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NEWSLETTER

Autumn Newsletter

First Half – September 2017

Welcome Back !

We hope you had a lovely summer break. It was lovely to welcome your children back into school on Tuesday (shame about the weather!) and fabulous to see them all ready to learn.

School Trends

We wear our uniform with pride

I have visited every class this week and have been delighted to see every child in school uniform. "We wear our uniform with pride" is one of our code of conduct, so we will be monitoring it closely this year as we have an expectation that all Woodfield children "wear their uniform with pride".

We also expect all children to have a change of clothes for PE. PE lessons are part of the National Curriculum so please support us with this



Your views are important

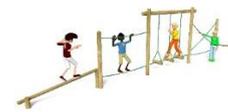
Thank you again for your tremendous response to our parent questionnaires.

We have prepared a series of leaflets which will be sent out this half term to provide you with the information you have requested.

We will be restarting our Parents Forum this academic year, so please look out for the information. This is your opportunity to support us on school improvement issues. We welcome your ideas.

Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival – 26th October

KS1 children will be inviting families into classes at 9am to take part in Harvest Festival craft and food activities, finishing with singing and celebrations in the main hall.



KS2 Playground

Our priority for fundraising last year was to make improvements to our KS2 playground, following investments in the Early Years and KS1 play spaces. You will now see a fabulous "fit trail" on the KS2 grass area! The project was fully funded by all the activities, non-uniform days, events across the year, so thank you for your kind generosity.

Over the last 4 years, we have had a huge investment inside our school to improve the learning environment and our focus now is to make improvements outside. Any idea/thoughts most welcome!

The Daily Mile

As a school we have implemented "The Daily Mile" in KS1 and KS2. We want all our children to get fit for life and fit for learning by encouraging them to walk, run or jog for 15 minutes every day. All our classes take part in this, as studies have shown that "The Daily Mile" improves childrens focus, behaviour and self esteem as well as raising attainment. More information can be found at www.thedailymile.co.uk



Qualified Teachers

You may have seen in the press and on social media recently a lot of discussion around the number of children being taught by unqualified teachers.

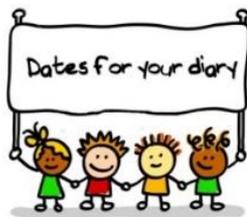
All the teachers at Woodfield Primary School have both a Degree and Qualified Teacher Status. There is nothing more important to a good education than excellent teaching.



Parents Information Evening

A Y6 SATs parent information meeting will be held on 5th October 2017 at 3.15pm.

Don't forget this year's SATs are 14th to 17th May 2017.



Please see our school website for the yearly overview of dates to support you in planning your own diaries. More information will follow for some events and sometimes new dates are added.

4 th Sep	Training Day – School CLOSED
5 th Sep	School re-opens at 8.45am
6 th Sep	Breakfast Club re-opens at 8am
7 th Sep	Substance Abuse Talk – Y6
11 th Sep	After school's clubs re-commence
13 th Sep	Dance Taster Session - Y4,5 & 6
18 th Sep	Hill House Sports Event – Y6
3 rd Oct	E-Safety Family Session – KS2 2.30pm
5 th Oct	SATs Parents Meeting – Y6 3.15pm
13 th Oct	Family & individual Photo Day
18 th Oct	Doncaster Book Awards – Y5
20 th Oct	Non Uniform Day – Sports theme
24 th Oct	Toast Sale – KS2
25 th Oct	Trust Child Ambassador Day
25 th Oct	Doncaster in Bloom Presentation 7pm
26 th Oct	KS1 Harvest Festival Celebration 9am
26 th Oct	Family Assembly 2.15pm – Y5 & 6
27 th Oct	Training Day – School Closed
#####	### Half-Term ###
6 th Nov	School re-opens at 8.45am
6 th Nov	Breakfast Club re-opens at 8am

There will always be some dates that we have to add or change, but we will endeavour to keep you informed.

Academy News

We welcome two new schools from October 1st: Hatchell Wood Primary School and Crowle Primary School who will be joining The Rose Learning Trust.



Home School Agreement

We have sent home our Home School Agreement. Please read with your child, sign and return to school as soon as possible.



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The Christmas dates will be out soon to help you plan your diaries – watch this space!



Packed Lunches

If you decide a packed lunch is the way forward, the two big challenges ahead are:

- not to give in to pressure from your child to include 'unhealthy' elements such as sugary drinks and sweets and
- to avoid boring, repetitive ingredients.

Here's how you can do it:

Make packed lunch rules – e.g. no sweets – and stick to them. No deviations or little treats!

Have a healthy lunch formula. A good one is that every lunch must include a sandwich or savory, a piece of fruit and a yoghurt or milk-based, low-fat dessert.

More information on how to create a healthy packed lunch along with top tips for packed lunch ingredients can be found on the school website:

www.woodfieldprimaryschool.co.uk

School Lunches

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. If you are currently sending a packed lunch to school and would like your child to have a school lunch, please see Mrs Gunn at the main school office.

School lunches for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 must be paid for via Parent pay at a cost of £10 per week, unless your child is entitled to a free school lunch. If you are unsure please ask Mrs Gunn.

Cool Milk

If your child is aged over 5, Cool Milk can provide healthy, nutritious school milk daily for less than £15 a term. If your child is under 5, Cool Milk can provide the milk free but you MUST register with them in order to receive the milk. Forms are included in the Home School Agreement or are available from main reception.

Whole School Pantomime Y1 to Y6

We are running a whole school trip to the Cast Theatre on Wednesday 20th December 2017.

The cost of the visit will be £15 in total which you can pay in instalments between now and October 27th 2017 via Parent Pay.

In order for us to set Parent Pay up to receive payments please ensure you complete panto letter which has been sent to all parents and return it to school to confirm that your child requires a place. Replacement letters are available from the main office

This year the panto is "Beauty and the Beast". Any children not attending the panto will remain in school for the afternoon.



School closes for half term on Thursday 26th October 2017 and re-opens on Monday 6th November 2017