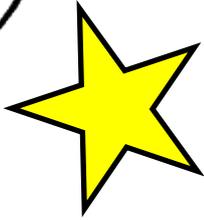
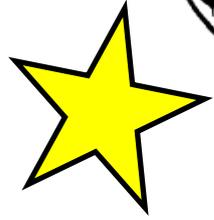




Woodhall School News



April 2018



Welcome back to school everyone, and apologies for the lateness of this newsletter. We have been having some 'technical difficulties'! I am, however, really pleased to tell you that our brand new school website is now up and running. We are adding things to it all the time. Please go and have a look:

www.woodhall.herts.sch.uk

Attendance

On the home page of our new website, you will soon be able to see our weekly attendance winners; the class with the best overall attendance for the previous week, Every Tuesday, we have an 'attendance assembly'. Our children know that good attendance at school ensures that they have the opportunity to make maximum progress and attainment. **Please give your child the best chance by making sure that they are in school, on time, every day.** Thank you.

Week beginning 16.4.18:

Class	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Current %	97%	99%	99%	100% WINNERS!	99%	97%	93%	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		

Breakfast Club



Since the introduction of our 8.30am 'soft start' in September 2017, we have seen a drop in the number of children attending our daily Breakfast Club. Whilst we are really pleased at the number of children coming into class earlier, we do need to consider the future of the club, as we are currently running at a loss.

Many of you felt that you would use the Breakfast Club if we had an earlier start time. **Therefore, from 30.4.18 (next Monday), Breakfast Club will start at 7.30am.**

If you would like your child to attend, please book at place through the school office. Breakfast Club costs £3 per child, per day.

Sports' Council/Running Track



As you can see, we are currently having repairs made to our school running track. Please be careful when walking with your children past the track whilst the work goes on. This term, we are forming a Woodhall School Sports' Council (made up of Key Stage 2 pupils) who will be planning lots of exciting events, including the re-launch of our 'daily mile' Further news to follow!

Keeping Our Children Safe



Please remember that children are not allowed to walk through the staff car park when coming into or leaving school. We have recently been very concerned about the possibility of a serious accident because pupils and parents have been ‘cutting across’ the car park.

We cannot let parents ‘cut through’ the school entrance way to get to the Key Stage 2 playground/Nursery area. This is because we MUST know which adults are in the building at all times. Mr.Fleming is in the entrance hall at the start of school each morning and he will only let parents into school if they need to go to the office or have an appointment.

PLEASE BE PATIENT AND HELP US TO KEEP ALL OF OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

Target Time

Over the next fortnight, children will be having their ‘target time’ discussions with their class teacher. Children are set half-termly targets in English and maths, using the format that you will have seen at parents’ evenings. We encourage pupils to talk about their learning - **what is their target? Do they think that they have achieved it? If not, what is it that they are finding tricky? What helps them to learn? How are they becoming an independent learner? How have they improved in their learning since September?** Etc. We also have a discussion around attendance, punctuality, school uniform (including PE kit), behaviour and homework (including daily reading). Your child’s targets will be sent home once they have had their discussion; please talk to your child about them! If you have any questions or concerns, your child’s class teacher will be pleased to help.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is now available through Mapac, an online system. Please go to www.mapac.com/education/parents to order.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



APRIL 2018		
DATE	EVENT	TIME (if applicable)
16.4	Children back to school (<i>soft start from 8.30am, children must be in class at 8.50am</i>)	
19.4	WFC ‘Wake Up!’ club starts (weekly)	8-8.45am
23.4	Game On sports’ clubs start this week	Various - see letters
25-27.4	Year 6 residential trip	Depart 9am
MAY 2018		
3.5	Polling Day - our Community Room will be out of bounds to all children/parent workshops today	All day
7.5	May Day bank holiday	
8.5	‘Treasure Island’ production for Reception-Year 6 children	
10.5	‘Skip2Bfit’ workshops	
11.5	Woodhall’s May Day celebrations	9am (Y2 parents only)
14.5	Year 6 SATs week - free breakfast club for Year 6 children every day this week	8am
21.5	‘Walk to School’ week	

	Year 2 children will be sitting their assessments this week.	
24.5	Year 6 cricket festival	11am
28.5-1.6	HALF TERM HOLIDAY WEEK	
JUNE 2018		
4.6	Children back to school (<i>soft start from 8.30am, children must be in class at 8.50am</i>)	
4.6	'ScootFit' workshops	All day
5.6	Year 4 Playleader training	All day
8.6	Year 4 class assembly	9am
11.6	Year 1 children will be taking their phonics assessments this week	
13.6	Nursery/Reception trip to Odds' Farm	Depart 9am
15.6	Year 3 class assembly	9am
20.6	Game On 'World Cup' tournament day	All day
21.6	Year 3 athletics festival	1pm
22.6	Year 2 class assembly	9am
25.6	National School Sports' Week	
26.6	Year 5/6 trip to Whipsnade	Depart 9am
28.6	A-Life Healthy Lifestyle workshops - children can wear school PE kit today.	All day
29.6	Woodhall Sports' Day/family picnic	9am start
JULY 2018		
6.7	Year 1 class assembly	9am
10.7	Years 5 and 6 production	2pm and 6pm
13.7	Reception class assembly	9am
14.7	Woodhall's Summer Fair (Saturday - SAVE THE DATE!)	11am-2pm
16.7	Optional consultations	From 3.30pm
17.7	End of term disco	6-7.30pm
19.7	(New!) Year 6 celebration evening (at Oxhey Jets)	
20.7	Year 6 leavers' assembly + refreshments to follow (tissues supplied!) Term ends at 1pm	9am

These dates will be added to/amended as appropriate, and are also available on the school website.

Weather



So far this year we have had snow, heavy rain, hail, thunderstorms and soaring heat. Who knows what lies ahead this term?! Please make sure that your child has the appropriate clothing for school, including a sunhat and sun cream, or a waterproof coat as necessary! During Monday's assembly, we talk about the weather forecast for the week ahead - if you have time, have a look at this with your child at www.bbc.com/weather. You can type in 'South Oxhey' and see an hour-by-hour/day ahead/week ahead forecast. Children are really enthusiastic about seeing whether the forecasters are right or wrong, and it's a brilliant link to maths through looking at the temperatures, timetables etc!

Thanks everyone,

Miss Lake