

Woodhall Weekly



Friday 13th September 2024



We had an absolutely fantastic day at Hobbledown Heath this week! The children had a whale of a time and it was a brilliant opportunity for strengthening the bonds in our new classes. An extra special **THANK YOU** to our parent volunteers- Lyndsey, Lynn, Emma and Amy, who were an amazing help to us -even though I very nearly injured Emma on the trampoline!). All of our children, who were exceptional role-models and showed all of our Woodhall Values throughout the day (especially through helping each other so that everyone could enjoy themselves). All of the staff were so proud of them!

Keep an eye on the dates section of the Woodhall Weekly as I will add events as they are arranged. I am beginning to organise our Christmas Fair and need all the help I can get! If you are able to lend an organisational hand, please let me know. The biggest area will be advertising the fair and asking for raffle prizes. All help very gratefully received.

Thank you!

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TOM'S YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL CLUB

We were overwhelmed by the number of children wanting to join the Football Club. To make things easier, ALL of the children can attend training on **Tuesday 17th/Thursday 19th/Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th September (3.30-4.30pm)**. After this, we will split the children into a Tuesday group and a Thursday group. Please look out for further information.

WOODHALL CHEER TEAM

There are still some spaces available in our brand new Cheerleading Club, which will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes. If your child would like to join, please go to www.superstarsportnwl.com and follow the 'book Now' link. The club costs just £26.60 for the half-term and will start on **Wednesday 20th September** (children in the Cheerleading Club can come to school in their PE kits).



NEWS FROM EARLY YEARS

It has been lovely to welcome our new Nursery and Reception children to the Woodhall Family. They've been incredibly busy during their first whole week at Woodhall!

Just a reminder that we are here to help with any worries or concerns that you might have, whether these relate to your child at home or at school. We have many avenues of support that we can direct you to (and it always helps to talk). We are collecting family photos for our 'Belonging' display so please send us a snap (if you haven't done so already). It's also fast becoming welly weather, so please make sure that your child has a pair of wellies in school for that all-important outdoor play.

Miss Jones and her team will be starting regular '**Come and Chat**' meetings (with coffee!) for any parents/carers of children in Nursery or Reception (also called 'Early Years'). These are not only a chance to find out about different areas of Early Years education, but also an opportunity to get to know the other parents/carers! Our first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 24th September at 2pm** (theme: settling into school) with a second session on **Wednesday 2nd October at 9am** (theme: early reading skills). You are all very welcome and it would be great to see as many parents/carers as possible there.

Early Years are also starting a fantastic Reception class '**Share a Story**' weekly session. These will take start on **Thursday 26th September from 2.50-3.15pm**. We know that reading opens the door to a world of opportunities...come into the classroom and enjoy the time to share a book with your child. Staff will be on hand to share early reading tips and recommend some exciting books for this age range. Although our 'Share a Story' sessions will start for Reception parents/carers only, we will extend this to Nursery in the future.

Finally, on **Thursday 24th October from 9-10am**, we are holding a **Harvest Craft** session. Come in, get busy, get messy and have fun taking part in a range of harvest arts and crafts with the children!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note: life in primary school can be very eventful and sometimes we will need to make changes to the dates listed. When this happens, we will try to give you as much notice as possible.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	ANY OTHER INFORMATION
Tuesday 24th September (2pm)	Come and Chat: meeting for parents of children in Early Years	Theme: settling into school.
Thursday 26th September (2.50pm)	Early Years 'Share a Story'	This will be a weekly session.
Wednesday 2nd October (9am)	Come and Chat: meeting for parents of children in Early Years	Theme: early reading.
Tuesday 8th October	Years 3-6 trip to see 'Alice in Wonderland' (ballet) at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.	Further details to be sent out.
Thursday 10th October	School photos	To include pre-school children, please complete and return the form when it is sent out.
Monday 14th October	Halloween raffle tickets on sale after school (daily).	Raffle winners will be drawn at the end of the half-term.
Tuesday 22nd / Wednesday 23rd October	Consultation evenings	
Thursday 24th October (9am)	Early Years: Harvest Crafts workshop	
Friday 25th October (9am)	Harvest Festival	
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November/HALF TERM WEEK		
Monday 4th November	Festivals Arts & Crafts Day	Tiger Cubs/Panthers: <i>Bonfire Night</i> Years 3-5: <i>Diwali</i> Year 6: <i>Remembrance</i>
Monday 11th November	'Woodhall Remembers' Remembrance Assembly presented by Year 6	Year 6 parents/carers invited. Time TBC.
Tuesday 12th November	Flu vaccinations (nasal spray)	Permission letters will be sent to parents
Friday 22nd November	Road Safety Day at Woodhall	
Thursday 28th November	Years 1-6 Neon Disco	
Monday 2nd November	Occasional Day	School closed
Wednesday 11th December	Woodhall Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day	
Thursday 12th December (times TBC)	Years 1-6 trip to Pantomime Nursery/Reception visit from Mr. Marvel the Magician	
Tuesday 17th December (2pm/6pm)	Christmas Play/Carols	
Friday 20th December (1pm)	End of term	
Monday 23rd December- Friday 3rd January/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS		
Monday 6th January		Back to school
Monday 17th-Friday 21st February/HALF TERM WEEK		

Friday 4th April (1pm)	End of term	
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April/EASTER HOLIDAYS		
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school	
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday Monday	School closed
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May/HALF TERM WEEK		
Friday 18th July (1pm)	End of term	

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