



# Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 7

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It is hard to believe that January is already behind us. The first few weeks of the Spring Term have seen the children involved in a variety of activities and there are plenty more to look forward to. Attached with this newsletter are the dates for upcoming events for your diaries and specific details will be circulated nearer to the time of each one.

## **Measels**

I am sure you will have heard the recent news regarding an increase in measles cases. Although there have currently been no outbreaks in Hertfordshire, the Local Authority have decided to circulate information regarding signs and symptoms and what to do in the case of infection. This has been included as an attachment along with the newsletter. Please take the time to read it so that we can all help prevent any cases appearing in school.

## **Cultural Diversity Week**

With the aim of increasing their understanding of the world in which we live and celebrating differences, the children have spent time exploring the culture and traditions of other



countries. They have looked at the different food, music and dress and shared information from their own countries of origin in a wonderful journey of discovery. Cube Class (pictured) looked at Nigerian culture and were fortunate enough to have a session with the traditional drums and costumes and also make the delicious 'Shuku Shuku' (coconut balls). All the classes took part in similar activities, making it a really fun and informative week throughout the school.



## **FoW Spring Disco**

A big thank you to the Friends of Woolgrove for organising our recent Spring Disco. It was lovely to see so many of our families coming together to enjoy some classic tunes and some unique dancing! The event was really well supported so thank you to everyone that came along and helped us to raise over £250.00! Events like these really help to bring our school community together so please do look out for any future functions and support the Friends of Woolgrove in helping our school.

### Green Class and Purple Class Trip

As part of their Dinosaur topic this term Green and Purple classes visited the Sedgwick Collections and Research Centre near Cambridge.



The museum houses some wonderful artefacts from history and the children were fascinated by the Tyrannosaurus Rex skull and the dinosaur teeth and claws that were on display. It is so valuable to reinforce the children's learning and understanding with visits and tangible examples of what they have read and heard about and the children really enjoyed their day.

### Mental Health Support Team Workshop

You should have received a letter containing details of a parent / carer workshop hosted by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). This is taking place at Woolgrove on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February between 10.00 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. It is aimed at helping parents and carers understand potential triggers to challenging behaviour and why they occur. If you would like to attend please either fill out and return the slip from the original letter or email the school office on [admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk).

### Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers

Hertfordshire County Council will be issuing supermarket vouchers for those families who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals for the February Half Term Break. However the scheme is coming to an end and attached with the Newsletter is a letter explaining the Council's decision and providing guidance for other support available. Please read the letter if this affects your family.

### Celebration Afternoons

Last week saw all of our classes invite parents and carers in to school to enjoy a celebration afternoon with their children. This was an opportunity to meet other parents, look at some of the work the children have been doing in class and to join them in an activity. It was lovely to see so many of you here.

### INSET Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February is an INSET Day for Woolgrove and children are not at school on this day. We return after the half term break on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.**

Kind regards,

Lisa Hall,

Head Teacher