



Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 12

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It is good to see that the weather has finally begun to improve... just in time for the half term break. We are looking forward to a very busy second half of the term / end of year and I hope that you manage to enjoy some family time over the coming week. Just a reminder that, unlike some other local schools, **we do not have an INSET day and the children return to school on Monday 5th June.**

Upcoming events

The last few weeks of term are really important for the children to celebrate the school year, and to prepare for their new class or setting. Enclosed is a reminder of the timetable of events that are taking place before the end of term. I would encourage you to attend / be aware of as many of those that are relevant to your child as possible. There is a wide variety of events taking place (Summer Fair / Sports Days / School Trips / Open Days etc) all of which are important for the school and the children. Further details of events will be provided as the dates approach.

'Open School' events

We are holding 'Open school' events on Friday 16th June (2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m) with an alternative date of Thursday 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. You will only need to attend one as they are both the same event.

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.



Warmer weather

A reminder that, as the weather improves, the children will need a named 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.

Swim Wear

We frequently need to supply our children with swimwear for their sessions if they

have forgotten their own. We are very short of spares so if you do have any good condition pre loved swimwear that your child / children no longer use we would very gratefully accept any donations.

Tom Mouse Fund Raising

Earlier in the year you will remember local author (and parent of a former pupil) Richard (Dickie) Barr came into school with his new book about the adventures of Tom Mouse. Dickie has undertaken many a fundraising adventure over the years and recently he rode across London (along with Tom Mouse) on a penny farthing, crossing all 20 of the River Thames' road bridges from Tower Bridge to Hampton Court Bridge, a total distance of over 30 miles. He generously donated £700 of the money raised to Woolgrove for which we are very grateful.



Friends of Woolgrove (FoW)

The FoW have several events coming up in the next few weeks including:

9th June PTA meeting @ 12.30 pm
16th June Father's Day gift shop
14th July Summer Fair 4.00-7.00 pm

It would be lovely to see lots of parents and carers at the meeting on the 9th June, the more ideas of fund raising opportunities the better!

The opportunity to purchase Father's Day gifts will be available on Parent-mail after the half term break.

The Summer Fair is our major fund raising event of the year. We would welcome donations of raffle prizes from friends, family members or any local businesses that you may have contacts with. We will also be asking for donations for tombola prizes (toiletries, drinks, sweets etc.) soon after the half term break so please see if you are able to help. Most importantly please save the date and come along with your family and friends!

There is a good stock of pre-loved uniform including shorts and polo shirts for the warmer weather available. For this or any other FoW related questions please email f-o-w@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk

50 / 50 Club

The winners of the 50 / 50 club prizes for March and April were Hollie Skilton (relative) and Emma Dorrington respectively.

Staffing

We are saying goodbye to Ann Mason, (Green Class Teaching Assistant) at half term as she has decided to move on from Woolgrove and Catherine Holmes (Triangle Class Teacher) commences her maternity leave. I am sure you would like to join us in thanking Ann for all her hard

work over her 10 years with us and in wishing Catherine well in the weeks and months ahead.

In addition Louise Baldwin, our Inclusion co-ordinator (INCO) will be leaving at the end of the school year. Laura Claxton (currently Star Class Teacher) will be taking over the INCO role from September.

Have a lovely Half term break and we will see you on **Monday 5th June**.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Hall,

Head Teacher