



# Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 7

10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

A Happy New Year to all! I hope that you managed to enjoy some family time over the festive period. We are delighted to have welcomed the children back to a new year and a new term, with lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. Attached is a schedule of events for the coming term with further details being provided as they approach.

## **Cultural Diversity Week**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January marks the start of Cultural Diversity Week at Woolgrove. A letter with further details was sent out yesterday, along with a questionnaire. Please could i ask that you complete and return the questionnaire by this Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January.



Through a range of activities and events the children will be encouraged to explore and learn about differing cultures and societies. Your child's class staff will provide more details as the week approaches. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to share elements of their own lives with their classmates and to gain a greater understanding of the world.

## **Absence Requests**

There is, quite rightly, a national focus on attendance levels for children at school. We do appreciate that some absences, through illness or medical appointments, are inevitable but this only increases the importance of children being at school whenever possible. Our school term dates for this academic year and 2024 / 2025 are available on our website and are included as an attachment along with this newsletter. Please only book holiday's / trips during school holidays. Any requests for absences during the school term will only be authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'. Time away from school really does impact on your child's education. For details of the Woolgrove attendance policy please click on the attached link:

<https://woolgrove.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Woolgrove-attendance-policy-Feb-2023.pdf>

## **FoW Spring Disco**

The Friends of Woolgrove are holding a Spring Disco at the school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January between 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. This will be a lovely opportunity for children and their families to dance along to some disco classics, enjoy some snacks and refreshments and have a chat. Tickets are available via parent mail or cash to the office. Child Ticket £2, Adult Ticket £1, Family Ticket (up to 4 people) £5.

### **Advice and support**

We are very aware that our children and families sometimes require additional support with a range of issues. Anne Linnell, our Family Support Worker, and Hannah Wright, our Pastoral Support Worker, are contactable through the school office and will be pleased to assist where they can.

Also attached with the newsletter are a range of fliers detailing external support groups that can offer guidance and support on specific issues. Please do take time to have a look and see if there are any of these that may be of assistance to you or your family.

### **INSET Day**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET Day** for Woolgrove and **children are not at school on this day**

Kind regards,

Lisa Hall, Head Teacher