesday 13 th December 9am	Nursery/Reception Christmas Play
Wednesday 13 th December 2pm and 6pm	KS2 Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 14 th December, afternoon	'Aladdin' at Watford Palace Theatre for Years 1-6 (Nursery/Reception will have 'Barney Bonkers' in school)
Friday 15 th December	Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (children have option to wear non-school uniform)
Friday 15 th December 1.15pm	Open Classrooms: a chance to look at your child's work and display
Monday 18 th December	Last morning for Nursery children
Tuesday 19th December	Last day of term: school finishes at <u>1pm</u>

Thanks Everyone, Miss Lake