



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy



NEWSLETTER

11th January 2019

Welcome Back

I hope that everyone enjoyed a restful Christmas break and I would like to wish you all a very Happy 2019. We look forward to another busy and successful year.

Sad News

Just before our return to school I was informed of the very sad news that our former Chair of Governors, Brian Frederick, had passed away. Brian served on the Woolgrove Governing Body for 25 years and was Chair from 1993 to 2017. His association with the school stretched back some 43 years to his time as Education Officer for North Herts when Woolgrove opened in 1977. Brian devoted many hours for the good of Woolgrove School and his service to the school is something of which he was very proud and for which we are very grateful.

I am sure you would like to join all the staff and governors here at Woolgrove in expressing our deepest sympathy to Brian's wife, Heather, and their family at this time.

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you again to all of those that attended and donated items for our Christmas Bazaar. The children and their staff have been discussing how to spend the profits! Once they have decided they will be going on trips to local shops over the next couple of weeks to spend the money raised on items to use in class.



Class	Amount Raised	Class	Amount Raised
Blue	£22.70	Triangle	£16.00
Red	£27.60	Hexagon	£10.00
Yellow	£21.00	Cube	£85.00
Green	£33.00	Cone	£16.00
Diamond	£17.10	Sphere	£37.00
Star	£12.50	Pyramid	£40.88

A special mention to Cube class for a wonderful effort in raising £85.00 for their class. In addition to the money made by each individual class, there was a total of £142.90 raised via the cake and toy stalls and the Paddington Bear raffle. This has

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been evenly distributed between the classes to enhance their spending power! We believe that the whole process, from the original idea of the activity / stall, to the event itself and the subsequent buying of things for use in class is a really valuable learning opportunity for the children and we thank you for your support.

Friends of Woolgrove (FoW)

Following on from the success of last term we hope to continue with the momentum and the next FoW meeting takes place on **Tuesday 15th January at 9.30 am at school**. Please come along and join other parents/carers in sharing ideas and help in planning our upcoming cinema night and Easter Egg hunt.

Parents' Curriculum Information Evening

On **Wednesday 20th March** from 7.00pm to 8.30pm we will be holding a curriculum information evening for our parents/carers. This is aimed at providing you with some detail about whole school priorities and how we teach reading, writing, phonics, maths and other aspects of the curriculum. You will receive a separate letter regarding this but in the meantime please 'save the date'. Working in partnership with parents is key to raising outcomes for children and young people so we really do hope you are able to join us for what we hope is an interesting and informative evening.

Celebration Afternoons

As a new initiative we have decided that each class will hold one Celebration Afternoon each academic year. This is designed as an opportunity for parents / carers to come in to school and to meet with other parents / carers in their child's class. This will then be followed by time with your child in school looking at their work together or doing an activity organised by the class staff. We feel that it is important for you to share and celebrate your child's learning and achievements together. Your class staff will be in touch to let you know the date of your child's event over the next two terms.



*****Summer Term 2019 Inset Day Change*****

We have decided to move the summer term INSET day from Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 3rd May. This is to enable our teachers to visit other schools and see them at work in order to make improvements to our provision. I do apologise for this change of date but would like to make you aware that by moving the INSET day to 3rd May you will now benefit from an extended weekend as Monday 6th May is a bank holiday. This means that **the children will not be in school on Friday 3rd or Monday 6th May** so you may wish to take advantage of

this when planning family trips. **The children will therefore be returning to school on Tuesday 23rd April.**

Diary Dates

We continue to have a variety of activities taking place at school. Please make a note in the diary of relevant dates and you will receive more detailed information as we get nearer. Below is a list of a few key dates for the new term and beyond.

At the bottom of this newsletter are the remaining term dates for 2018-19 and for the following year 2019-20.

January	
Tuesday 15th	Friends of Woolgrove meeting 9.30am
February	
Tuesday 5th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 8th	Friends of Woolgrove cinema night 6pm – 8pm
March	
Tuesday 5th	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 13th	Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 20th	Parents' Curriculum Information Evening 7.00 – 8.30 pm
Saturday 30th	FoW Easter Egg Hunt 10am – 12pm
April	
Monday 1 st – 5th	Wymondley Wood Trip (Pyramid Class)
Friday 5 th	TERMS ENDS 1.45 pm Finish
Tuesday 23 rd	Children return to school (no INSET day as previously planned)
May	
Friday 3 rd May	INSET DAY (no school for children)
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday (no school for children)
Monday 20 th – 24th	Wymondley Wood Trip (Sphere Class)
July	
Wednesday 3rd	Junior Sports Day (Years 4,5,6)
Wednesday 10th	Reserve Junior Sports Day (Years 4,5,6)
	Information regarding Infant and Year 3 Sports events will follow



Mrs Lisa Hall, *Head Teacher*

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Term Dates 2018 / 2019		
SPRING	Half Term	Monday 18 th February – Friday 22 nd February
	Term ends	Friday 5 th April
SUMMER	Children start back	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
	INSET DAY	Friday 3rd May
	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*******

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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