



WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Curriculum Evening Feedback

Thanks to everyone who braved the foggy weather to attend Wednesday night's curriculum evening. Feedback from parents/carers who attended was overwhelmingly positive with everyone agreeing that they found the evening useful and informative and that, as a result, they felt more able to support their child's learning at home. There were a range of workshops on offer focusing mainly on communication and how we develop that for all our children across the school, together with one on reading/phonics/writing.

The key School Development Plan (SDP) priorities for teaching and learning this year are:

- **New topics** linked to new curriculum and class organisation (5 pathways: EYFS, pre-formal, semi-formal 1+2, formal)
- **Communication** – speaking and listening. Developing a consistent approach across the school
- **Reading** – continue to promote a love of reading
- **Writing** - continue to develop writing (priority from our last Ofsted in Feb 2017)
- **Maths** – number across the school and maths supplementary linked to vocabulary, particularly in KS1

Reading Time with Mr P

As part of our drive to encourage children to have daily opportunities to read and be read to I am pleased to announce the launch of a series of videos with our very own Richard Prichard (or Mr P as the children call him!) reading a selection of well known children's books. To start off, the first 12 videos will be based on a favourite book - one for each class. We then intend to continue to build up a bank of videos based on the children's book choices so if your child has a particular favourite please do let Richard know and he can include it in the collection.



The first video of "Peace at Last" by Jill Murphy will be launched today and you will be able to view it on our school website in the Pupils' section (story time with Mr P) <http://woolgrove.herts.sch.uk/pupils/story-time-with-mr-p/>. The plan is then to release a new video each Friday. Thanks go to Richard, Matt Farmborough our IT technician and the teddy bears who helped in the production of these videos!

And finally if you have a spare minute please do look at the curriculum section on the school website where this is lots of information about teaching and learning at Woolgrove. To keep you updated we will also be sending out half termly curriculum letters to give you an overview of learning in all our classes across the school.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Hall', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa Hall
Head Teacher

