



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER

6th September 2019



Welcome back everyone after a busy first week back at school. After such a long break it was really encouraging to walk around the school during our first week back and enjoy a really calm and relaxed atmosphere. If you have any queries over how your child is managing their new surroundings, please do contact their class team.

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 £2.60 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 . Please ask John, Jo or Sarah in the office if you have any queries regarding this.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Contribution to Swimming Lessons

At Woolgrove School we believe that swimming is a hugely important part of your child's physical development, not only in terms of developing their control and coordination in the water but also in teaching them an essential life skill. Swimming is a curriculum entitlement for all pupils and all primary schools are required to provide opportunity for children to swim. At Woolgrove School we ensure that all pupils swim regularly throughout the whole academic year for the whole time they are at Woolgrove. This is over and above what children in other schools are offered. Before the end of last term you should have received a letter asking for a contribution of £24 for the whole year. This will help us to provide swimming lesson throughout the year and a sectioned off area of the pool for us to teach your child in.

Please note this is an entirely **voluntary contribution** and we are committed to continuing to ensure that all of our pupils receive regular high quality swimming lessons. However, if we do not receive sufficient contributions we may have to

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further review swimming provision for our children. You can make the payment via ParentMail (preferred method) or send a cheque / cash into school. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations



I am delighted to let you know that Emma Collins has had her baby! Dylan Ezra entered the world on 17th August weighing in at 6lb 12oz and mum and baby are doing well. I am sure you would like to join all of the staff and pupils at Woolgrove in wishing Emma and her family every happiness as they begin their life together.

Curriculum Information

There will be detailed school curriculum information circulated to all parents by the end of next week. This will also be available on our school website.

Absence requests and Term Dates

Please note that the term dates for this school are included at the bottom of this newsletter and on our website. Please be mindful that it is becoming more common for holiday dates (particularly half term breaks) to vary considerably from school to school. Please take note of this when booking holidays etc. as absences for holidays taken during term time will not be authorised if care has not been taken to access this information. It is vitally important for our children that they are in school as frequently as possible hence the publication of our school holiday dates up to 18 months in advance. We do require as much notice as possible regarding any absence requests and please note that absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. There is a copy of the school attendance policy available on our website and a form requesting an absence can be obtained from the office.

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May Bank Holiday Change

In order to mark the 75th anniversary of VE day the early May bank holiday in 2020 has been moved from its usual 'first Monday of the month'. The **Bank Holiday** will instead be on **Friday 8th of May 2020**. This means that **children will be in school as normal on Monday 4th May** and school will be closed on Friday 8th.

Illness absence

If your child is absent from school due to illness or another short notice reason, please inform the school via telephone (01462 622422) or e-mail (admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk) no later than 9.30 am and on each subsequent day that they are away from school. The school has a duty of care to its pupils and we need to be aware of the reasons for any non attendance.

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We are currently finalising dates for school events during this term. These will be sent to you next week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,



Mrs Lisa Hall,
Head Teacher

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
	INSET	Monday 20th April 2020
SUMMER	Pupils start	Tuesday 21st April
	Bank Holiday*	Friday 8th May*
	Half Term	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2020
	Term ends	Friday 17 th July
	INSET day	Monday 20th July 2020

*National Bank Holiday moved from Monday 4th May

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