



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER

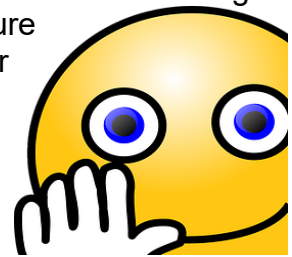
7th June 2018



With the summer having arrived at last the children are enjoying our wonderful outdoor facilities here at Woolgrove and are busy with the all the activities that are planned for the last half term of the academic year. There are a number of events which we hope parents and carers will come along to (details at the end of the newsletter) including our open evening, Sports day activities and of course our Summer Fair. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible throughout the remainder of the school year.

Hellos and Goodbyes

Our Inclusion Coordinator, Jo Chrysandreas, who many of you will have met during your child's EHCP review has begun her Maternity Leave. I am sure you would like to join all the staff here at Woolgrove in sending her the very best of wishes during the exciting times ahead. Chelsea Springfield, one of the Teaching Assistants from Hexagon class since October last year, has moved from the area and is taking up employment more locally. Chelsea has been much loved by the children in her class and they, as well as all her colleagues, will miss her.



School Photographs

The children had their photographs taken on the first day back after half term. We used a different company this year and we are very confident that you will be delighted with the results. As soon as we receive the originals in school we will share them with you and they will be available to order.

Open Evening

We are holding a whole school open evening on Tuesday 12th June between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. We held a similar, successful event last year the idea being that the school will be open to pupils and their families/friends between these times to 'drop in' any time during the two hours and have the opportunity to wander round the classrooms and outside areas. Staff will be on hand for you to have a chat with and you can look at all the wonderful displays of the children's work, explore all the classrooms and spend some time getting more of a feel for the school. We have also invited the parents of the new children joining us in September. There will be activities in each room for the children to do and it should be an enjoyable evening. You will be receiving information regarding your child's new class for the autumn term on Monday however I would like to reiterate that the open evening is not designed to be a 'pupil consultation evening' to discuss individual children, more an informal look at the school as a whole to see how the children spend their days here.

Summer Festival

We have decided that this year that we are changing our summer event. In place of the traditional Saturday fair we are holding a **Summer Festival on Friday 29th June between 5.30pm – 7.30pm**. There will be more details provided in a separate letter in the coming days but please pencil the date in your diary, tell all your family and friends and join us for a fun evening of games, stalls, music and food!

Sporting Success

Woolgrove recently took two teams to the Hertfordshire Special Schools football tournament near Hatfield. The boys had been working hard at their Monday football club and I am delighted to say that their efforts paid off handsomely with the 'A' team winning their tournament and the 'B' team finishing as runners up in theirs. Mr Fawcett was delighted with the team work, effort and sportsmanship shown by the boys as well as their ever improving skills. They were rightly very proud of their achievements on their return to school when they showed off the trophy! Well done to everyone involved.

Uniform

We have ordered supplies of our new, blue uniform which will begin to be phased in from September. Examples of the uniform and prices will be available to view at the open evening. As previously stated we understand that school uniform can be expensive and we accept that there will be a 'cross over' period when current pupils will be still wearing the red uniform while it still fits. Orders for the new uniform will be taken via the office after the open evening.

Sensory Area



We are very grateful to staff from the Hitchin branch of Wilmott Dixon, the construction firm who have done a lot of our recent refurbishments, who worked extremely hard transforming a small outside area of the school that was in need of some TLC. As part of their Legacy project, 'Wilmott Dixon in Bloom' they have

created a wonderful sensory area for the children to enjoy, using plants, water features and varying materials to help us further utilise our outdoor space and stimulate the children. I think you will agree the results are fabulous. Entries will be judged at the end of June but I am sure you will agree this entry is a definite winner!

Mrs Lisa Hall
Head Teacher

Upcoming Events 2018	
June	
Tuesday 12th	Whole School Open Evening 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday 15th	Treasure Hunt KS1
Monday 18th	Start of 'Art Weeks'
Friday 29th	Art Exhibition 2.00pm (it will also be open at the summer festival)
Friday 29th	Summer Festival 5.30pm – 7.30pm
July	
Wednesday 4th	Junior Sports Day 9.45am – 11.45am
Friday 6 th July	Athletics Festival KS1
Wednesday 11th	Junior Sports Day (Reserve) 9.45am – 11.45am
Thursday 12th	Transition Morning
Monday 16th	Whole School Trip (more details to follow)
Tuesday 17th	School Reports home
Thursday 19th	Year 6 'Leavers' assembly 2.30pm
Friday 20th	End of Summer Term - school ends 1.45pm
September	
Monday 3 rd	Inset Day – no children
Tuesday 4 th	Inset Day – no children
Wednesday 5th	Children back in school – beginning of Autumn term

2017 - 2018 TERM and INSET Dates

Term Dates 2017 / 2018		
	Term ends	Friday 20 th July
	INSET DAY	Monday 23 rd

2018 - 2019 TERM and INSET Dates

Term Dates 2018 / 2019		
AUTUMN	INSET DAY	Monday 3rd September 2018
	INSET DAY	Tuesday 4th September 2018
	Children start back	Wednesday 5 th September 2018
	Half Term	Monday 29 th October – Friday 2 nd November 2018
	INSET DAY	Monday 5th November
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 7th December
	Term ends	Friday 21 st December

SPRING	INSET DAY	Monday 7th January 2019
	Children start back	Tuesday 8 th January 2019
	Half Term	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February
	Term ends	Friday 5 th April
SUMMER	INSET DAY	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
	Children start back	Wednesday 24 th April 2019
	Half Term	Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May
	Term ends	Wednesday 24 th July 2019