

Woodhall Weekly



Monday 2nd October 2023

Dear Woodhall Families,

We've been very busy in school preparing for a number of different events. First of all, it's our Harvest Festival on Friday 13th October and this year, we're doing things differently! You will receive a letter this week inviting one adult from each family to come and join us for Harvest. During our assembly -as well as our usual celebration certificates – we will have harvest readings and songs. Unfortunately we are only able to invite one adult per family due to fire regulations, but we will share photos on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/woodhallprimaryschool) as usual.

This Friday will be Sue's final day at Woodhall (she officially left us last week but will be popping in and out this week). To make it a day for her to remember, we are asking everyone to dress in the brightest colours/flowery clothes...Sue loves flowers so we thought we'd turn ourselves into her own Woodhall bouquet! The children will say goodbye during the day, but I will make sure that Sue comes out at home time to say goodbye to all of our parents/carers too. It truly will be the end of an era.

On the positive side, it looks like it's going to be another lovely weather week. Long may the sunshine continue!

Thank you,
Michelle Lake.
Headteacher

Notices

STEP 2 SKILLS MATHS WORKSHOPS

You are all very welcome to attend our introductory maths workshop on **TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER** from 8.30-10am, run by Hertfordshire's 'Step 2 Skills' organisation. This is a great way to increase your confidence with all things maths...find ways that you can support your children at home, know that you're not alone in trying to get to grips with the ways in which maths is taught today, as well as finding tips to deal with home finance in these tough times.

Please bring a form of ID with you – a bill, driving licence, passport etc. and simply turn up at the school office. Should you have any questions, please get in touch with Elise Hoare on 01992 556194.

WOODHAL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are holding our Christmas Fair on **SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023**, from 10am-2pm and we hope that you will all be able to come!

Stalls are still available (£10, payable before the day) and can be booked via the school office (0208 428 3447). If you know someone who would like to have a stall, please spread the word!

We will also be raising money for school by running our own stalls, including a tombola, a raffle, drinks and food etc. If you would like to help us either before or on the day, please do let us know...the more the merrier!

If you can spare time to take our posters to local shops and other organisations, that would really help. The posters will be ready for the week after half-term.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest collection opens **today**, with all donations going to our local food bank. We are collecting non-perishable food items: tins, cans, pasta, rice, noodles, sugar, tea/coffee, bottles of squash, dried fruits, cereals etc; toiletries: shampoo, shower gel, soap, loo roll, nappies, toothpaste etc.

You can either drop items at the office or the children can take them into class. We talk to the children about why we collect items and the importance of the food bank, and we are always overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER: Harvest collection starts.

TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER: Lisa Sillitoe in school: secondary transition advice for parents

THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER: 'Magical Minds' well-being workshops for children

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

TUESDAY 10th/WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER: Parents' consultation evenings.

THURSDAY 12th OCTOBER: School photos.

FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER: Harvest Festival.

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

MONDAY 23rd – FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER: Half-term week.

MONDAY 30th-THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER: After-school sale – neon novelties.

TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER: Halloween dress-up

(CHANGE: DRESS-UP FOR HALLOWEEN AND BRING A BOTTLE FOR OUR TOMBOLA)

THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER: Neon disco 6-7.30pm.

FRIDAY 10th NOVEMBER: 'Woodhall Remembers': Year 6 lead our Remembrance assembly.

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

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER: Children in Need Day (dress-up for a donation to charity)

MONDAY 4th DECEMBER: School closed (Occasional Day).

TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER: Year 6 Bikeability Week begins (cycling proficiency).

WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER: Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas dinner day.

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

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER: Y1-Y6 trip to Watersmeet pantomime. Oh yes it is!

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

THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER: Woodhall's Christmas Extravaganza (6pm)

WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER: End of term (1pm)

THURSDAY 4th/FRIDAY 5th JANUARY: INSET days: staff only

MONDAY 8th JANUARY: Back to school for everyone

MONDAY 19th – FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY: Half-term holiday week



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