



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the summer term! I hope that you all had a lovely half-term break. Fingers crossed that this glorious weather continues!

Please read this letter carefully, as there are a few changes to planned school events. Although Covid case rates remain relatively low, there are cases of the Delta variant, first identified in India, in Hertfordshire. Both Watford and Three Rivers have higher numbers than we would hope to see.

We know that this variant is more easily transmitted to others. ***Schools in our local area have been advised to remain extra vigilant at this time and be extremely cautious about making changes to safety measures.*** With this in mind, we are making appropriate changes to Sports' Day and our planned summer fair.

SPORTS' WEEK 2021

Sports' Week is a national event and will take place during the week beginning Monday 21st June. During this week, **children need to come in their school PE kit every day.** We have got a really exciting week planned for them!

Day	Event
Monday 21 st	Rapid Fire Cricket – each bubble will take part in an age-appropriate session
Tuesday 22 nd	Baseball (Early Years – Year 6) Roller skating (Years 2, 5 & 6)
Wednesday 23 rd	Early Years' Cosmic Yoga Years 1-6 House Group competitions (children will choose the sports)
Thursday 24 th	Fun Run (Early Years – Year 2) Sports' activity carousel (Years 3-6) Roller skating (Years 3 & 4)

SPORTS' DAY MARK 1: FRIDAY 25th JUNE

On Friday 25th June, Year 6 parents will be invited to come and watch as children take part in multi-skills activities as well as competitive races (including favourites such as egg and spoon, sack race and running races!). It's Year 6's final sports' day at Woodhall so we want to make sure that their parents/carers can attend. *Year 6 parents: we would like to invite you to bring a picnic lunch on this day to share with your child (we cannot include siblings I'm afraid). Please complete the form at the end of this letter.*



SPORTS' DAY MARK 2

In September, we will be holding another whole school (including Early Years) sports' day, to which all parents/carers will be invited (as long as guidelines allow). This will include multi-skills activities, races and a family picnic. I will confirm the date in a newsletter before we break up for the summer holidays.

EARLY YEARS (NURSERY & RECEPTION) SPORTS' MORNING

On Thursday 8th July, we will be holding a special sports' activity morning for our Early Years children. As well as being lots of fun, it will also give the children a chance to become familiar with the 'big school field' as they have been confined to their Early Years area due to Covid guidelines. **Parents of Early Years children are invited to attend and join in with the fun!** Please drop your child off in the morning as usual before making your way to our main school entrance. The children will be led to the field by their school adults.

SUMMER FAIR

Due to Covid advice for schools, we have decided to move the summer fair from Saturday 3rd July to **Saturday 18th September**. Preparation is already underway and this will continue despite the change of date!

Thank you for sending in packets of sweets by the ton for our crazy sports' dress-up day! We are asking for donations towards our popular **HAMPER RAFFLE**. Each class will produce a hamper based on the themes below. Please send any donations into school over the next few weeks. Thank you!

Early Years 'SPA DAY': bubble bath, face masks, nail sets etc

Year 1 'POP UP CINEMA': DVDs, popcorn, chocolate etc.

Year 2/Year 6 'BAKE OFF': cake mix, decorations, bowls, mixing spoons etc.

Year 3 'GET CRAFTY': paper, pens, paint, stickers, sewing kits etc.

Year 4 'THE GREAT OUTDOORS': picnic plates, jugs, straws, treats etc.

Year 5 'FUN & GAMES': games sets, balls, water pistols, balloons etc.



'PENNY WARS'

Our first 'small' fundraising event is called **'PENNY WARS'**. We are asking for your loose change, from 1p-50p. Each class has a 'penny wars' bucket in which to collect change. Coins equate to points for the class; so 1p = 1 point, 2p = 2 points etc. all the way up to a maximum of 50 points for 50p. We are collecting right up to Friday 9th July. **The class with the most points will win an ICE CREAM PARTY!**



FUN DAY FRIDAY

From Friday 18th June, and each Friday following, we will be selling ice creams and cold drinks at home time from the main entrance. Come and visit our little stall!

Look out for news of other small fundraising events over the next few weeks.



ROAD SAFETY

Thank you for being extra-vigilant on Woodhall Lane. This week, every class will be having a lesson about road safety. Please talk to the children at home – ask them what they have learnt about keeping safe on the road/pavement. There is some excellent advice/resources for parents on these websites:

www.childrenstrafficclub.com/teach-child-road-safety and www.rospa.com.

SCHOOL 'BUBBLES'

Children will continue to stick to 'bubbles' unless there is any different government guidance. We now have an EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 bubble; a Year 3 & 4 bubble and a Year 5 & 6 bubble.

Luckily this does not affect our end-of-year productions. Year 3 & 4 will entertain you with 'Zog' and Year 5 & 6 will bring you the delights of 'Aladdin'! Ticket information will come out at a later date.

FILMING/PHOTOS

Please remember that we have some children at Woodhall whose safety may be compromised if their photos/videos are taken and passed on. *If you are taking photos or video clips at drop-off/hometime, these should be of your own child/ren only, unless you have the express permission of another parent.*

Thank you.

ASCEND

Have you heard of Ascend? Ascend are a fantastic charity organisation located in South Oxhey (Gosforth Lane and Oxhey Drive). They offer a wide variety of courses for adults...from reading & writing skills, how to put a CV together, 'back-to-work' help, looking after your mental and physical health; to art, cookery and gardening. All of the courses are run by great tutors who will support people to achieve challenges and new skills. Have a look at their summer course brochure: www.ascend.org.uk –who knows what might take your fancy?!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Monday 7th June	INSET day – STAFF ONLY
Tuesday 8 th June	All children back to school Children's Art & Maths Week (activities in classes)
Week beginning Monday 14 th June	Year 6 'SATs style' week – 8am daily breakfast club for Year 6 children.
Week beginning Monday 21 st June	National School Sports Week Assessment week for Years 1-5.
Friday 25 th June	Sports' Day – arrangements to be confirmed (depending on COVID guidelines at the time)

Thursday 1st July	2pm/6pm Year 3 & Year 4 production (this hasn't been possible for the past 2 years!)
Tuesday 6 th July	School reports will be sent home today
Wednesday 7 th July	2pm/6pm Year 5 & Year 6 production
Thursday 8 th July	Early Years sports' morning – parents/carers of Early Years children only
Friday 9 th July	Last day for collecting 'Penny Wars' loose change!
Tuesday 13 th July	Optional parents' consultations to be held (by phone)
Wednesday 14 th July	School disco 6-7.30pm (if COVID guidance has not changed, this will still be held but children will stick to their school 'bubble')
Thursday 15 th July	Year 6 leavers' celebration (evening) - parents/carers of Year 6 only
Friday 16 th July	Last day of term; school finishes at 1pm
Wednesday 1st September	Occasional Day – no staff, no children
Thursday 2nd September	INSET – staff only
Friday 3rd September	INSET – staff only
Monday 6th September	All children back to school
Please note that all planned events are subject to change in light of government COVID regulations.	

Although we've had to make changes to keep everybody safe; this half-term is shaping up to be an exciting one (and the children's last half-term before moving up a year group!). We will continue to bring you news and photos of all the fantastic learning going on via our website, email and our private Facebook group. As ever, if you have any questions, concerns or are interested in volunteering to help out at school then please get in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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YEAR 6 PARENTS ONLY: PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS SLIP

I/we would like to come to sports' morning on Friday 25th July (*max: 2 adults per child*)

I/we will bring a picnic to share with my/our child (*please note: siblings cannot join you*)

Name of child: _____ will/will not need a school lunch on this day (*delete as appropriate*)

I/we cannot attend. My child will have a picnic with another parent/carer

Name of other parent/carer: _____

Any children without an adult will be with school staff at lunchtime. Thank you.

