



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL
Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER

21st December 2018



Thank you

It has been a really exciting and busy end to the term and the children have been wonderful in the way that they have adapted to all the different things that have been happening. With the Christmas performances, the bazaar and the visit of Father Christmas there has certainly been a change to routine and the children have managed it all brilliantly.



I would also like to send huge thanks to all the parents, carers and other family members who have supported all the various activities so enthusiastically. These events only succeed because of your generosity and support and we all appreciate your efforts. I must also mention all the staff here at Woolgrove who work so hard at this time of year to give the children fun learning experiences.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children, families, staff and governors a peaceful and happy festive period. On behalf of the staff I would also like to thank everyone for your kind wishes and gifts....they are all very much appreciated.

School Governor – Karen Porter

My name is Karen Porter and I've been a Community Governor for 18 months. I worked at Woolgrove for 7 years starting as a Supply TA across the school, before becoming a permanent TA in Blue Class. I loved my time at Woolgrove and it provided me with a huge amount of experience and confidence.

When I was approached about joining the Governing body, I was excited about becoming part of the school again, but rather daunted as this is my first Governor role. Thankfully a couple of us started at the same time and we have gone to the Induction courses and learned about the role together. I am now the Chair of the Curriculum Committee as well as the Early Years Link Governor.....this gives me the perfect excuse to visit Blue Class regularly! I enjoy attending the Open and Parents' Evenings as they give me the chance to catch up with familiar faces from my time at Woolgrove, as well as meeting the new faces that have joined the school since I left.

I am so pleased to be part of the Woolgrove family again and would encourage any parents that might be interested, to look at becoming a Parent Governor if the

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opportunity arises. It is a great way to support the wonderful work that the staff and children do at Woolgrove.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who came along and / or donated items for our Christmas Bazaar. It was hugely successful and the children really enjoyed thinking up the ideas, running the stalls and counting up the money at the end of it all! The children from each class will now decide how to spend the money that has been raised to help in their learning. The whole process from beginning to end, whilst being great fun, is also a great learning experience as the children learn the values of ideas, hard work and reward. We are still waiting for all the classes to work out their profits and



the class staff will let you know next term how their hard earned money is spent!

Absence Requests

I would like to remind you that authorisation for absences during the school term will only be given in 'exceptional' circumstances. If you have a truly exceptional reason to make a request please give as much notice as possible and in any case at least three weeks. Each application is considered on its merits and the attendance record of the child involved will form part of the decision making process. In order to reduce the effect of absences on children's progress we aim for each child to have 96% attendance throughout the school year and with the inevitable illnesses and appointments this is a stringent target. A copy of the school's attendance policy can be found on our website or a paper copy can be provided by the office upon request.

End of term

School closes for the Christmas break at 1.45 pm today. We close at this time three times a year at the end of each term (before the Easter holiday, summer holiday and Christmas holiday). We close at the normal time before half term holidays. Dates are also on the school website.

Diary Dates

Thank you so much for your support in all the various activities that have been taking place. Your involvement makes the occasions all the more special for the children. Below is a list of a few key dates for the new term – more will follow next term.

January	
Tuesday 8th	Children back in school
Tuesday 15th	Friends of Woolgrove meeting 9.30am
February	
Friday 8th	Friends of Woolgrove cinema night 6pm – 8pm
March	
Saturday 30th	FoW Easter Egg Hunt 10am – 12pm

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Mrs Lisa Hall, *Head Teacher*

2018 - 2019 TERM and INSET Dates

Term Dates 2018 / 2019		
AUTUMN	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

*******PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES ARE FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR*******

2019 - 2020 TERM and INSET Dates

AUTUMN	INSET	Monday 2nd September 2019
	Pupils start	Tuesday 3rd September 2019
	Half Term	Monday 28 th – Friday 1 st November 2019
	INSET day	Monday 4th November 2019
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 6th December 2019
	Term ends	Friday 20 th December 2019
SPRING	INSET	Monday 6th January 2020
	Pupils start	Tuesday 7th January 2020
	Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2020
	Term ends	Friday 3 rd April 2020
SUMMER	Pupils start	Monday 20th April 2020
	Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2020
	Term ends	Friday 17 th July
	INSET day	Monday 20th July 2020

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