

Woodhall Weekly



Monday 12th February 2024

Dear Woodhall Families,

Just this week left at school until our half-term break, and energy levels remain high at Woodhall! Thank you to all those who took part in our parents' consultations last week; we hope that you found them helpful. The partnership between home and school is **vital** for children to become confident and successful learners.

Some exciting news...we are now opening the school for weekday evening hire! If you know of a club or group who are looking for a decent space for a regular booking, please share our poster, which will be emailed out separately.

We have also decided to hold an Easter Fair (for the first time!) on Saturday 16th March, 9am-12pm. This will be on a smaller scale than Christmas, but if you know any stall holders who would like to take part, please let them know.

We wish everyone a safe and happy half-term week (when it arrives!)

Thanks everyone,

Michelle Lake

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Notices

BEHAVIOUR ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Unfortunately, we have had concerns regarding the use of bad language on school premises, and aggressive behaviour of a few parents towards other parents on site. I want to take this opportunity to remind you that this is **absolutely not acceptable**. Children look to adults for models of behaviour and it is against everything we are all trying to demonstrate to them if adults behave badly. If you have a problem or concern about your child, please come to the school, where it will be dealt with. **The school site is, and should always be, a safe place for children, their parents/carers, and staff.**

This is a reminder that there is *no automatic right to have access to the school site*, and should negative behaviour which leaves children and their parents feeling unsafe continue, a ban from school premises can and will be imposed.

Please also make sure that **all children are properly supervised** at the start and end of the day (whilst you are waiting on the pathway). To keep everyone safe (including pre-schoolers), we ask children not to ride on scooters/bikes once on the school site.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you may be eligible to receive benefit-related Free School Meals. To check your eligibility and to apply please visit the Hertfordshire County Council website:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Alternatively, you can call them on **0300 123 4048** to find out more and make an application.

It is worth applying (even if you have tried previously and had not been eligible) and the application should only take 5 minutes.

Benefit-related Free School Meals is different to Universal Income Free School Meals (UIFSM), where pupils only in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a school dinner free-of-charge.

With Benefit-related Free School Meals, you can receive additional support such as free school dinners from Year 3 and upwards, free school milk, and half price bus travel.

If eligible, the school will also receive much needed additional funding which will help towards extra equipment, trips and other things to benefit the pupils in our school.

If you need any help with making a Free School Meal application, please speak to Fouzia in the office, or email admin@woodhall.herts.sch.uk.

WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

This year, our theme for World Book Day dress-up is **101 Dalmatians**, the classic children's story by Dodie Smith (also a film). **We are asking all of the children to become dalmatian puppies for the day, whilst the staff become Cruella and her henchmen!**

You are welcome to buy a costume, but please don't feel that you have to. Black and white clothes or a black/white spotty t-shirt, some home-made ears and a collar (children might want to choose their dalmatian puppy name!), some face paint if wanted...costumes can be as cheap and simple as possible.

We know that everyone will look fantastic, as always!



BOOK AND SHOE SALE

We will be selling pre-loved books after school on **Tuesday 13th February**. Lots of bargains to be had! Alongside the books, we'll be selling any shoes and boots left from our previous shoe sale. Once you have collected your children, please use the car-park entrance to access the sale.

EASTER FAIR

We are holding an Easter Fair on Saturday 16th March, from 9am-12pm. If you know of anyone who might like to book a stall, please spread the word! Posters will be emailed out and posted on our Facebook page. All shares much appreciated!

TAG RUGBY/NINJA WARRIOR CLUBS

Letters will be emailed out this week for the next **Tag Rugby Club** and **Ninja Warrior Club** sessions. These are run by the brilliant *Superstar Sports* and have been very popular! Tag Rugby needs to be booked online via the link (on the letter) but Ninja Warrior spaces can be booked by returning the form to school. New members are very welcome.

WOODHALL FOR HIRE!

Our PE Hall and Community Space are now available for evening hire, Monday- Friday. Please see the poster below for further details. Unfortunately, we are not able to hire the venue for parties or at weekends. If you know of someone looking for a regular hall space, send them our way!



LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO HIRE? WOODHALL SCHOOL



WOODHALL LANE, SOUTH OXHEY, WATFORD, HERTS., WD19 6QX.

PE HALL



£30 (first hour per day) then £20 per additional hour (per day)

Plenty of space to park, access to toilets and a kitchen area if needed.

Available weekdays, 5pm – 9pm (last hour: 8-9pm)

Please contact the School Office on 0208 428 3447 or email finance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk for further information.

Block bookings welcome.

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COMMUNITY SPACE



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

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

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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

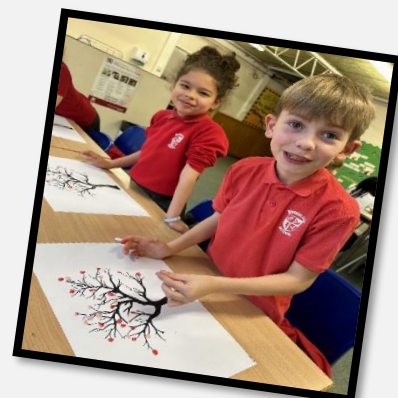
FRIDAY 22nd MARCH: Dolphins' class assembly

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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