



Woodhall School News



October 2017

**Please note changes of dates for
Halloween disco and Harvest Festival**

ATTEND TODAY...ACHIEVE TOMORROW!

Congratulations to all of the children who achieved a 'green' for their attendance in the first 3 weeks of term. Children's attendance should be **AT LEAST 97%** over the year. Good attendance ensures that your child will achieve maximum progress and attainment. Every Monday, we have our attendance assembly, where each class for the week is given a red, yellow or green attendance rating for the week. The winning class gets extra playtime!

If lots of days 'off sick' mean that your child's attendance falls below 97%, we will ask you to make sure that you visit your GP. Schools in South Oxhey work together with local GPs. If your child has poor attendance but is genuinely ill, your GP will sign a card which you can bring into school. If your child has an ongoing medical condition which means that they cannot attend school, let us know! We can access support for children/families.

If you are having problems getting your child into school, make an appointment to see the class teacher. Together we can talk about strategies that can be put into place to help. This could be a classroom strategy, or a little extra social/emotional support with one of our highly experienced members of staff.

We are here to help! All of the above support can be put into place with your permission. **Please remember that if your child's attendance continues to be low and you do not access support through the school, you may be contacted by a Hertfordshire Attendance Officer.** This is because your child is not accessing the education that every child is entitled to.

Police Property/Bike Marking



On **SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER** at 10am, our local PCSO Charlie McLaughlin will be at Woodhall marking property. Bring your bikes and scooters along! Marking your property makes it less attractive to thieves and helps you get your possessions back if the police find them.

Saturday Football



Our Saturday football sessions, run by First Touch, have got off to a fantastic start! You can bring your children to Woodhall from 10am-12pm



- no booking required. Children from ANY school are welcome. Each session is a bargain £5.00, and adults do not need to stay!

Spooky Goings-on at Halloween

We are holding our Halloween disco (Years 2-6) before the half-term break on **MONDAY 16th OCTOBER from 6-7.30pm** Tickets must be purchased in advance and will include sweets and a drink. Children are welcome to dress up in their Halloween outfits.

On **Tuesday 31st October**, to raise money for the school, children can pay £1 each to come to school dressed in their Halloween outfits or just dressed in their own clothes.

Harvest Festival



This year, we will be collecting items for our local food bank. It is estimated that 1.3 million three-day food supplies were needed by people in short-term crisis in the UK last year. We would welcome donations of non-perishable food (tins, packets, boxes etc) as well as toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, soap etc) for this very worthy cause. If you are struggling to cope, please let us know so that we can help you to find support.

Please make donations by **Thursday 19th October** for our Harvest Festival on Friday 20th October, to which Year 1 parents will be invited (a separate letter has gone out to Nursery/Reception)

Woodhall's Winter Wonderland.



Our brilliant Friends of Woodhall group are busy organising our school Christmas fair. Save the date: **SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER!** There is plenty to do, so if you can lend a hand, please pass your contact details to Sue or Nikki in the office. If you know anybody who can donate a raffle prize, let us know!

Many thanks,

Michelle Lake (Acting Head)