Thursday 31st August 2023

Dear Woodhall Families,

Hello to you all on this last day of August! I hope that you've all had a lovely summer. As usual, the holiday seems to have whizzed by (for staff at least; the same might not be true for parents!) and we have been busy preparing for the new school year at Woodhall.

In this newsletter, you will find a few reminders before we start the new term on Monday. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email me at head@woodhall.herts.sch.uk or give the office a ring on 0208 428 3447.

Don't forget about Pete and Sue's leaving do on Friday 8th September (see below for further details)!

We are really looking forward to seeing all of our fabulous families and children again. *As usual, children can come in from 8.30am but MUST be in school by 8.50am.* Enjoy your weekend and see you on Monday!

Thank you,

Michelle Lake

A BIG, WARM WOODHALL WELCOME TO...

Our new Site Manager (Caretaker): Tom Faulkner.

We are really pleased to welcome Tom to the Woodhall team. Many of you already know Tom, as he is one of our Woodhall dads. You will see him greeting everybody on the gate each morning and round and about the school, so make sure that you give him a big smile!

Our new School Business Manager: Fouzia Nemati.

Welcome to Woodhall, Fouzia! Fouzia (pronounced 'Foh-zi-a') will be working in our office with Nikki, and you will see her on the gate in the mornings too. Fouzia will be at Woodhall from Monday-Thursday and works at another primary school on Fridays. She is very excited to be joining our team and I know that you will all make her feel at home!







PETE AND SUE'S LEAVING DO (PART TWO!)

Come and join us on **FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**, 7.30pm at **OXHEY JETS' CLUBHOUSE** (Altham Way, WD19 6FW). Pop in and raise a glass to Lord and Lady Woodhall as they sail away into a very happy retirement. We hope to see you there... spread the word!



ENRICHMENT AT WOODHALL

At Woodhall, we think very carefully about providing children with a wide variety of opportunities that will help to develop character, resilience and motivation and encourage them to pursue wider goals. Our 'Enrichment Calendar' outlines these events – this has been emailed out and will also be available on our school website. If you are able to offer help or your own expertise at any of these events, or you have suggestions for us (such as local clubs that might want to get involved with Woodhall), then please do get in touch!

In the meantime, here's a reminder of some of our autumn term special days (see the calendar for a complete list)...

WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER: National Fitness Day. Pay £1 per child and come to school dressed in your craziest fitness outfit...the brighter, the better!

TUESDAY 10th/WEDNESDAY 11th OCTOBER: Parents' consultation evenings. Appointments will be sent out nearer the time.

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER: Harvest Festival – we will be asking for donations for our harvest collection.

HALF-TERM BREAK: MONDAY 23rd to FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER

TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER: Pay £1 and come to school dressed in your Halloween outfit. Face paint optional!

THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER: Neon disco (let's all glow in the dark!) 6 -7.30pm.

FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER: Children in Need day. Wear a onesie to school for a donation to charity.

WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER: Wear your Christmas jumper to school on our Christmas dinner day (just for fun!)

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER/THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER: 'Woodhall's Christmas Extravaganza!' performances (this will involve children from Year 1-Year 6)

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER: Our trip to the Watersmeet panto 'Sleeping Beauty'. Oh, yes it is!

END OF TERM: WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER (1pm)

PE KITS

Next week, you will receive an email from your child's class teacher with details of the class timetable and PE days.

On PE days, or days when they have after-school sports' clubs, children may come to school in their PE kits. Please ensure that these are SCHOOL PE KITS (plain black tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, black sweatshirt/hoodie). If you would prefer a branded Woodhall PE kit, these are available at www.mapac.com. A letter clarifying all school uniform will be sent home next week.

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