



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER



10th July 2020

Well this has been a school year like no other we have ever experienced. All of us have had to adapt to a new way of living and I would like to thank each of you for working with the school to try and minimise the effect of all the many changes on the children whilst keeping engaged with the school. It has been a really difficult time for them and hopefully as we approach the new school year in September things will be getting closer to how they remember them. We will, of course, be guided by advice from the Government and health authorities when the children return and we will be adopting practices to ensure the health and well being of all our children and staff. I am currently working on our plans for full opening of the school in September and more information will be sent out next week on this.

Thank you for responding to the questionnaire we sent regarding your feelings around the children returning to school. Your responses are helping to shape our plans which we will share with you next week.

Leavers

We have had some staff members leave us recently and there are a number of staff leaving us this Summer. Louise Fryer (Teacher in Yellow / Green) left us to pursue other career options as did Lorraine Middleton, one of our Midday Supervisory Assistants. Fiona Ryner's (Star Class teacher) temporary contract has come to an end however Fiona is joining our 'Supply' staff so she will still be with us from time to time. Tom Brazier (Star Class Teaching Assistant) is leaving to commence Teacher Training in Norwich and Jamie Barr (Sphere / Cone / Blue Class Teaching Assistant) is leaving to undertake studies at university. We wish each and every one the very best in their future endeavours and thank them for the hard work and commitment they have shown during their time at Woolgrove. We also welcome back Emma Collins has returned to work from maternity leave.

We want to also wish all of our Year 6 leavers good luck in their new schools and we look forward to seeing them on Monday 13th for their official leavers' day. We also say goodbye to Joey and Lauren who move on to new settings. Our very best wishes to you all.

End of Term

Again the end of this Summer term will look very different to previous years. Next week we will be having our Year 6 Celebration day on Monday 13th and any pre arranged transition visits during the remainder of the week. Children should only attend for those reasons. We hope to make it a memorable day for our Year 6 leavers on Monday and we want it to be a happy and lasting memory of Woolgrove following a difficult final year with us. If your child is due to come in for a transition

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visit to their new class please be assured that we will be following all hygiene and social distancing guidelines to ensure that the children are safe and can enjoy getting to know their new staff and surroundings.

Today will be the last day of children in 'bubbles' (or groups) in school. The school term officially ends on Friday 17th July so all staff will be here and the school office will be running as normal until then.

Home Learning and Summer Project

The home learning for the children will continue over the last week of term up until Friday 17th July. Your child's class teacher will continue to set the work via their class email address. As this has been an unprecedented time in all of our lives we thought we would give the children the opportunity to mark it with a **voluntary** summer project. Entitled 'All about me' the idea is for the children to show how they have spent the 'lockdown' period and how things have been different for them and what new activities they have undertaken. The scrap book or montage can then be brought into school at the beginning of next term and shared with their class mates and would be taken home again to be kept as a memento of an extraordinary period in their lives. This is purely voluntary but I thought it may be a useful focus for the children at times over the holiday period. Please see the attached document for full details.

Classes in September

Below is a quick guide to the classes in school next year along with the learning style of each class and their staff. We are very aware that after such a prolonged absence for some coming back to school in September will be challenging and all the staff will be aware of the individual needs of the children in their classes and will do everything they can to minimise any anxieties.

Blue Class (Mixed Pathways)	Vicky Litchfield / Abbie Carpenter Helen Brewster Janet Everitt Liz Clark	Red Class (EYFS)	Meghan Porter Helen Bates Ella-Louise Pirie Chloe Hambleton
Yellow Class (EYFS)	Emma Fernandes / Annie Watkins Ann Mason Joan Chatland Becky Bonnet Libby Warde	Green Class (EYFS)	Heidi Rowe / Janine Budd Debbie Ralph Tanya Brewster
Diamond Class (Semi Formal 2)	Catherine Holmes / Louise Baldwin	Star Class (Formal)	Liz Sterling / Laura Claxton Emma Todd

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	Emma Gentle Gill Andrews		Sara Campbell
Triangle Class (Pre Formal)	Kimberley Potts / Sarah Williams Katie Lawrence Hannah Wright Tracey Hurley	Hexagon Class (Formal)	Sue Pitchers / Jo Chrysandreas Diane Barrett Shannon Linnell
Cube Class (Semi Formal 2)	Emma Quilty / Mandy Hewitt Christine McDonald Suraya Alam	Cone Class (Pre Formal)	Simon Fawcett Lyndsey Cooper Jenie Singleton Jo Tapfield Fee Green
Sphere Class (Semi Formal 2)	Mark Turner Pauline McEvoy Julie McGlone Fee Green	Pyramid Class (Formal)	Julian Wild Lorna Turner Mark Yates

School Reports

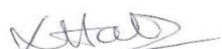
School reports have been completed by staff and if you haven't yet received your child's report you will be doing so in the next few days. It is really important that we acknowledge all the efforts the children made before their learning was interrupted and if you would like to comment on the report please either complete the paper feedback form included with the report or return the version sent via email.

Governors

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Governors for their work over the last year and particularly the last few months. It has been a very challenging environment in which to operate and they have all had to learn new skills and new ways to operate to continue to support the children and staff of Woolgrove.

Have a good weekend – I believe the weather is due to improve thank goodness! I will be in touch again next week.

Kind regards,



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Head Teacher

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2020 - 2021 TERM and INSET Dates

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

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