

# Woodhall Weekly



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Woodhall Families,

I hope that you all enjoyed what might have been our last glimpse of the summer! We have been busy as usual here at Woodhall. Last week, our Year 5 and Year 6 children took part in a skateboarding taster session, run by one of our former pupils, Ethan (now a professional skateboard coach). The children- many of whom had not tried skateboarding before - showed huge grit and determination and thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

After-school/lunchtime clubs will be starting again over the next couple of weeks, and I will provide a full timetable in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, please look out for club information sent home to the different classes.

Just a reminder that if your child is ill and absent from school, please let us know by phoning the school office or emailing [attendance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk). If we do not hear from you and your child is not in school, we may take further steps so that we know your child is safe at home.

Sadly, our school cook Maxine left Herts. Catering (the company that supply school lunches) over the summer. We will miss her very much and are arranging for her to come back and say goodbye! We now have the fantastic Wesley as our temporary school cook. Wesley has been amazing and a big hit with the children. School lunches cost £15.75 per week. If you are eligible for certain benefits, your child may qualify for free school lunches. Please see <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>. Thank you,

Michelle Lake

Headteacher

## Notices

### WOODHALL SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

On Friday, we welcomed Cllr. Chris Alley to school, where he joined us for our weekly celebration assembly and helped to award certificates and badges to our new Members of Woodhall Parliament! Congratulations to Kymani, Adela, Hope, Leo, Sadie, Lucy, Cian and Dolly. Following some excellent speeches, these children were voted for by their classmates. Our Woodhall Parliament start their first job today...look out for a letter coming home from them very soon!

### NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

On Wednesday, we are celebrating National Fitness Day with a crazy PE dress-up and lots of activities taking place during the day. For £1, children can come to school dressed in their brightest colours, sweatbands, headbands, face paint, crazy patterns...as long as they can move comfortably, anything goes! We look forward to bringing you photos from the day.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

**TODAY (18.9):** Weekly Swimming sessions begin for Year 3 children.

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:** National Fitness Day (dress-up £1 per child)

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Sharks Class (Y6) 'See how we learn' workshop, 2-3pm.

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER:** Starfish Class (Y1/2) 'See how we learn' workshop, 2-3pm.

**MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER:** Harvest collection starts.

**TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER:** Lisa Sillitoe in school: secondary transition advice for parents

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** 'Magical Minds' well-being workshops for children

**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** Seashells (Nursery/Reception) parents' workshop 2-3pm.

**TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>/WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** Parents' consultation evenings.

**THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** School photos.

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** Harvest Festival.

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** Dolphins Class (Y3/4) 'See how we learn' workshop, 2-3pm.

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> – FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** Half-term week.

**MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup>-THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER:** After-school sale – neon novelties.

**TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER:** Halloween dress-up (£1 per child)

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER:** Neon disco 6-7.30pm.

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** 'Woodhall Remembers': Year 6 lead our Remembrance assembly.

**THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** The Happy Puzzle Company children's workshops (team work and resilience skills)

**FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER:** Children in Need Day (dress-up for a donation to charity)

**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** School closed (Occasional Day).

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** Year 6 Bikeability Week begins (cycling proficiency).

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas dinner day.

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** Woodhall's Christmas Extravaganza (2pm/6pm)

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** Y1-Y6 trip to Watersmeet pantomime. Oh yes it is!

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** Mr. Marvel the Magician visits Nursery/Reception/Year 1.

**THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** Woodhall's Christmas Extravaganza (6pm)

**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER:** End of term (1pm)



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