



# WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

## NEWSLETTER



19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

We have reached the end of another hugely challenging school year. As we head towards a more normal summer break I want to say a huge thank you to the children, staff governors and of course you, our parents and carers who have all been incredible in adapting to the ever changing demands the pandemic has placed upon them. Never has the term 'Woolgrove Family' been more appropriate than over the past 16 months and I am very grateful for all the support of everyone as we have tried to manage some really difficult situations and ensure that we are doing everything we can to keep everyone safe. I have no doubt that there will be further issues to overcome moving forward however, if we can all continue to work together in the best interests of the children, I am sure they will continue to thrive.

### Pupil Numbers

With the pandemic having hugely increased the focus on the space available to the children inside the building at Woolgrove, the decision has been made by the local authority and Woolgrove governors to reduce our pupil numbers. The number of children attending will be 116 from September, down from the current 125. This does not affect any pupils currently attending but will allow us to reconfigure space within the school and improve the learning experience for our children.

### Goodbyes



As always at this time of year we are saying goodbye to several members of staff. Emma Fernandes has been a teacher here for the past 7 years, most recently in Yellow Class. Emma is going to continue working as a supply teacher when needed so we will not lose touch altogether. Mandy Hewitt, Cube Class teacher, and Abbie Carpenter, current Blue Class teacher, are also leaving as is Sarah Williams from Triangle. These 3 members of staff have given many years of valued service to Woolgrove. We are also saying goodbye to Jennie Small who has provided Music Therapy for the children for several years. Although they left some time ago we haven't yet had the opportunity to say a proper goodbye to Michaela, Serena and Anke, three of our midday supervisory Assistants, and Joan Deakin who was a Supply Teacher for many years. Last but not least all of our Year 6 pupils who are moving on to their secondary schools and several other children who are transferring to alternative settings. It is always sad to see people leave, staff and pupils, but I am sure you would like to join me in wishing all of our leavers every success in the future.

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## **Congratulations**

Congratulations are due to several members of staff too. Cheryl, one of our Midday Supervisory Assistants, has recently got married and we wish good luck to Annie Watkins and Lynsey Cooper who are also due to get married over the summer.

## **Stars of the Year**

At the end of each year our class staff nominate a 'Star of the Year' from their pupils. This award is given to the child who has worked well, tried hard and had a positive and kind attitude to their peers and staff. The decision is always a difficult one as all of our children are stars in their own way but congratulations to this year's winners who are:



<b>Blue Class</b>	Kaden	<b>Triangle Class</b>	Brooke
<b>Red Class</b>	Daniel	<b>Hexagon Class</b>	Michael
<b>Yellow Class</b>	Elior	<b>Cube Class</b>	Holly
<b>Green Class</b>	Zac	<b>Cone Class</b>	Numan
<b>Diamond Class</b>	Chimere	<b>Sphere Class</b>	Jake
<b>Star Class</b>	Elijah	<b>Pyramid Class</b>	Kaden

## **Back to school**

You should have received a letter detailing the name and learning style of the class that your child is in next year. We are having a staggered start for the children next term and you will also have been given your child's start date. Your child will either be in school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September (then off on the Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>) or they will start on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>. All the children will then be in school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. As per current Government guidance there will no longer be the necessity 'bubbles' within school however we will act accordingly should anything change over the summer.

## **Fundraising**

One of the many challenges presented by the restrictions we have been living under has been the effect on fundraising opportunities for the school. Thank you to all those of you who donated clothing items for the bag 2 school scheme. The weight of the donations led to us raising £90.00 for the school. In addition the 'non-uniform' day before the end of the last half term raised £295.95 and the most recent 'sporty' themed non uniform day raised a further £179.49. Sale of tickets for the Summer Hampers boosted funds by a further £384.00. All of this money will go directly towards resources and equipment for the children so thank you all for your generosity in these very difficult times.



A reminder that **school finishes at the usual time of 3.00 pm tomorrow, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

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Finally I would like to say a heartfelt thank you on behalf of all the staff for all of your support throughout an incredibly difficult year and for all the kind words and generous gifts. I hope that the summer break will bring some relaxation and the chance to enjoy activities together before we see each other again in September.

Kind regards,



Lisa Hall  
Head Teacher

# 2021 - 2022 TERM and INSET Dates

<b>AUTUMN</b>	<b>INSET</b>	Wednesday 1st September 2021
	<b>Phased Pupils start</b>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
	<b>INSET day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021
	<b>OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)</b>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021
	<b>Term ends</b>	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2021
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>INSET</b>	Wednesday 5th January 2022
	<b>Pupils start</b>	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
	<b>Term ends</b>	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022
<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>Pupils start</b>	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
	<b>Half Term</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
	<b>INSET</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
	<b>Pupils start</b>	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
	<b>Term ends</b>	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
	<b>INSET day</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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