

# Woodhall Weekly



FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024



**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!** It's great to see all of you again and especially lovely to meet all of our new families. We hope that you feel very welcome at Woodhall. The children have made a fantastic start to their new academic year and are currently taking part in our termly 'Welcome Back to School' week. This includes:

- *Making sure that all children know what to do if they have a worry*
- *Establishing class routines and behaviour for learning*
- *Plenty of PSHE (Personal/Social/Health Education) including discussing the importance of social, emotional and mental well-being (recognising and understanding their own feelings, discussing helpful strategies and so on – at an age-appropriate level)*
- *Writing a class charter (a code of behaviour that children want for their own classroom)*
- *Completing baseline assessments; for example, reading fluency, number bonds/times tables*
- *A range of art activities linked to our new 'Big Cat' class names*

Just to remind you all that, as well as this 'Woodhall Weekly', we also communicate with parents/carers via our 'Teachers 2 Parents' email/texting service and we have a school website ([www.woodhall.herts.sch.uk](http://www.woodhall.herts.sch.uk)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/woodhallprimaryschool](https://www.facebook.com/woodhallprimaryschool)). At the end of this newsletter, you will find teachers' email addresses as well as other contact details. Please don't ever sit at home worrying about something – get in touch! We are always happy to see and talk to parents. We have lots of avenues of support (both at school and home) – not only for the children but for their families too. We know that life can be tricky and we all need a little help sometimes. We are so excited at the opportunities we have planned for our amazing Woodhall children this academic year. On with the show!

Michelle Lake (Headteacher)

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## **SAVE OUR PAPER!**

This week, we have sent the 'Woodhall Weekly' out as a paper copy to each family. From next week, it will be emailed out (generally on a Friday). If you do not receive the Woodhall Weekly via email, please let Nikki or Fouzia (School Office) know. Thank you.

### **SCHOOL KITCHEN VACANCY**

Our school lunches are provided by Herts Catering Ltd, and there is currently a vacancy in the Woodhall kitchen for a General Catering Assistant (10 hours per week/term time only). You'd be a valued part of our Woodhall team, and working alongside our fabulous school cook Brogan. If you are interested in the position, please apply via [www.hcl.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.hcl.co.uk/vacancies). Good luck and may the sauce be with you!

### **TRIP TO HOBbledown HEATH (YEARS 1-6)**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, we will be visiting Hobbledown Heath; a fantastic farm/adventure playground where the children will take part in a special 'Meet the Animal' experience. You should have received a letter with details of the trip. We have planned this so early in the term as it be a brilliant team-bonding opportunity for our new 'Big Cat' classes and children will be able to build upon their experiences back in the classroom. Why not have a look at the Hobbledown Heath website and see what it has to offer?! [www.hobbledown.com/hounslow/](http://www.hobbledown.com/hounslow/)

We'd love to have some parent/carer volunteers to come and help! If you are able to join us, please let Nikki/Fouzia (School Office) know.

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR HOME TIME**

If you have been with us for a while, you will know that our arrangements for picking children up at home time have changed this year in response to parent feedback. Whilst all new systems have glitches, we hope that this will work well. If you do have any feedback, please let us know. This half-term, I will be arranging a 'Voice of Woodhall' parent feedback session which I hope will provide a good opportunity for you to provide feedback or discuss particular topics related to school. Look out for further details!

### **SUPERSTAR SPORTS**

We are very pleased to be working with the brilliant coaches at Superstar Sports this year. Children will take part in PE sessions with Coach Jett on Fridays (Years 1-6) or Coach James on Tuesdays (Nursery/Reception). Superstar Sports will also be running the following clubs at Woodhall this term:

- Cheerleading (Years 3-6) on Wednesday lunchtimes
  - Dodgeball (Years 3-6) on Fridays 2-3pm
  - Football (Years 1 & 2) on Fridays 2-3pm

For details of costs and to register your child, please go to [www.superstarsportnwl.com](http://www.superstarsportnwl.com) and click on 'Book Now'. Other school clubs will be announced in due course. Thank you!



## **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.*

| <b>DATE/TIME</b>   | <b>EVENT</b>  | <b>ANY OTHER INFORMATION</b>  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | Years 1-6 trip to Hobbledown Heath  | Children to wear PE kits (so that they can make full use of the play equipment!) with comfortable footwear. Waterproof coats may be needed. |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | Years 3-6 trip to see 'Alice in Wonderland' (ballet) at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. | Further details to be sent out.   |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | School photos   | To include pre-school children, please complete and return the form when it is sent out.  |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | Halloween raffle tickets on sale after school (daily).  | Raffle winners will be drawn at the end of the half-term.   |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> / Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>                       | Consultation evenings   |   |
| <b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (9am)</b>  | Harvest Festival  |   |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November/HALF TERM WEEK</b>    |   |   |
| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Festivals Arts & Crafts Day   | Tiger Cubs/Panthers: <i>Bonfire Night</i><br>Years 3-5: <i>Diwali</i><br>Year 6: <i>Remembrance</i>   |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | 'Woodhall Remembers' Remembrance Assembly presented by Year 6                                 | Year 6 parents/carers invited. Time TBC.  |
| <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Flu vaccinations (nasal spray)  | Permission letters will be sent to parents  |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>   | Road Safety Day at Woodhall   |   |
| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>  | Occasional Day  | School closed   |
| <b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | Years 1-6 Neon Disco  |   |
| <b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>  | Woodhall Christmas Jumper Day<br><br>Christmas Dinner Day                                     |   |
| <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December (times TBC)</b>                                     | Years 1-6 trip to Pantomime<br><br>Nursery/Reception visit from Mr. Marvel the Magician       |   |
| <b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (2pm/6pm)</b>  | Christmas Play/Carols   |   |
| <b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December (1pm)</b>   | End of term   |   |
| <b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January/CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b> |   |   |
| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>   |   | Back to school  |
| <b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup>-Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February/HALF TERM WEEK</b>             |   |   |
| <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April (1pm)</b>   |   | End of term   |
| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April/EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>        |   |   |

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| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April   | Back to school      |               |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May   | Bank Holiday Monday | School closed |
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May/HALF TERM WEEK</b> |                     |               |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July (1pm)   | End of term         |               |

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**Headteacher:** Michelle Lake

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**SENCo:** Mrs S. Raithatha

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**EYFS (TIGER CUBS) Teacher/EYFS SENCo:** Miss N. Jones

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**Year 1/2 (PANTHERS) Teachers:** Mrs J. Fitzgerald/Mrs L. Biedul

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**Year 3/4/5 (JAGUARS) Teacher:** Mrs E. Cooper Battersby

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**Year 5/6 (LIONS) Teachers:** Mr J. Rubeck

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### SCHOOL OFFICE

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Please contact the School Office on 0208 428 3447 or email [finance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk](mailto:finance@woodhall.herts.sch.uk) for further information.

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