

Woodhall Weekly



Monday 22nd April 2024

Dear Woodhall Families,

Apologies that this newsletter is a week later than planned, but...welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break. Learning has got off to a flying start in every class, with teachers having to make some very tricky decisions about the recipients of awards for our first celebration assembly last Friday...it was too difficult to choose as all of the children have been working so hard!

We have got lots of exciting events coming up this term, starting with our May Day on Friday 6th May to the Community Gala on Saturday 8th June, National School Sports' Week in June and our pirate-themed Summer Fair in July! We are also pleased to introduce our new 'Tell Us a Story' assemblies performed by each class (see dates at the end).

Full steam ahead!

Michelle Lake

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Notices

WOODHALL'S MAY DAY

We are very proud to be a school whose May Day traditions are very much alive and kicking. This year, we will celebrate on **Friday 3rd May**, and you are all invited. Come and see this year's May Queen crowned and marvel at Robin Hood and the Merry Men! Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee whilst taking in a variety of dancing, from the Dolphins' Morris Dancing Team to Year 6's Country Dance...

You are invited to take your seats from 9.50am. The children will come out at approximately 10am when the festivities will begin. We anticipate that the event will run until around 11.30pm, when the children will return to class.

In order to let as many parents as possible attend, May Day will be held on our lower playground. Should the weather be bad, we will notify you as soon as possible and re-schedule.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE ON LITTLE OXHEY LANE

You might be aware that there is an entrance gate to the school located on Little Oxhey Lane (opposite the turning for Cherry Hills). This entrance has been closed for a number of years.

We would like to re-open this entrance (MORNINGS ONLY) from Monday 29th April. To do this safely, we would ask those using this entrance to adhere to the following:

- If your child is in Year 1-Year 6, they must be dropped at the gate and can make their way to classrooms from there. Only parents of children in Early Years (Nursery/Reception) will be allowed to accompany their child down to the Office entrance.
- Parents/carers cannot use the entrance to walk through to Woodhall Lane (i.e. as a cut through)
- The gate will be opened at 8.30am and closed at 8.50am.
- If you need to talk to a class teacher, please make an appointment by emailing the teacher or phoning the School Office. Unfortunately, teachers are not able to speak to parents from 8.30am onwards as they are with the children in 'Soft Start'.

CROSSING THE ROAD

We know that Little Oxhey Lane is a busy road and this has been a real concern for us. We have spoken to Hertfordshire County Council about the possibility of having a crossing patrol at this entrance (there was originally a crossing patrol but this was taken away by the Council).

In order for the Council to consider installing a crossing patrol, we have been asked to conduct a trial run. A Council Officer will then come out to see the entrance being used and decide whether or not a crossing patrol is needed.

During the trial run, there will be no-one to help the children cross Little Oxhey Lane. A school adult will be on the entrance gate, but this person will be making sure that children are getting to their classes and therefore not able to help children across the road.

Please make sure that there is an adult crossing with your child during this time.

If the trial run is successful, we hope that the Council will agree to a crossing patrol.

HOME TIME

Unfortunately, we are not able to open the Little Oxhey Lane entrance at home time. This is because we cannot provide the number of staff needed to take children out to both entrances. However, if demand is there, we will consider options moving forward.

Thank you everyone!

MAPAC

Please note that there is a new website address for Mapac, the company that provide our school uniform:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/woodhallprimaryschoolwd196qx>

SUMMER FAIR

This year's summer fair will take place on **SATURDAY 6th JULY** from 11am-2pm and has a theme...**PIRATES!**

We will have a wide variety of stalls and games, as well as a kids' disco, BBQ and much, much more! If you know anyone who would like to run their own stall, please ask them to contact the School Office (0208 428 3447) or share our poster from Facebook. Stalls are £20 and stallholders must bring their own tables.

We are holding two non-school uniform days in the run-up to the fair:

FRIDAY 10th MAY: Wear your own clothes to school in exchange for a bottle for our adults' tombola

FRIDAY 6th JUNE: Wear your own clothes to school in exchange for sweets for our children's tombola (we will also be making pirate costumes in class on this day)



**30 HRS
FREE
CHILDCARE**

Woodhall School and Bluebell Preschool are now working in partnership to bring you 30 hours free childcare!


APPLY HERE

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/childcare-and-advice-for-parents/free-early-education-and-childcare/childcare-support.aspx>

Ofsted (November 2022) say:
'Leaders' high ambition for pupils begins in the early years.'
'Pupils enjoy learning to read and engage enthusiastically.'

Contact Woodhall School on the details below for more information:

- ☎ 020 8428 3447
- 🌐 <https://woodhall.herts.sch.uk>
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**Modern Maths
for Parents –
Woodhall School**

Let us help you gain confidence with numeracy and learn how to understand your children's learning. These FREE sessions will give you the knowledge and confidence to help your children with their work.

Date & Time: 20th May - 17th June
Mondays 9:30am - 11:45am

Venue: Woodhall School South Oxhey, Watford, Herts, WD19 6QX



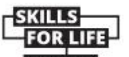

To book your place, please contact:
tanya.mcbride@sps-training.com
01707 933215 / 01707 933212

In this session we'll aim to cover:

- Whole numbers
- Calculations
- Measurements

Eligibility:

- Aged over 19
- Living in Hertfordshire
- Do not have the equivalent of Maths Level 2

TERM DATES FOR 2024/2025

Term dates for our next academic year will be as follows:

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2nd/Tuesday 3rd September: INSET days (Staff only)

Wednesday 4th September: **Children back to school**

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: Half-term week

Monday 2nd December: Occasional Day – school closed

Friday 20th December: End-of-term (1pm finish)

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January: **Children back to school**

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: Half-term week

Friday 4th April: End-of-term (1pm finish)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Monday 21st April: Easter Monday (School closed)

Tuesday 22nd April: **Children back to school**

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday (School closed)

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May: Half-term week

Thursday 10th July: Hertfordshire Secondary Transition Day (for Year 6 children)

Friday 18th July: End-of-term (1pm finish)

Monday 21st/Tuesday 22nd/Wednesday 23rd July: INSET days (Staff only)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

TUESDAY 30th APRIL: Year 5 visit to the OAP Lunch Club

FRIDAY 3rd MAY: Woodhall's May Day (starts at 10am)

FRIDAY 10th MAY: Non-uniform Day (Bring a Bottle)

MONDAY 13th – THURSDAY 16th MAY: Year 6 SATs Week

HALF-TERM WEEK: MONDAY 27th – FRIDAY 31st MAY

MONDAY 3rd JUNE: All back to school

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE: Non-uniform Day (Bring sweets)

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

FRIDAY 14th JUNE: Turtles' 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

W/B MONDAY 17th JUNE: National School Sports' Week

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

FRIDAY 21st JUNE: Dolphins 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

FRIDAY 5TH JULY: Starfish 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

SATURDAY 6th JULY: Woodhall Summer Fair

FRIDAY 12th JULY: Seashells' 'Tell Us a Story' Assembly

THURSDAY 18th JULY: Year 6 Leavers' Dinner + whole school disco

FRIDAY 19th JULY: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly



ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR KIDS' HEALTH HABITS?

WE CAN HELP YOU KICKSTART A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE FOR YOUR FAMILY.

Join BeeZee Bodies for a FREE* healthy living workshop and learn how to level-up your family's lifestyle!

- 2 hour group session with our team of nutritionists and family wellbeing coaches
- Informal, inclusive and non-judgemental atmosphere guaranteed!
- Share challenges and tips with other like minded parents/carers
- Get expert advice tailored to **your** family
- Receive a detailed action plan to take away
- Have a virtual 1:1 check-in one month later to see how you're getting on.

*eligibility criteria applies, please see our website for details.

TOPICS COVERED IN THE WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE:

- Healthy eating and nutrition
- Physical activity
- Habits & Routines
- Signposting to other services

If you would like to attend, please fill in the reply slip attached

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For notification of absence, please email:

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LOOKING FOR A SPACE TO HIRE? **WOODHALL SCHOOL**



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£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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