



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER



17th January 2020

Two weeks of the new term have passed already and the children have really settled back in well after all the excitement of the Christmas break. I would like to wish you a very happy 2020 as we look forward to another successful year at Woolgrove.

Welcome

We have several new staff members who have joined us since the start of term. Emma Quilty (Cube Class teacher 2 days) Fiona Ryner (Star Class teacher), Liberty Warde (Diamond Class Teaching Assistant) and Mark Yates (Pyramid Class Teaching Assistant) have all enjoyed their first few days and I am sure you would like to join me in welcoming them to Woolgrove and wishing them all the best in their time with us.

Parents' Curriculum Information Evening

On **Wednesday 22nd January** from 6.45pm 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, phonics and communication. 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. You should have had a letter detailing the workshops available for you to attend on the night so please return the slip to school by Monday 20th January at the latest if you would like to attend.

Winter Weather



While we have been very fortunate with the mild temperatures so far this winter I am sure it will not have escaped your notice that we have had to endure some very wet and rainy days. We do like to let the children enjoy our outside spaces as much as possible and so they do go outside in the wet. As a minimum, please ensure that your child has a named waterproof coat in school, with named wellington boots and named hat and gloves. This will allow them to stay warm and dry whilst outside and be comfortable for the remainder of the day when they come back in. Thank you for your support.

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Class Celebration Events

Each class will be holding a Celebration afternoon / morning over the coming months. The session is intended for parents and carers to come in to school and take part in an activity or have a chance to view their child's work in an informal and relaxed environment. There is also the opportunity to chat with other parents and exchange thoughts and experiences. Your child's class teacher will provide you with more specific information regarding how your child's event will run nearer the date of their celebration. If there is not a date shown for your child's class you will be notified of one in the very near future.

Class	Date	Class	Date
Blue	4 th May	Triangle	3 rd April
Red	9 th March	Hexagon	28 th February
Yellow	11 th May	Cube	27 th May
Green	2 nd March	Cone	3 rd April
Diamond	TBC	Sphere	9 th March
Star	18 th May	Pyramid	3 rd February

Playground Improvements

We have very recently had fencing erected all round the concrete area in the Upper School Playground. This is to allow children using the scooters and bikes to do so safely in a controlled environment. The children have adapted really well to the new layout. We are constantly looking for ways to improve the outside space for the children as we recognise that physical activity and outdoor play are vital elements to the children's development.



Sports Day

We are making a few adjustments to our Sports Day this year to ensure that all of our children get the most they can from the event. The traditional format can be challenging for some of our children and we want all of them to enjoy the occasion. We are providing plenty of notice to allow parents to arrange time off / childcare etc. so that you can enjoy the event with your child.

Date	Time	Classes
Wednesday 24 th June	Morning	Hexagon, Cube, Cone, Sphere, Pyramid
Wednesday 24 th June	Afternoon	Green, Yellow, Diamond, Star

Parents of children in Blue, Red and Triangle classes will be invited in to watch their children in a fun PE session. The dates of these will be notified to parents nearer the time.

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Curriculum Topics

Each term the classes have a topic which over- arches all the work that they are doing. Below are the broad topics for the classes and further detail can be found in Parent Information Maps (PIM) on the Curriculum section school website. Your child's class information will be in the Spring 2020 section. The PIMs are a very useful way to see how the curriculum elements feed into the overall topic and to find ways of supporting and enhancing the children's leaning at home. If you have any questions please do raise them at the Curriculum Information evening or contact your child's class teacher and they will be happy to talk things though.

Class	Topic	Class	Topic
Blue	Dark and Light / Growing	Triangle	Gruffalo Growl / We're going on a bear hunt
Red	Dark and Light / Growing	Hexagon	Homes and Transport
Green	Dinosaurs and Minibeasts	Cube	Transport
Yellow	Dinosaurs and Minibeasts	Cone	Gruffalo / Peace at Last
Diamond	Transport and Holidays	Sphere	Getting Around
Star	Transport and Holidays	Pyramid	Homes and Transport

Internet Safety Day



Our Internet Safety Day ever takes place this year on Tuesday 7th February 2020. This aims to raise awareness for parents and children alike in how to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. At Woolgrove we will be discussing how to keep ourselves safe whilst online, discussing the different devices that can be used to access the internet: computers, laptops, iPads, tablets, phones etc. We will explore different

things that might make us feel sad, worried or upset and most importantly what we do if this ever happens - we always tell an adult!

If you are ever worried about your children accessing unsuitable sites or you have any other concerns regarding internet access please contact either our safeguarding lead, Richard Pritchard, or our computing lead, Simon Fawcett, and they will be happy to help.

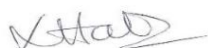
Diary Dates

Overleaf 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.

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January	
Wednesday 22nd	Parents' Curriculum Evening 6.45 pm
February	
Friday 7th	Friends of Woolgrove (FoW) Movie Night 6.00 pm
Monday 17th – Friday 21st	Half Term Week
March	
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
Friday 3rd	End of Term 2.05pm Finish
May	
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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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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