

Woodhall Weekly



Monday 8th January 2024

Dear Woodhall Families,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Christmas break. The afternoons are slowly getting lighter and we're raring to get going at Woodhall with all of the exciting learning planned for our spring term!

You'll find lots of dates for the new term at the end of this newsletter. Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. We always endeavour to give plenty of notice for school events but, as is the way in primary schools, we also like to take up any last-minute opportunities on offer. Please keep your eye out for any school emails, texts and Woodhall Weekly dates, as these will be amended as appropriate. Class teachers will email you this week with information such as PE days, homework arrangements and so on.

Our focus Woodhall Value for this term is RESPONSIBILITY and lots of our learning will be connected with this. In assembly today, we will be talking to the children about the importance of good school attendance and we'll be introducing some exciting incentives. You can read more about these in Mrs B's attendance letter.

We will also be offering some exciting new clubs this term. Please look out for further information and note that different companies might have different booking arrangements – for example, booking a place online. If you are unsure, please contact Nikki or Fouzia in the school office who will be pleased to help you. A full list of clubs will be included with the next Woodhall Weekly.

Welcome back to Woodhall, everyone!

Michelle Lake

Headteacher

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Notices

DO YOU HAVE A FUSSY EATER AT HOME?!

It's that time of year where we all resolve to live a healthier lifestyle (or we try, at least!). However, what do you do when your child won't eat a variety of different foods? Come along to our **FUSSY EATERS WORKSHOP**, that's what! Led by nutritionists from Bizzee Bodies and with well-being in mind, you'll be able to chat to other parents in exactly the same situation, receive expert insight and get some top tips to take away with you.

No need to book, just come along on FRIDAY 19th JANUARY from 9-11.30am.

This is an informal, non-judgemental session (and it's totally FREE)!

FREE MATHS WORKSHOPS!

Elise from STEP 2 SKILLS will be talking to parents at home time on Tuesday/Thursday and Friday this week about our new **FUN WITH NUMBERS** maths workshops. These are completely free and will give you lots of ideas about how to involve simple maths in every day jobs such as craft and cooking. Our first workshop will be held on **Monday 15th January, 9am-12pm**. All welcome – please see the poster for further booking information, or book through Elise. The more, the merrier!

HAZARD ALLEY

On **Tuesday 16th January**, as part of our focus on the Woodhall Value of RESPONSIBILITY, we are taking our Dolphins, Turtles and Sharks classes (Key Stage 2) to 'Hazard Alley' in Milton Keynes. This is a brilliant centre where children interact with different scenarios (including fire, road, railway, home, car, personal safety and first aid) and, through high-quality immersive experiences, learn how to respond quickly, appropriately and safely. Please have a look at the Hazard Alley website for further information:

www.safetycentre.co.uk

We will travel to Milton Keynes by coach. Children will need to bring a packed lunch (no fizzy drinks or sweets please). We should be back at school before home time.

OXHEY LIBRARY...HERE WE COME!

We are really pleased to let you know that we will be regular visitors to Oxhey Library from this term onwards. Each Tuesday afternoon, a different class will take their turn to visit. Whilst we know that some Woodhall children regularly use the library service, we wanted everyone to become familiar with this amazing free resource (right on our doorstep!) and the amazing world of possibilities that libraries can open up to children.

Each child will be able to borrow a book per visit. Books will be issued on a class ticket and will be kept to read in school and then returned on the next visit. Here is our timetable of visits. If you would like to help out when your child's class visit the library, please email the class teacher to let them know. Thank you!

DATE	CLASS
16.1.24	Starfish
23.1.24	Dolphins
30.1.24	Seashells
6.2.24	Turtles
13.2.24	Sharks
HALF TERM WEEK	
27.2.24	Starfish
5.3.24	Dolphins
12.3.24	Seashells
19.3.24	Turtles
26.3.24	Sharks

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

MONDAY 8th JANUARY: Back to school

WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY: Spurs football skills sessions start (weekly) for Key Stage 2

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY: 'Ninja Warrior Club' taster session for Starfish Class (during school day)

THURSDAY 11th JANUARY: Woodhall v St. Joseph's netball match (after school)

MONDAY 15th JANUARY: Fun with Numbers maths workshops for parents starts 9.15am-12pm

MONDAY 15th JANUARY: Children's yoga taster sessions for all classes (during school day)

TUESDAY 16th JANUARY: Key Stage 2 trip to Hazard Alley

TUESDAY 16th JANUARY: Starfish visit to Oxhey Library

THURSDAY 18th JANUARY: Year 6 Athletics Festival (during school day)

FRIDAY 19th JANUARY: 'Fussy Eaters' workshop for parents/carers 9-11.30am

TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY: Dolphins visit to Oxhey Library

TUESDAY 30th JANUARY: Seashells visit to Oxhey Library

MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY: 'Healthy Heroes' healthy eating/fitness session for Year 2

TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY: 'Stay Active' session for Year 3/Year 4

TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY: Turtles visit to Oxhey Library

TUESDAY 6th/WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY: Parents' consultation evenings

FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY: Chinese New Year art & craft morning

TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY: Sharks visit to Oxhey Library

MONDAY 19th – FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY: HALF TERM WEEK

MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY: Back to school

TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY: Starfish visit to Oxhey Library

FRIDAY 1st MARCH: Sharks' class assembly (9am)

TUESDAY 5th MARCH: Dolphins visit to Oxhey Library

THURSDAY 7th MARCH: World Book Day

FRIDAY 8th MARCH: Turtles' class assembly (9am)

TUESDAY 12th MARCH: Woodhall Careers' Day

TUESDAY 12th MARCH: Seashells visit to Oxhey Library

WEDNESDAY 13th MARCH: Dolphins/Turtles trip to Verulamium Museum, St. Albans

FRIDAY 15th MARCH: Starfish class assembly

TUESDAY 19th MARCH: Turtles visit to Oxhey Library

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH: Dolphins' class assembly

TUESDAY 26th MARCH: Easter bonnet-making day (all classes)

TUESDAY 26th MARCH: Sharks visit to Oxhey Library

WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH: Easter disco (evening)

THURSDAY 28th MARCH: Easter Bonnet Parade/End of term (school finishes at 1pm)



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