



## Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 13

### July 2023

Another busy and successful year at Woolgrove is now drawing to a close. We look forward to welcoming back the children who are remaining with us, continuing their Woolgrove journey in September and to welcoming our new children.

#### Goodbyes

As is always the case at this time of year, we are saying farewell to a number of people. Firstly, all of our Year 6s and Elijah from Star class, are beginning new chapters in their education and we hope they thrive in their new settings and look back fondly on their years at Woolgrove.



The staff members leaving us are Shannon Atkins (Teaching Assistant in Red Class), Judy Rees (Teaching Assistant Blue / Pyramid classes), Lucy Bailey (Triangle Class teacher Fridays) and Louise Baldwin (Cube Class Teacher and INCo). They are all moving onto different challenges in their working lives and we thank them all for the contributions they have made to Woolgrove School and wish them well for the future.

We also send our very best wishes to Emily Sheaver from Yellow Class who will be commencing her Maternity leave.

#### Summer Fair



Despite the great British summer doing its best to throw a spanner in the works, our fair last week was a huge success. These events do not happen without a lot of work behind the scenes and a big thank you goes to Hollie, her Friends of Woolgrove helpers and the staff who all gave their time so generously.

In addition to the tombolas and games it was lovely to see the children's art work on display and to hear so many of them display their musical skills. I hope those of you that came along enjoyed it too.

We raised a really impressive £2048 pounds from the fair and that money will go directly towards equipment and resources to improve the children's experience at school. A huge thank you to everyone that donated items, bought raffle tickets or burgers or in any way contributed to the money we raised.

## Holiday activities

The summer holidays are wonderful but there are times when you might be looking for activities to fill the days. Those of you who are eligible for Free School Meals have been provided with details of how to book free activities via the HAPpy Holidays scheme. Attached are a number of information fliers for other events including:

- Drop in sessions with the North Herts Family Support Team
- SEN Pony riding sessions
- North herts summer events schedule
- Whizz Kidz Wheelchair access Morph Trail ( <https://www.whizz-kidz.org.uk/discover/post/morph-sculptures-flood-the-streets-of-london-in-the-capitals-first-step-free-art> )

## Stars of the Year

The staff from each class voted for their Star pupil of the Year and the winners received their prizes at an assembly earlier this week. The award is given to those pupils that consistently show all the qualities that we would want to see in our young people. The winners were:



**Blue** – Jack

**Red** – Jake

**Yellow** – Jesse

**Green** – George

**Sphere** - Kirby

**Cube** - Alfie

**Cone** - Sam

**Pyramid** - Logan

**Purple** – Milo

**Triangle** – Cameron

**Hexagon** - Luke

**Star** – Patrick

Congratulations to our winners and also to all of the children who are superstars in so many ways.

## Thank you

The Woolgrove staff team are a dedicated and hard working group of people who really enjoy what they do. On behalf of all of us I would like to thank everyone for recognising those efforts with your kind words and gifts. They are all very much appreciated.

Thank you too to our Board of Governors who regularly give their time to help us to continue striving to improve the learning experience for our children. Their involvement is really important for the school.

## Return to school

You will have received a letter confirming the day that your child returns to school in September. We are having a staggered return so that if they are in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of September, they will be off on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. Those starting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> will be in full time from that day with all the children being in from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>.

I hope that you manage to enjoy the summer break and get some well needed relaxation time with your families. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Hall,

Head Teacher