



Woodhall School News



September 2017

WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE!



...and an extra special Woodhall welcome to our new children:

Hassanatou, Nancy, Reuben, Natalie and all of our new Nursery! 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 **Miss Leo** in Nursery, **Mrs. Robinson** (who will be working alongside Mrs Biedul) in Year 1, **Mrs. Hussain** in Year 2, **Mr. Deady** in Year 3, and **Mrs. Palmer** in Year 4. We know that you will make them feel very welcome!

'SOFT START'



We started the school year with a big change...our new 'soft start'. This means that children from Reception to Year 6 can come into their classrooms from 8.30am, where they will be able to take part in different activities. Just before half term, I will send out a letter asking for parental feedback so that we can decide whether it's something that we would like to continue with.

CURRICULUM EVENING



Another trial run! Mrs. Robinson commented that you would welcome the opportunity to find out about what your child will be learning over the term. In response, we will be holding a curriculum evening on **WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**. Teachers will give two short information sessions at 5.30pm and 6pm. This will enable parents with siblings to attend both class sessions (if you have more than two children at the school, teachers will be happy to talk to you at a different, pre-arranged time) During the session, you will be able to find out what the children will be learning about in each subject as well as ask any questions. School will be open from 5pm and we will be selling tea/coffee. If you have any more general questions then I will be in the hall and more than happy to answer them!

INTERNATIONAL 'TALK LIKE A PIRATE' DAY



As you may know, like many schools, we have been severely affected in terms of funding this year and have had to make some difficult

decisions. In order to help us continue to provide enrichment opportunities for the children (such as workshops, visiting theatre groups etc) we will be holding various fundraising days throughout the school year. The first of these is International Talk Like a Pirate Day! This takes place on **TUESDAY 19th SEPTEMBER**. Dress as a pirate, hand over your treasure (or £1 if it's easier!) and you'll be welcome on board the Good Ship Woodhall!

FRIENDS OF WOODHALL

Our Friends of Woodhall raised **over £1000** at the family fun day that we held in July. We need as many of you as possible to help us to raise money! Friends of Woodhall will be holding their first meeting of the term very soon. Please look out for a text with further information and come along if you are able!

NEW: SATURDAY FOOTBALL



We are pleased to be opening our doors every Saturday from the **23rd September** (10am-12pm) for 'pay as you play' sessions with Xtra Time Football Club. Please see the flyer (sent home with children yesterday) for further information, or call the head coach George on 07746945903. This is open to all children aged 4-11 so bring your friends from other schools!

CLUBS TIMETABLE



We have a range of sports clubs for the children to join. Letters/texts will be sent home, but please ask if you require further details.

MONDAY	<u>Boxing</u> Years 3-6 (after school)
TUESDAY	<u>Karate</u> Years 2-6 (after school) <u>Netball</u> Years 5 and 6
WEDNESDAY	<u>Tae Kwon-do</u> Years 1-6 (before school starts) <u>Gymnastics</u> Years 2-4 (after school)
THURSDAY	' <u>Wake up with Watford FC</u> ' Reception-Year 6 (before school) <u>Dodgeball</u> Reception-Year 6 (after school)
FRIDAY	<u>Football</u> Years 5 and 6 (after school) <u>Football</u> Years 2-4 (after school)
SATURDAY	'Pay as you Play' play <u>football</u> 10am-12pm



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT	TIME
13.9.17	Curriculum evening	5-6.30pm (approximately)

14.9.17	Y6 trip: Gyfree Museum	Leaving at 9am
19.9.17	Pirate Day	All day
26.9.17	Parents' evening	3.45-6pm
27.9.17	Parents' evening	4.30-7pm
28.9.17	'The Hobbit' (theatre company visiting Woodhall)	n/a
3.10.17	Diwali workshops	3.30pm After school souvenir shop
19.10.17	Festivals' Day	All day...helpers welcome!
23.10-27.10.17	HALF TERM WEEK	
10.11.17	Y5 class assembly	9am
24.11.17	Y6 class assembly	9am
1.12.17	Y4 class assembly	9am
8.12.17	Y3 class assembly	9am
11.12.17	Nursery/Reception Christmas play	9.30am (approximately... time will be confirmed)
12.12.17	Nursery/Reception Christmas play	9.30am (approximately... time will be confirmed)
12.12.17	Y1/Y2 Christmas play	2pm and 6pm
18.12.17	KS2 Carols by Candlelight	2pm and 6pm
19.12.17	End of term	

And finally, a huge thankyou to all of you for making sure that all of the children look so smart in their Woodhall school uniforms!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

Many thanks,

Michelle Lake

Acting Head