

# Woodhall Weekly



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Woodhall Families,

**THANK YOU** for making such a huge effort with the children's costumes for World Book Day last week...they looked absolutely brilliant! Everyone had a great day with activities based around Dodie Smith's 'One Hundred and One Dalmatians' and our 'Hometime Barking' was a very noisy affair indeed!

We are looking forward to our **Easter Fair** this Saturday, with lots of exciting stallholders coming along as well as Woodhall favourites such as the tombola and raffle. **Please come along and bring your family and friends!** We would really appreciate your support.

A few things that you might be able to help with:

- **Can you bake or donate some cakes or biscuits for our refreshments stall? Please drop them at school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March if you are able.**
- **Any more bottles for our bottle tombola would be gratefully received...**
- **Spread the word! If you know of any shops that might display an Easter Fair poster, they are available to pick up from the school office – grab as many as you need!**

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday! Doors open at 9.30am.

Last week, we were very proud to take some of our Year 5 and 6 girls to the Barclays 'Biggest Ever Girls' Football' session at St. Joan of Arc. The children did us proud; not only did they enjoy themselves (and that's what it's all about) but they also demonstrated all of our Woodhall Values throughout the morning. What a great group of girls! Ready to make their mark on the world, just as they have made their mark on Woodhall.

Also last week, the children from Years 4 and 5 had the privilege of speaking (via Teams) to Officer Marc Arnold, of the Sarasota County Police Department in Florida, USA. Officer Marc works at Englewood Elementary School. The children learnt lots about the USA prior to meeting Officer Marc, including finding out about time zones and the different way in which schools are organised. Officer Marc answered all of the children's questions about his life and work, and he will definitely remain a friend of Woodhall!

A gentle reminder...**please check your child's phone regularly.** Last week, Mrs Cooper Battersby sent out a detailed letter regarding the use of social media. It's a tricky world for children who are, in some cases, using apps that they are not emotionally mature enough to use. **If you have any concerns about messages being sent, please use the 'report' facility on the app and, if messages have been of a bullying or inappropriate nature, you can report this directly to the Police using the 101 number.**

Thanks Everyone,

Michelle Lake

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# Notices

## RAMADAN MUBARAK (Blessed Ramadan)

...to all of our Muslim families! This week marks the start of the holy month of Ramadan, which the children will be learning about during assembly. It is a very special time for Muslims all across the world and a time of extra prayer, thought, kind deeds and fasting. We wish all of our Muslim families a happy and peaceful Ramadan. If your child is fasting, please let us know so that we may support them.

## EGGS FOR ALL SAINTS

Our friend Vicar Deborah visited us a couple of weeks ago to talk about Lent, and she will be back soon to tell us all about Christian Holy Week. In the meantime, we are busy decorating paper Easter eggs to hang on the trees at All Saints' Church (Gosforth Lane, South Oxhey). You might want to take a trip to see the children's work during the Easter holidays!

## THE EGGS FACTOR

...and talking of Easter, the last week of term is fast approaching, which can only mean one thing...**THE EGGS FACTOR!!** Children will be auditioning for our fabulous talent show on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**. At Christmas, there was some tough competition as all of our X-Factor acts were amazing! If you can help your child to practise at home...learn words, learn moves, whatever their act consists of...that would be great! Thank you.



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

**TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Seashells visit to Oxhey Library

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

**FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Starfish class assembly

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Woodhall Easter Fair, 9.30am – 12.30pm

**TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Turtles visit to Oxhey Library

**FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH:** Dolphins' class assembly

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Easter bonnet-making day (all classes)

**TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Sharks visit to Oxhey Library

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** Easter disco (evening)

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

**EASTER HOLIDAYS: FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH – FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** All back to school

**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL:** Reception/Year 1/Year 2 trip to Welwyn Hatfield Museum ('The Little Red Hen' flour mill trip)

**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> – THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY:** Year 6 SATs Week

**HALF-TERM WEEK: MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> – FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> MAY**

**MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE:** All back to school

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE:** Carpenders Park/South Oxhey Community Gala (@Woodhall)

**THURSDAY 20<sup>th</sup>/FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE:** Year 6 overnight stay at Gulliver's Land

**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> JULY:** Year 6 Leavers' Dinner + whole school disco

**SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY:** Woodhall Summer Fair

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY:** Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

**FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY:** End of term 1pm

# USEFUL CONTACTS

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