



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy



NEWSLETTER

19th November 2020



As we approach the run-up to Christmas in the midst of a second lockdown we continue to operate as close to normal as we are able, ensuring that we are adhering to all relevant safety guidelines. Our 'bubbles' and sanitising practices are now embedded into daily life at the school and teaching and learning are taking place unabated. This is traditionally one of the most exciting periods of the school year for the children and please rest assured that all the staff will ensure that Christmas at Woolgrove will be every bit as magical as it always has been. There will of course be differences with parents and carers not able to attend performances and events etc but we will involve you as much as we can in everything that is taking place. Further details of the class performances are included below and there is a list of important dates for you to note in your diaries.

Christmas Performances

The children are already practising hard for their performances. Bubble 1 (Blue, Red, Green and Yellow) will be performing a traditional Nativity and Bubbles 2 and 3 (Diamond to Pyramid) will be performing songs in a musical extravaganza. Each class will be recorded and this will be available for you to purchase and enjoy with your child in the comfort of your own home. There will also be photographs of the children in their costumes available for you to buy. The recording dates are below so please try and ensure your child is in school on the relevant day if they are well, as we want as many of them to be included as possible. Ordering and payment details will follow nearer the time.



Monday 30 th November	Cube, Cone and Pyramid classes recording of Christmas show
Tuesday 1 st December	Star, Diamond, Triangle classes recording of Christmas show
Wednesday 2 nd December	Sphere, Hexagon classes recording of Christmas show
Wednesday 9 th December	Blue, Red, Green, Yellow Recording of Nativity

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Parent / Carer consultations

This term saw the first 'virtual' parent / carer consultations. As with so many things recently it was new to staff and parents but it seems to have gone very well and the feedback has been very positive. Thank you for adapting to yet another new way of working and making the experience a success for the school as a whole.

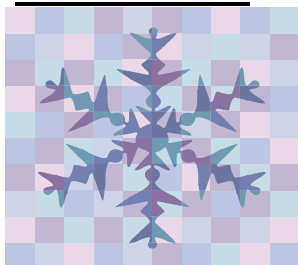
Thank You

Thanks to your generosity we managed to raise the wonderful sum of £220.80 in donations on the non uniform day before half term. With the absence of many of our traditional fund raising events this money is really important and on behalf of all the children I would like to say a huge thank you. As with all of our events, every bit of the money raised will go towards resources and equipment to benefit the children. We also received £79.52 in donations on Children in Need day and we will ensure that this is forwarded to the charity.

Change of circumstances

With all the new rules and restrictions in place both in school and outside, the past few months have been really difficult for all of us, but particularly for our children. In order for us to help the children manage these differences it is more important than ever that the school is aware of any significant changes in the children's home circumstances. There is a separate letter attached to the newsletter which outlines the kind of events and circumstances that we would appreciate knowing about to enable us to support the children. The list is not exhaustive, so if there is anything you feel we should know please either write in the home / school book or contact the staff by email or through the office. Our staff are here to support you as well as your children and we may be able to offer advice and guidance to help your family through difficult situations. Please also ensure that we have up to date contact details as detailed in the attached letter.

Severe weather



With the year that we have had I am sure it would be no surprise if we were to get some severe weather this winter. With this in mind please ensure that your child comes to school with a named, warm, waterproof coat, and a hat and gloves so that they are ready for all eventualities. Should we experience some really harsh conditions we have systems in place to inform parents / carers of any important news. As has been the case with all the important updates we have been sending out this year our primary means of communication will be via Parent Mail. For school closures due to severe weather conditions we also use Hertfordshire County Councils Schools' Closure Notification System and we are encouraging parents and carers to sign up to the system so that you will receive all messages that we send.

To sign up, please visit:

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

This link will direct you to the sign up page. Click on the 'Sign up' button on the top right hand side of the screen and follow the instructions. You can add two devices for each communication type enabling you to include the mobile numbers of a partner or Grandparent. They will then receive messages relating to school closures.

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If you have children at more than one school you can register for those schools too simply by selecting them. By registering for the Schools' Notification System you will automatically receive any notification. This may be either that the school is open or closed.

If you have not registered information regarding school closures will be found on the HCC website at:


<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>

A 'pop up' message will also be posted on the Woolgrove school website
<https://woolgrove.herts.sch.uk/>

Occasional Day

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 4th December for an 'Occasional Day'.

Kind regards,



Mrs Lisa Hall,
Head Teacher

November	
Monday 30th	Cube, Cone and Pyramid classes recording of Christmas show
December	
Tuesday 1st	Star, Diamond, Triangle classes recording of Christmas show
Wednesday 2nd	Sphere, Hexagon classes recording of Christmas show
Friday 4th	Occasional Day (<i>no children in school</i>)
Monday 7th	Children's Toy / Book sale
Wednesday 9th	Blue, Red, Green, Yellow Recording of Nativity
Thursday 10th	Deadline for Christmas Performance DVD orders
Friday 11th	Christmas Jumper Day (wear something Christmassy!!)
Monday 14th	Father Christmas
Tuesday 15th	Christmas Hamper raffle draw
Wednesday 16th	Christmas Lunch
Friday 18th	END OF TERM 2.00 PM

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2020 - 2021 TERM and INSET Dates

AUTUMN	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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