



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER

11th September 2018



Welcome!

The first week back at school Has flown by and I would like to take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new children and parents. It was really lovely on Wednesday morning to see lots of the children in their new uniforms and looking excited and happy to be here. It was a calm, positive start to the new school year and I am sure it sets the tone for the months ahead.

There are a number of new members of staff at Woolgrove too. Louise Baldwin has joined us as our temporary Inclusion Coordinator and she will be conducting our EHCP Reviews this year. Heidi Rowe and Fiona Owen have also joined our infant team as Teaching Assistants. We wish all of our new starters well and hope they enjoy all the wonderful experiences that Woolgrove has to offer. We also welcome back several members of staff from Maternity Leave: Catherine Holmes to Diamond class and Lizzie Hill (formerly Grieve) to Cube class.

Parental Contact

We understand that communication with our parents is vitally important. We utilise Marvellous Me, ParentMail and the home / school book to keep parents and carers as informed as possible about all that is going on within the school as a whole and your child individually.

We are aiming to have all of our parents receiving our e-mails and texts from ParentMail as it is a really effective means of passing on useful information and cuts down on the unnecessary use of paper. On this first occasion of the year we will send the Newsletter in paper form and on ParentMail. If you do not receive the e-mail version please let the office know and we will ensure that you do in future.

If you have any matter that you wish to discuss please either write in the home / school book or contact the office and we will endeavour to resolve the matter.



Change of personal details

With the above in mind please ensure that if any of your contact details or personal circumstances change, please inform the school as soon as possible. It is really important that we have up to date and accurate contact details to enable us to get hold of you should there be an urgent need to do so. You can call the office on 01462 622422 or inform your class staff of any changes.

Our Child Protection Policy stipulates that the school requires 2 emergency contact numbers per child, so please ensure that these have been provided to the school. If you change address please do pass on this information to the office as soon as

possible. Informing transport of new addresses does not mean that this is passed onto us as transport is organised through HCC, not the school.

Congratulations

Emily Back, who was one of our Green Class teacher's last year, had her baby on 30th August. Little Joseph Dylan weighed in at 8lbs and mummy and baby are doing well. I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating Emily and her family and wishing them every happiness in the years ahead.

School Dinners

As you are no doubt aware all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). From Year 3 children pay for their school meals unless parents are eligible to receive free meals due to their financial circumstances. If you are paying for your child's meals please pay via ParentMail if at all possible. Meals are charged at £2.50 per day.



Whatever year group your child is in if you think that your financial circumstances would make you eligible for free school meals (even if your child is currently in Reception or Years 1 or 2) please contact Hertfordshire Council on the website below. The school receives significant funding (Pupil Premium) dependant on how many children are registered and you must register even if your child is currently in receipt of UFSM .

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

A separate letter about this and pupil premium funding will follow later in the week.

Diary Dates

Below is a list of key dates for the term ahead. We appreciate that many parents and carers work and need as much notice as possible to attend events in school time and child care is an issue for everyone. The dates shown are all correct at this time although the specific timing of some events will be confirmed nearer the time.

September	
Friday 21st	Jeans for Genes charity day
October	
Thursday 11th	Whole School Trip (Broadway Theatre, Letchworth) – morning only
Tuesday 16th	Year 5 Secondary Transition Parents' Evening 7.00pm (<i>adults only, no children please</i>)
Monday 29 th – 2 nd November	HALF TERM WEEK
November	
Monday 5th	INSET DAY (<i>no children in school</i>)

Tuesday 13th	Year 6 trip to Cinema 9.00am – 10.30am
“	The Valley Open Morning 9.00am – 1.30pm
“	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 21st	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 28th	Year 3 Christmas Performance (afternoon)
December	
Wednesday 5th	Junior (Years 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Play (afternoon)
Thursday 6th	Junior (Years 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Play (evening)
Friday 7th	Occasional Day (<i>no children in school</i>)
Friday 14th	Infant Nativity Play 2.00pm
Monday 17th	Father Christmas 1.00pm (Christmas Jumper Day)
Wednesday 19th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 21st	TERM ENDS 1.45pm Finish

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Mrs Lisa Hall
Head Teacher

2018 - 2019 TERM and INSET Dates

Term Dates 2018 / 2019		
AUTUMN	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