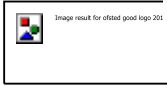




WOOLGROVE SCHOOL

Woolgrove School, Special Needs Academy

NEWSLETTER



20th May 2022

As we approach the half-way point of the Summer Term I wanted to share some important news with you and update you on the activities that the children have been taking part in and those that are coming up.

September 2022 Update

It has been confirmed very recently by the local authority that from September 2022, the number of pupils attending Woolgrove will increase to 125 from 116. In order to accommodate this, the mobile unit currently adjacent to the large playground will be removed. This will be replaced by a larger, purpose built modular construction. The aim is to have the new building available to use from the Autumn term. Whilst this is really exciting news and will be a lovely addition to the school, with the tight deadline, it does mean that there will be some disruption on the school site over the coming weeks. The company we are using to complete the works are very experienced in similar school projects and we will make the children's safety our absolute priority during the works.

There may be reduced capacity for car parking etc. whilst the works are completed so please bear with us at the beginning and the end of the day as we manage school transport time. The short period of upheaval will be well worth it once we have the new facilities up and running and I am sure you share our excitement at this substantial improvement to our school.

Queen's Jubilee celebrations



The children have been doing lots of exciting activities in preparation for the upcoming Queen's Jubilee. They have been fascinated to learn that the Queen is 96 years old and has been on the throne for 70 years! To celebrate they have been designing and making crowns and there will be a competition to decide the winner. This will be part of a day of activities and fun for the school on our Jubilee celebration day in school, Friday 10th June. There has also been a competition for the children to design and decorate a cup cake for the Jubilee. The winning entry will be replicated to enable each child

to enjoy one on the 10th June. Michelle, our school cook manager, had the unenviable task of judging the winning design and as I am sure you can see from the photos there were some amazing entries from across the school.



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Ruby from Star class was the winner and I have no doubt the children will look forward to sampling one of her cakes.

Attendance

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our policies regarding attendance. We expect our children to be in school every day and aim for children to attain 100% attendance. We realise that with medical appointments and illness this is not always possible. Should you wish to request a leave of absence for your child for another reason please obtain a form from the school office. We ask that you give as much notice as possible prior to the date requested and in any case at least two weeks, prior to any proposed absence. As a school we have a responsibility to ensure our children are in school meaning that, whilst each case is considered on its merits, absences will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'.

In addition if your child is unable to attend school through illness or any other reason please contact the school to let us know before 9.30 am on the day of absence. We have a duty of care to our children to establish a reason for them not being in school. This is the case for every day of absence so please ensure you contact each day that your child is away from school. We are not able to accept messages passed on by transport staff.

'Open School' events

We are holding 'Open school' events on Friday 17th June (2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m) with an alternative date of Wednesday 22nd June (6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m) to accommodate parents and carers who are not available during the day. This is an informal event for both new and existing children and their families to meet all the staff and have a look around the school. I hope that as many of you and your children will attend as possible as it has been a while since we have been able to welcome you all into school.

Staff from the school kitchen will be on hand and you will be able to sample some examples of our delicious school dinners. Please do come along and have a chat with staff, governors and other parents. I really hope we will see lots of you here.

Hot weather



A reminder that as the weather improves the children will need a sun hat and named sun cream in school to help keep them safe. Sun cream is extremely important for children. Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life. Rest assured that we will always do our best to keep the children as cool as possible and we take all sensible precautions.

Contact details

It is really important for us to be able to contact parents and carers quickly and easily should there be an urgent need to do so. It is imperative we have up to date and

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accurate contact details to enable us to get hold of you within a reasonable time frame. Please ensure that the school has the details of all the people we can contact in an emergency. Our Child Protection Policy stipulates that the school requires at least 2 emergency contact numbers per child so please ensure that these have been provided to the school. You can call the office on 01462 622422, email at admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk or inform your class staff of any changes / updates.

Half Term

A reminder that the half term break is extended this year, due to the Jubilee celebrations and children break up from school at 2.00 p.m. on Friday 27th May.

Children return on Wednesday 8th June 2022.

Kind regards,



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Head Teacher

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2021 - 2022 TERM and INSET Dates

SUMMER	Half Term	Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June 2022
	Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th June 2022
	INSET	Tuesday 7 th June 2022
	Pupils start	Wednesday 8 th June
	Term ends	Thursday 21 st July 2022
	INSET day	Friday 22 nd July 2022

2022 - 2023 TERM and INSET Dates

AUTUMN	INSET	Thursday 1 st September
	Phased Pupils start	Friday 2 nd September
	Phased Pupils start	Monday 5 th September
	All Pupils start	Tuesday 6 th September
	Half Term	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022
	INSET day	Monday 31 st October 2022
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 9 th December
	Term ends	Wednesday 21 st December
SPRING	INSET	Thursday 5 th January
	INSET	Friday 6 th January
	Pupils start	Monday 9 th January
	Half Term	Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th February 2023
	Term ends	Friday 31 st March
SUMMER	Pupils start	Monday 17 th April
	Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June 2023
	Term ends	Thursday 20 th July
	INSET day	Friday 21 st July

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