



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER



14th February 2020

What a very busy half term we've had at Woolgrove.

FoW Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Woolgrove Movie Night last Friday. It was great to see lots of families sitting together watching the Minions film. Thank you to those who helped out and ensured the evening went so well. Tickets and refreshment sales led to a profit of £133.00, so thank you for your support. The next Friends of Woolgrove event will be the Easter egg hunt at the end of March so put the date (Saturday 28th March 10.00 am – 12.00 pm) in your diary!



Change of address: Important information

Should you change your address (or any other contact details) it is important that you make the school aware of the new information as soon as possible. This is particularly so if you move out of Hertfordshire, even if only on a temporary basis, as this has implications for your child's EHCP among other things. Should this apply to you please speak to either myself or Louise Baldwin, our Inclusion Coordinator, and we can advise you.

Parent Consultation Evenings

The booking form is now available on Parent Mail for the parent / carer consultation evenings taking place on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th March from 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm. Please try and ensure that you make it along to one of the sessions as it is a really important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development with their class teacher. If you have any difficulty with the booking form please contact the school office and they can make an appointment for you.

Internet Safety Day

Tuesday of this week saw the children involved in activities in support of Safer Internet Day. Classes talked about all the amazing different things they enjoy doing on electronic devices including playing games. Staff talked about some of the positive and negative things we can see and most importantly what we should do if we have any worries: always tell an adult! If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's use of the internet please contact either Simon Fawcett, our computing subject leader, or Richard Pritchard, our safeguarding lead, and they will be happy to help and advise.

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Year of Culture

As you will know from previous communications the Year 2020 is a Year of Culture in Hertfordshire. This campaign is being led by the Hertfordshire Association of Cultural Officers and they are encouraging organisations to get involved. Each month of 2020 has a theme and I am pleased to say we have had some lovely responses from parents showing us the ways in which their children have 'tried something new', as per the January theme. We have had pictures of children sewing, using chopsticks and cooking pancakes among other things. February's theme is 'volunteering' and 'developing skills' and we are displaying some of the photographs in the school reception area so please look out for the messages via Parent Mail letting you know the new theme for each month. There is still plenty of time in February to submit a photograph and perhaps it could be a project to keep the children busy over half term. More information about the Year of Culture can be found at <https://www.visitherts.co.uk/whats-on/hertfordshire-year-of-culture-2020/>

Curriculum Information

Vicky Litchfield recently circulated the latest edition of the Curriculum Newsletter, informing parents and carers of specific work their child's class has been doing. The newsletter is available on the 'Curriculum' section of the school website.

Feel Good Week



This week has been 'Feeling Good Week' in school. This is our chance to join other schools in Hertfordshire in celebrating who we are and what makes us unique! The children and staff have been enthusiastically decorating pebbles in preparation for the creation of our fantastic Woolgrove "W" mural at the front entrance of the school. The classes have also been focusing on helping each other, being kind and doing good deeds. Each class has recorded when a pupil or adult has done a good deed

and the class with the most 'good deeds' at the end of the week wins a prize! The children have also started their Yoga sessions focusing on breathing and movement and utilising the essential oils and aroma steamers. This has proven very popular and is part of our drive to focus on the well-being of all our children and staff.

Story time with Mr P

We have had some lovely feedback from parents regarding the 'Story Time with Mr P' that was launched on the school website a few weeks ago. In case you've missed it Mr P has been recorded reading a selection of favourite children's books and each week a video is posted on our website. So far the 'views' of the videos have been as follows:

Peace at Last: 167

Dear Zoo: 21

The Gruffalo: 59

The book for this week is 'Supertato' so why not log in to the website over half term and enjoy all these stories with your children.

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Parent reading sessions

In a further move to engage the children in books and reading, last week Blue and Red classes invited parents and carers in for a reading session. This involved the children and parents reading to each other and enjoying the books and stories together with the support of the class staff. It was such a lovely event that we have decided that all the classes will hold a similar session in the coming weeks. The session will be on a Friday and I would urge you to come along if at all possible to share in some reading time in the school environment with your child. Your class staff will let you know of the date of your session in the near future.

Class Celebration Events

Over the next few weeks each class will be holding a celebration event for parents and carers to attend and join their child in some activities. The dates for most of the classes are shown below and exact timings for each class will be given nearer the event. If your child's class is not shown you will be advised of a date in the near future.

The end of another busy and productive half term and I hope that all the children have a well earned rest and we look forward to seeing them back on **Monday 24th February**.

Diary Dates

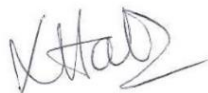
Below are details of upcoming events at school this term. More specific information regarding individual events will follow but please put the dates in your diary so that you don't miss out on anything important! You can also find this information on our school website.

February	
Monday 17th – Friday 21st	Half Term Week
Friday 28th	Hexagon Class Celebration Morning
March	
Monday 2nd	Green Class Celebration Afternoon
Monday 9th	Red Class Celebration Afternoon
Monday 16th	Diamond Class Celebration Afternoon
Tuesday 17th	Parents' Evening 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 18th	Parents' Evening 4.00 – 7.00 pm
Friday 20th	Mothers Day Gift selling (FoW)
Saturday 28th	FoW Easter Egg Hunt 10.00 am – 12.00 pm
Monday 30th – Friday 3rd	Sphere Class (Year 6) Wymondley Woods Trip
April	
Friday 3rd	End of Term 2.05pm Finish
Monday 27th	Cube Class Celebration Afternoon

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May	
Monday 4th	Blue Class Celebration Afternoon
Monday 11th	Yellow Class Celebration Afternoon
Monday 18th	Star Class Celebration Afternoon 1.45 pm
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd	Cone / Pyramid Class (Year 6 only) Wymondley Woods Trip
June	
Wednesday 24 th Morning	Sports Day: Hexagon, Cube, Cone, Sphere, Pyramid
Wednesday 24 th Afternoon	Sports Day: Green, Yellow, Diamond, Star
July	
Friday 10th	<u>Woolgrove Summer Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm</u>
Friday 17th	End of Term 2.05pm Finish

Kind regards,



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Head Teacher

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2019 - 2020 TERM and INSET Dates

SPRING	Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February 2020
	Term ends	Friday 3 rd April 2020
SUMMER	INSET	Monday 20th April 2020
	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

2020 - 2021 Term and INSET Dates

AUTUMN	INSET DAY	Wednesday 2nd September 2020
	Pupils start	Thursday 3rd September 2020
	Half Term	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October 2020
	INSET day	Monday 2nd November 2020
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 4th December 2020
	Term ends	Friday 18 th December 2020
SPRING	INSET DAY	Monday 4th January 2021
	Pupils start	Tuesday 5th January 2021
	Half Term	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February 2021
	Term ends	Friday 26 th March 2021
SUMMER	Term starts	Monday 12th April 2021
	Half Term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June 2021
	Term ends	Tuesday 20 th July 2021
	INSET DAY	Wednesday 21st July 2021

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