



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER

4th July 2018



With so much happening around the school at the moment I thought I would take the opportunity to update you with news of the various events. I would also like to remind everyone, with the exceptional weather showing no signs of abating, that the children are welcome to wear their PE kit to school this week whilst it is so hot.

Summer Festival

Last Friday evening saw the first Woolgrove Summer Festival take place. Amid wonderful weather and soulful music provided by both the 'Woolgroove' staff band and our children we had a really fantastic event. It was lovely to see so many children and parents here and there was a really lovely atmosphere as everyone enjoyed the food, drink and activities. I am delighted to announce that with entry tickets, raffle sales and money from all the stalls, activities and donations we managed to raise the truly impressive sum of £1654. This figure is set to increase still further when all monies are calculated. This is a fantastic figure and it is money that will be spent on your children and is a wonderful boost.



The event was organised at very short notice and I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, parents and governors who worked together to make our festival an outstanding success. We have a wonderful team at Woolgrove and when everyone works towards the same aims it just shows what we can achieve!

A special 'thank you' to all the local businesses that donated money or prizes to support our school. These include: Sainsbury's, Bridgefoot Farm, Shepreth Wildlife Park, Haven, Abode Town and Country, Ridgeons of Royston, Aldenham Country Park, EV-s Hair and Beauty, The Jollie Postie – Royston, Hollywood Bowl, Tesco, and Discount Brands Co. It is wonderful that so many local people are willing to support us and we are very grateful.

Hot weather

A reminder during the current heat wave that the children need a sun hat and named sun cream in school to help keep them safe. Sun cream is extremely important for children. Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life. We are experiencing exceptional conditions and with your help we are trying to minimise the effect on the children. Rest assured that the children are being kept as cool as possible and we are taking all sensible precautions. Let's just hope the weather lasts into the holidays!

Congratulations

We are delighted to announce that our Inclusion Coordinator, Jo Chrysandreas, has given birth to a 6lb 6oz little boy. Leo Peter came into the world on June 13th and I know you will join all of us here at Woolgrove in wishing all of the family well in their future together.

There will be a new temporary Inclusion Co-ordinator joining us in the autumn term and I will provide you with further details in the last newsletter before the summer break.

Senior Leadership Team Re-structure

Due to the ever growing demands on our Senior Leadership Team and the desire to focus on all of the important areas of running an ever improving school, the Governing Body have approved a re-structure. From September there will be two Deputy Head Teachers. Michelle Swift continues in her current role and Vicky Litchfield has been appointed as the additional Deputy Head. Congratulations go to Vicky who along with this appointment will continue to be responsible for leading the lower school.

Governor Update - School Improvement Works

A message from Andy Mules, the Chair of our Premises Committee:

We were all delighted a few weeks ago to learn that the school had been successful in its bid for over £500,000 of funding for a complete new heating and hot water system. The old system has not been fit for purpose for many years and gave rise to a number of problems. The work has already commenced and from the summer half term workmen have been on site from 4.00 pm until midnight. Once the summer holiday starts they will be on site throughout the day. The project is due for completion at the end of September 2018.

In addition to the major works we will also be forming a new Junior Sensory room and an external access to the Red Class area. All in all the new school year should bring improved facilities and see everyone nice and snug for the winter!

Sensory Garden – Competition Winner!



In the last edition of the newsletter we told you about staff from the Hitchin branch of Wilmott Dixon who worked extremely hard transforming a small outside area of the school that was in need of some TLC. The sensory area they created as part of the 'Wilmott Dixon in Bloom' project was judged recently and I am delighted to say that it was chosen as the winner! Huge thanks to Dannie Morriss and her team who have provided the children with something really special and lasting.



Mrs Lisa Hall
Head Teacher

Upcoming Events 2018	
July	
Wednesday 4th	Junior Sports Day 9.45am
Friday 6 th July	Athletics Festival KS1
Monday 9th	Purple Class Sports Celebration Event 1.10pm
Monday 9th	Red Class Sports Celebration Event 1.40pm
Friday 13th	Blue Class Sports Celebration Event 9.30am
Friday 13th	Yellow Class Sports Celebration Event 10.15am
Friday 13th	Green Class Sports Celebration Event 11.00am
Thursday 12th	Transition Morning
Monday 16th	Whole School Trip to Aldenham Country Park
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 5 th	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