



WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Tuesday 24th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 27th May is fast approaching and we have everything crossed for a day of sunshine to help us celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! Here's a reminder of timings for the day:

9am: Families invited onto our upper playground. Seats will be available. If you'd prefer to bring your own chair, please put it behind our school chairs (so that we have performance space). Thank you!

9.15am: Crowning of the May Queen, the May Queen's Speech, Robin Hood and Maypole dancing.

This will be followed by a performance from our Year 6 steel pans band.

10am: Children will go back to class for a comfort break.

10.30am: 'Through the Decades' singing and dancing. Parents/carers are welcome to come dressed in the style of a chosen decade!

12pm: Children will go back to their class. Parents – please go to the class to sign your child out. **Please be patient!** We need to make sure that every child is safely with their grown-up.

12pm onwards: Family picnic on the school field. Bring a blanket and a tasty picnic!

1pm: Raffle winners drawn

We look forward to welcoming all of our Woodhall families and local community friends on this very special occasion.

If you are able to make or donate cakes for us to sell, we would really appreciate it! Please drop your cakes off to the office on either Thursday 26th May, or on the morning of the 27th. Thank you.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 24th May (at hometimes) as well as on the day.



SAFEGUARDING: PICKING CHILDREN UP FROM SCHOOL

Please let a member of school staff know if there will be a different adult picking up your child from school.

We will not allow any child to go home with a different adult, (even if we know them!)

STAY SAFE! ASSEMBLIES

Over the past two weeks, our daily assemblies have had a 'Stay Safe!' focus. Children have discussed ways in which they are able to share worries, how to recognise and deal with bullying, online safety, day-to-day safety (such as wearing seatbelts, crossing roads). We have also talked about 'protected characteristics'/discriminating against someone because of their race, religion, disability or gender. It was great to hear our children expressing such positive and inclusive views, and having a clear understanding of what they would do if they felt worried or uncomfortable.

Our school governors came in to talk to the School Parliament about safeguarding at Woodhall. Children's responses included:

"If we see something that we don't like or it makes us uncomfortable, we tell an adult."

"We know that we must never go off with strangers."

"Adults at school know us really well so they notice if something's wrong or something's bothering one of us."

We get taught how to make sure we log off the computer properly after we've finished every time, and don't accept any emails from strangers."

"If we feel uncomfortable we can tell a trusted adult or put a worry in the class worry box or whole school worry box and it gets checked all the time so the teachers can help us to sort our worries out."

"Don't ever speak to strangers online and don't accept any messages if you don't know the person sending them."

Here are some very helpful sites to support talking to your child about keep safe:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://educateagainsthate.com/parents/>



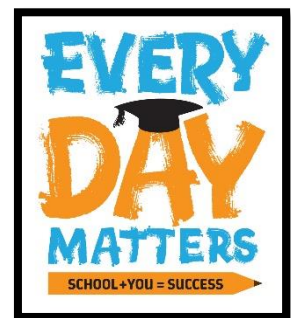
ATTENDANCE

We are pleased to see that children's attendance has improved from last term, when we were severely impacted by Covid. All parents want the best for their children and for them to get on well in life. Children only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school regularly. If children do not attend school regularly, they may struggle to keep up with school work and learning sequences; they will miss out on the social side of school life (poor attendance affects a child's ability to make and keep friendships – a vital part of childhood). Setting good attendance patterns from an early age is crucial and will help your child later on in life. Next half-term, we are launching a weekly attendance count down, where children can earn stars for each day's attendance. For every full week, they will earn an exciting reward; to be given in the last week of term.

If you are worried about your child's attendance and need some support, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. We are here to help and will work with you to ensure our children have every opportunity to learn, socialise and thrive at school.

COVID VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Covid-10 vaccinations are now available to all 5-11 year olds. Parents/carers can book their child's vaccination through GP surgeries and some pharmacies as well as weekend appointments at vaccination centres.



Appointment slots have been made longer so that parents and carers have plenty of time to talk to vaccinators and ask questions. To find out more, go to <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/vaccine-information-for-young-people>

WOODHALL'S F.A.CUP DAY

On Friday 6th May, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the F.A.Cup (founded in 1872 by Charles W. Alcock, a Harrow School pupil), we held our own very special F.A.Cup day. It was a resounding success, with all of the children taking part in mini-matches throughout the morning, a celebration assembly in the afternoon and a parents/carers vs Woodhall School football team match after school. A huge THANK YOU to parents John Danslow, Patrick Page, Edgar Ferreira, Ian Hunt, Warren Dunn, Eric Constable, Adrian Lungu and Caz McCrossan for joining in and being such great sports (not forgetting Miss Jones and Coach Chloe!).



OUR ALL-NEW ART GALLERY

For those of you who remember 'Hartbeat' growing up, we have set up our own school gallery in the finest tradition of Tony Hart! In the gallery, we have pictures that children have worked on at home using their art skills. We ask them to give their work a title (as all famous artists should!) and we share the picture in our celebration assembly before adding it to our gallery. It's early days at the moment but we hope to cover the wall in children's brilliant art from home (and if we have any budding artists amongst our parents/carers, we will happily add your pictures too). Why not encourage your child to draw/paint/collage a picture for the Woodhall Gallery over the holiday?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that we have had to make some changes to the diary for next half-term. Our extra Jubilee bank holiday will be used at the end of term, making the last day of term Thursday 21st July (instead of Friday). Year 5/Year 6 parents/carers; please note changes to the end-of-term production. This is due to children being out at their secondary schools in Hertfordshire, Harrow and Hillingdon (all have different dates!).

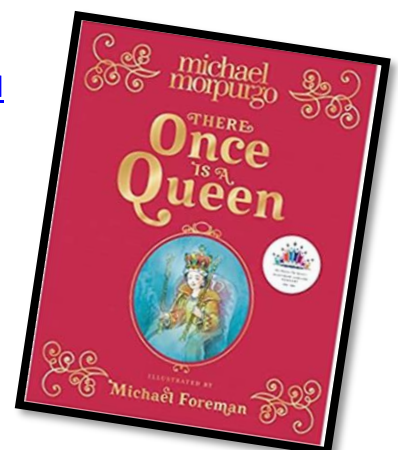
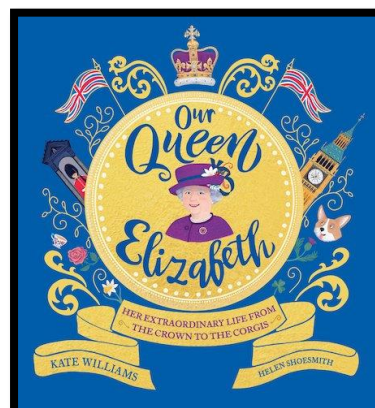
In our June newsletter, we will give you further information regarding transition arrangements for each year group as well as details for our 'Window into Woodhall' open evening.

Have a lovely half-term week everyone and we'll see you back on Monday 6th June!

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★ Dates for your Diary ★

DATE	EVENT	TIME
27.5.22	Woodhall Jubilee Day (family picnic)	(see page 1)
30.5.22 – 3.6.22 HALF TERM WEEK		
w/b 13.6.22	World Refugee Week	N/A
w/b 20.6.22	National School Sports' Week	N/A
24.6.22	Woodhall School Sports' Day	TBC
w/b 27.6.22	Children's Art Week	N/A
30.6.22	Year 3 Athletics Festival	12.30-2.45pm
6.7.22	'Window on Woodhall' parents/carers open evening	TBC
8.7.22	School reports sent home	N/A
w/b 11.7.22	Class transition week (for all children)	N/A
13.7.22	Optional parents' consultations	Afternoon
13.7.22	Year 5 & Year 6 performance	2pm/6pm
19.7.22	Year 6 leavers' BBQ Year 1-Year 6 outdoor disco	6pm/7.30pm
21.7.22	Year 6 + parents' breakfast Year 6 leavers' assembly END OF TERM	9am Assembly time TBC 1pm finish

DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/2023:

<u>AUTUMN TERM 2022</u>	
Thursday 1 st September	INSET – staff only
Friday 2 nd September	INSET – staff only
Monday 5 th September	All staff & children back to school
Monday 24 th October - Friday 28 th October	<i>Half term week</i>
Monday 5 th December	OCCASIONAL DAY – no staff or children
Wednesday 21 st December	End of term 1pm
<u>SPRING TERM 2023</u>	
Thursday 5 th January	INSET – staff only
Friday 6 th January	INSET – staff only
Monday 9 th January	All staff & children back to school
Monday 13 th February-Friday 17 th February	<i>Half term week</i>
Friday 31 st March	End of term 1pm
<u>SUMMER TERM 2023</u>	
Monday 17 th April	All staff & children back to school
Monday 29 th May-Friday 2 nd June	<i>Half term week</i>
Monday 5 th June	INSET – staff only
Friday 21 st July	Children finish 1pm

