

# Woodhall Weekly



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Woodhall Families,

Half-term week is fast approaching and we are busy preparing for our Woodhall Harvest Festival! Thank you very much to everyone for your donations so far. We are going to need a lot of tables to hold all of the wonderful things that you have donated! For a small school, your generosity has (as always) been astounding. The children have loved looking at our Harvest collection each day in assembly and marvelling at the growing pile! Don't forget that we are inviting one adult per family to join us for Friday's Harvest assembly, where we will have other friends of Woodhall from the community. We will aim for a 9am start.

We enjoyed our very exciting 'Magical Minds' assembly and workshops last week. A group of actors/dancers from the Truefitt Collective came to help us to explore different emotions through drama and dance. We hope that they will be back next term!

Sue had a very enjoyable (if tearful), flower-filled, final day at Woodhall. She has asked me to say a very big thank you to all of you for making it so special. Her new house looks like a florist at the moment with all of your gifts! Sue and Pete are hoping to join us for our Harvest Festival next week, so it will be a lovely opportunity for the children and staff to say hello again.

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## Notices

### HALLOWEEN RAFFLE & DRESS-UP DAY

From **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be selling tickets for our children's Halloween Raffle. As usual, £1.00 per strip and on sale after school OR by sending your money in a envelope marked with your child's name and 'Halloween Raffle'.

Halloween (31<sup>st</sup>) falls on the Tuesday after half-term week, and we are holding a Halloween dress-up on that day. However, instead of money, ***we are asking for a BOTTLE for our Christmas Fair bottle tombola.*** Champagne, shampoo...as long as it's in an unopened bottle (and in date), we'll take it!

### SMILE PLEASE! SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. If your child has PE on this day, please send them to school in their uniform but with trainers on. They will still take part in a PE session, but it will be one they can easily do in school uniform. Thank you!



## **ROAD SAFETY: WOODHALL LANE**

During the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November, we are taking part in National Road Safety Week. This will include the whole school. Children will take part in a series of assemblies and class-based activities, where we will use some of the 'Be Bright, Be Seen!' resources.

However, **we have experienced a couple of worrying incidents recently** and have spoken to the children about keeping safe, particularly on Woodhall Lane at drop-off and pick-up times. **Please talk to your child/ren at home about road safety, and especially the following:**

- **Only open car doors when an adult tells you that it is safe to do so and always get out of the door NEXT TO the pavement. Never open your car door onto the road.**
- **Only cross the road where it is safe to do so. If you are on a bike or a scooter, dismount before you cross the road. Check left, check right and then check again before you cross.**

We have had children walking/running straight out into the road without looking and a couple of very near-misses, even when the drivers have been driving very slowly and sensibly.

Unfortunately, some cars (that are nothing to do with Woodhall) travel very fast along Woodhall Lane and/or use it as a cut-through. They would not be able to stop quickly if a child suddenly walked out into the road. We have spoken to Hertfordshire County Council about the lack of sensibly-placed signage to warn cars to slow down as there is a primary school ahead.

Many of our Year 5 and Year 6 children walk to/from school by themselves, which gives them a important taste of independence and prepares them for moving on to secondary school. However, we do want them to be safe and well. If there are older children who are not being safe and sensible on their journeys to/from school, we will ask that they be dropped off and collected by a parent.

Thank you for your support.

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

**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

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

**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)

**THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup>/FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY:** INSET days: staff only

**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY:** Back to school for everyone

**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY:** Half-term holiday week



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