



# WOODHALL SCHOOL



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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **PARENT SURVEY (OCTOBER 2022) FEEDBACK**

Thank you to all those who attended our consultation evenings. We hope that you found meeting your child's class teacher and our new consultation format helpful. Please remember that teachers are always available via email - please don't wait for a consultation evening to ask a question or share a worry!



We were really pleased with the feedback from all of you.

	<b>AGREE/STRONGLY AGREE</b>	<b>DISAGREE</b>	<b>DON'T KNOW</b>
My child is happy at Woodhall.	98%	2%	0
My child feels safe at Woodhall.	100%	0	0
My child does well at Woodhall.	100%	0	0
Woodhall School has high expectations for my child.	98%	0	2%
Woodhall School makes sure the pupils are well behaved.	100%	0	0
Woodhall deals effectively with bullying.	97%	3%	0
Woodhall School is a welcoming and pleasant place to visit.	100%	0	0
Woodhall School makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	100%	0	0
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.	97%	0	0
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	100%	0	0
Woodhall lets me know how my child is doing.	100%	0	0
My child can take part in clubs and activities Woodhall.	100%	0	0
Woodhall School supports my child's wider personal development.	97%	0	3%

I would recommend Woodhall Primary School to another parent.	<b>YES: 95%</b> <b>NO: 1</b> (Survey anonymous but parent ticked strongly agree or agree to all statements) <b>NO RESPONSE: 1</b> (survey anonymous – ticked strongly agree/agree to all statements)
<p align="center"><b>Do you have any other comments?</b></p> <p align="center"><i>‘They both love coming into school everyday.’</i></p> <p align="center"><i>‘Woodhall is a wonderful school.’</i></p> <p align="center"><i>‘Love Woodhall School for my son – thank you all.’</i></p> <p align="center"><i>‘I highly recommend Woodhall School. All staff are very approachable and have an open door policy.’</i></p> <p align="center"><i>‘Amazing school!’</i></p> <p align="center"><i>‘Very happy with (name)’s engagement in class so far – communication between parent/carers and teacher is key to get the best out of the pupil.’</i></p> <p align="center"><i>‘Love Woodhall – they have been great in meeting all my children’s needs.’</i></p>	

### **What are our next steps (based on your responses)?**

***Woodhall School makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year/ Woodhall lets me know how my child is doing.***

- We are discussing ways to improve this. Currently we publish curriculum plans and curriculum outlines on our website, hold termly consultation evenings. Parents can (and do) email teachers whenever needed. We have reintroduced class assemblies. We hold parent workshops although turnout has been poor and we will think about how to improve this. An open evening (‘Window into Woodhall’ – where all parents/carers can see their child’s classroom/books, talk to the teacher etc.) is planned. In the spring term (January), we will introduce an after-school classroom session where teachers will talk to parents about the learning for the term.

***Woodhall School has high expectations for my child.***

- During the spring term after-school classroom session, teachers will talk to parents/carers about age-appropriate levels in each subject, and show examples of this.



***When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.***

- Any concerns raised are dealt with promptly and we endeavour to communicate effectively with parents/carers. Staff at Woodhall are highly ‘visible’ – at the gate, at pick-up, via email.
- If you would like to raise a concern, *the first thing to do is to contact your child’s class teacher*. Very often, concerns can be discussed with the teacher and are resolved quickly. Sometimes, the class teacher may pass your concern to a member of the Senior Leadership Team which includes one of our SENCos, Mrs Raithatha. Whatever the concern, it is important that we approach it as a team to ensure the best possible outcome for your child.

***My child can take part in clubs and activities at Woodhall.***

- Please see the information on clubs in this newsletter. We have tried to introduce a Breakfast Club, but take-up wasn’t sufficient to make this possible (only 3 children would have attended). Your feedback at the time was that our soft start gave parents plenty of time to drop children off before getting to their own work place. However, we are absolutely willing to try this again. A survey will be sent out during this half-term.



We were so pleased with your feedback, but there is always room for improvement!  
If you have any ideas about how we can get more parents/carers along to

workshops/meetings etc., other clubs that you would like to see at Woodhall, the times/days that would suit you in terms of attending, then please get in touch via [head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk) Thank you!

### **MRS. CARTWRIGHT**

Some very sad news for all of us at Woodhall; Mrs. Cartwright will be saying goodbye to us at the end of this week.



Mrs Cartwright has been coming to Woodhall for 15 years, first of all as a parent to Luis and Jude, and then as the assistant cook working alongside Maxine in our kitchen. Mrs Cartwright always harboured ambitions to become a classroom teaching assistant, and was a regular volunteer for years at Woodhall (helping me out with our weekly cooking club and in the classroom). In 2017 a vacancy finally arose, and Mrs Cartwright has been with us ever since. She has been absolutely fantastic throughout the years; always smiling, totally unflappable and an outstanding support (both academic and emotional) to all of the children that she has worked with over the years.

Now that Mrs Cartwright's two boys are almost grown-ups themselves, she no longer needs to rely on the school holidays! We are all going to miss her very much, we wish her the very best in her new career and we hope that she will stay in touch!

### **NEON DISCO/NEON DISCO SHOP**

Letters have been sent home regarding our 'Neon Disco' on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We are going to brighten up a dark November evening by asking the children to come dressed in their brightest disco clothes! Flashing head bands, fluorescent t-shirts, neon hair spray...we will all be human fireworks for the night!

During the day, we will be selling glow-in-the-dark novelties. Each class will get a chance to visit the sale. If you would like your child to buy something from our neon stall, please send them into school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November with NO MORE than £5 each, in an envelope. Thank you.

### **THIS HALF TERM'S WORKSHOPS**

Following our workshops on the curriculum, reading and phonics last half-term; we have a workshop on Special Educational Needs/Disabilities (SEND) on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2-3pm. Mrs Raithatha and Miss Jones will give you an overview of SEND processes as well as advice on how to support your SEND child at home.

Following this workshop, we will be setting up a regular coffee morning for parents/carers of children with SEND in the spring term.

### **ATTENDANCE STARS AWARD**

This week, we have started our 'Attendance Stars' award. Each Friday, children will be able to colour in one star on their class chart if they have been in school, on time (by 8.50am), every day. Stars mean points, and points mean prizes!



As outlined in the letter sent out before half-term week, we will hold a 'Magic Monday' in January, when children will receive their prizes.

Children will be given a reward if they have managed to colour in **at least 4 stars**. If they manage to colour 5 stars, they will get an additional treat, 6 stars- another and if they colour in 7, they will get all the available treats.

### ***What are the treats?***

**4 Star Winners** – will all get an **EXTRA-LONG PLAYTIME** on Magic Monday.

**5 Star Winners**- will be able to wear **NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM** for the day.

**6 Star Winners**- will get an **AMAZING ATTENDANCE STAR BADGE** (so everyone knows they are a star) AND a **GOODY BAG**.

**7 Star Winners**- will get an **AFTER-SCHOOL PARTY!!**



The theme of the after school party and the prize for the winning class will be decided by the School Parliament.

### **MEDICAL CONCERNS/INJURIES**

A reminder: if your child has an injury (e.g. sprained ankle), please let Sue or Nikki know in the morning either in person or by emailing [attendance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk). This will be relayed to the appropriate members of staff so that any necessary adaptations can be made. If your child requires medication to be administered at school, you must complete the relevant consent forms – these can be completed with Sue or Nikki. Thank you.

### **CLASS ASSEMBLIES**

Thanks to all those who attended our Diwali and Harvest assemblies. It's great for the children to have a 'live studio audience' and really helps them to practise those key speaking and listening skills that will support them in the future.

This term, we are looking forward to Year 3's Bonfire Night Assembly on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (9am start), and Year 6's Remembrance Assembly on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November (10.30am start).

### **'WINDOW INTO WOODHALL'**

'Window into Woodhall' takes place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November from 5.30-6.30pm. This is a new event to give parents/carers a chance to visit their child/ren's class, talk to the teacher and look at workbooks. Come and see what's going on in our busy learning environments! Please note that class teachers will be available to talk generally but not about individual pupils during 'Window into Woodhall'.

For parents/carers of children in Year 4 and Year 5, apologies, but we will arrange an alternate day in December when you can come and see the classroom/talk to Mrs Cooper Battersby.

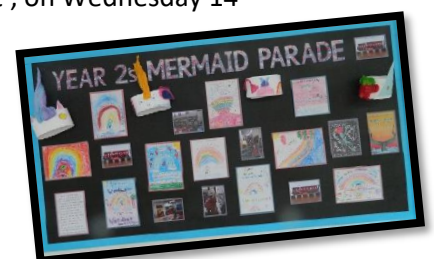
### **CHRISTMAS PLAYS**

They're back! On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) will present 'Carols by Candlelight'. We think that this worked really well outside last year and we so plan to do the same this year! Holding this event outdoors also means that we are able to welcome as many family members as possible. Just remember to wrap up warmly!



Our Nursery and Reception children will perform their Christmas play, 'The Sleepy Shepherd', on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. This will be followed by tea/coffee and a Christmas activity for parents/children.

Year 1 and Year 2 will also perform their Christmas extravaganza, 'The Landlord's Cat', on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. There will be performances at 2pm and 6pm. Further information to follow.



## CLUBS

The following sports' clubs will continue throughout this half-term: Year 4/5/6 football, Years 4/5/6 netball, Years 1 & 2 Game On football, Years 2 & 3 dance, Years 3-6 baseball, Years 4/5/6 boxing, Years 2 & 3 roller-skating.

Children will receive letters about the following clubs which start this half-term:

Crochet Club (Years 5/6), Robotics Club (Year 6). A Year 4 Recorder Club will also

take place on Thursday lunchtimes (no letter home for this).

Spaces for these clubs are limited, so get your reply slips in early! Please note that Year 5 and 6 children will need to be picked up at the end of the club (even if they usually walk home independently) as it will be dark by this point.



Thank you,

Miss Lake



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## ★ *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY* ★

DATE	EVENT	TIME
3.11.22	<i>Year 3's Bonfire Night Assembly (parents/carers invited)</i>	9am
3.11.22	<i>Neon Disco (come wearing your brightest colours; neon novelties for sale during the day)</i>	6-7.30pm
8.11.22	<i>Nursery-6 Parents'/Carers' SEND Workshop: an overview of SEND processes, how to support your child at home.</i>	2-3pm
9.11.22	<i>'Window into Woodhall' Open Evening</i>	5.30-6.30pm
11.11.22	<i>Year 6 present 'Woodhall Remembers' (a Remembrance Day assembly; parents/carers of Year 6 children invited)</i>	10.30am (to include the silence at 11am)
16.11.22	<i>Year 1/2/3 trip to the Whipsnade Zoo</i>	Further information to follow
24.11.22	<i>Year 5 Fun Run</i>	12.30-2.45pm (South Oxhey Playing Fields)
30.11.22	<i>St.Andrew's Day – blue/white dress up (just for fun)</i>	N/A
1.12.22	<i>EYFS trip to local church/posting Christmas letters</i>	Further information to follow



5.12.22	<b>Occasional Day: school closed</b>	N/A
13.12.22	<b>KS2 present 'Carols by Candlelight'</b>	6pm
14.12.22	<b>EYFS Christmas story/songs</b>	11am-12pm
14.12.22	<b>Year 1/Year 2's Christmas Play</b>	2pm & 6pm
15.12.22	<b>Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum</b>	Further information to follow
19.12.22	<b>The X-Mas Factor (talent show)</b>	Afternoon
21.12.22	<b>End-of-term</b>	School finishes at 1pm
9.1.23	<b>Children back to school</b>	8.30am Soft Start


## **THINKING ABOUT SIGNING UP FOR A COURSE TO FURTHER YOUR SKILL-SET?**

*Here are some ideas. As always, please come and talk to someone at Woodhall if you are struggling and we will do all we can to connect you with people/groups that can support you.*

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/adult-learning/campaigns/english-and-maths.aspx>

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### Computing for Beginners




*"Very informative course. I now feel more confident to use computers." Course participant*

Join tutor William Doust for this 6 week course for complete beginners, covering the basics of how to use a computer and its key software.


Tuesdays 8th November to 13th December 2022  
11am to 2pm  
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WD19 7SB  
£15 for Hertfordshire residents  
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### English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)




*"I really liked this course as it helped me achieve my goals." Course participant*

Gain confidence in English skills for personal use and in the workplace.

This 10 session course develops speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

Mondays 19th September to 28th November 2022  
6.30pm to 8.30pm  
Watford rural Parish Hall, Oxhey Drive, South Oxhey  
WD19 7SB  
£15 for Hertfordshire residents  
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