



# WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

## Special Needs Academy

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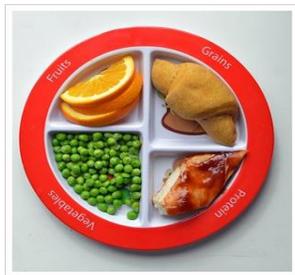
28th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carers

### Pupil Premium Funding

A plea from Sally, the School Business Manager. Are you aware that in addition to school funding received from the Education Funding Agency, Woolgrove School is also able to claim a £1,320 grant from the Government each year called the Pupil Premium, for children whose parents or carers receive any of the benefits below:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit Element) or (Income Related)
- Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit



This extra funding enables us to run a variety of targeted support therapies and provide additional support in classes to benefit all pupils. If you are in receipt of any of the above please go on line [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) and register for Free School Meals. This will allow us to access this valuable additional funding and your child to benefit from the resources and support it provides. If you have any queries about this please contact Sally in the school office.

### Friends of Woolgrove (FoW)

We had a very productive meeting earlier in the week and the FoW have lots of exciting events planned over the next few months. More details will follow but please save the date for the family disco on Friday 11th November from 6pm to 8pm.

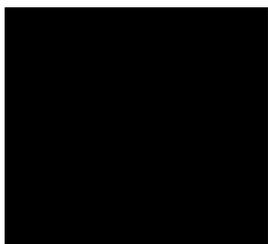
### Speaking and Listening Week

We are having a speaking and listening week from 17th to 21st October here in school. Sharon Knight, our literacy coordinator, is working with our speech and language therapist, Janet Eccles, to plan a wide range of activities to take place across the whole school based on the theme of animals. The aim is to stimulate and enthuse the children and provide plenty of exciting opportunities for communication. We are planning a whole school trip to Standalone Farm on Tuesday 18th October as part of this week and a separate letter will follow shortly.



### Junior Christmas Production

This year's Junior Christmas production, "Shine, Star, Shine!", is being organised and led by our two music teachers, Liz Sterling and Annie Watkins. After



consultation with staff it has been decided to make a few changes to our production this year. We will still be having two performances but one will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 7th December (doors opening at 1.15pm and performance starting at 1.45pm) and the evening one on Thursday 8th December, starting at the slightly earlier time of 6.00pm, with doors opening at 5.30pm.

It was felt that this arrangement would work much better for the children as two late night performances, which has been the case for a number of years previously, was just too tiring for our pupils. I appreciate that this will require some of you working parents having to make additional arrangements but I hope that you will be reassured by the fact that we are putting the needs of the children at the forefront of these changes. Friday 9th December will be an occasional day so there will be no school that day.

### Genes for Jeans / Wear it pink / harvest collection

A letter has already been sent out but just another reminder that this Friday 30th September we are combining these three events. Children can come to school that day wearing jeans with something pink and bring in a donation for our harvest collection. Contributions of £1 per child will be shared between these two very worthwhile causes.



### Diary dates for this term

<b>September</b>	
30th	Jeans for Genes/ Wear it pink / harvest collection
<b>October</b>	
10th	Flu nasal spray vaccine . Whole school
12th	Year 5 transition parents' evening 7pm
18th	Whole school trip to Standalone Farm
24 <sup>th</sup> . 28th	Half Term
31st	INSET Day (no school for pupils)
<b>November</b>	
8th	Tea Party - 1.30pm Y3P/W Y3H
8th	Parents' consultation evening 4pm - 7pm
11th	FoW Family Disco evening 6pm - 8pm
16th	Parents' consultation evening 4pm - 6pm
23rd	Tea Party . 1pm Blue Class

<b>December</b>	
7th	Junior Christmas production 1.15pm doors open, performance starts at 1.45pm
8th	Junior Christmas production 5.30pm doors open, performance starts at 6pm
9th	Occasional Day (no school)
19th	Infants' Nativity . 2.00pm
21st	Last day of term (finish at 2.15pm)

Please note \*\*\*\* **There will NOT be an INSET day on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 as published in the previous newsletter** .....Children will be in school that day \*\*\*\*

School Website

Just to let you know that we are currently in the process of updating our website so term dates, newsletters and other information are gradually being added on ([www.woolgrove.herts.sch.uk](http://www.woolgrove.herts.sch.uk)).

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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