



WOODTHORNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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LETTERS SENT HOME

Year 6 - KS2 SATs

Rainbows, Year 1, Year 2 - Spanish Club

Whole School - Book Fair

Year 5 - Jumanji

Whole School - PTA Easter Egg-stravaganza

Whole School - World Book Day

Reception to Year 6 - Sport Relief

Year 1W - teaching arrangements

SCHOOL GATES

Following a recent Health and Safety Audit it has been decided that the main entrance school gates will be closed to **all** traffic from **8:40am to 9:05am** and from **3:00pm to 3:30pm**. Traffic will not be allowed to enter or leave school during these times. The Meadway pedestrian gate will not be opened in the afternoon until **3:10pm** (presently 3pm) as PE lessons are still taking place on the Key Stage 2 playground at this time. Both of these measures are intended to make the school environment safer for all our children at busy times of the day. Your understanding and co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

BEAT THE STREET

You should have received your 'Beat the Street' (BTS) packs containing cards, a map and information on how BTS works. Cards need registering online at www.wolves.beatthestreet.me. BTS is a healthy initiative designed to increase physical activity by changing travel behaviour. BTS encourages everyone in the borough to walk, cycle or run as much as possible. Each walk is recorded using specially designed walking sensors, known as 'Beat Boxes', which attach to lamp posts and other street furniture across the town. Points are awarded each time two different Beat Boxes are swiped by the same card. Parents are encouraged to register and take part too, so why not plan a walk or bike ride over the weekend using the BTS maps which show where all the Beat Boxes are located. You can see how we are doing at www.wolves.beatthestreet.me. Woodthorne is currently in 38th position!

PARENTS CONSULTATIONS

We look forward to seeing many of you next week when Parents Consultations are taking place on Monday 29 February and Wednesday 2 March. If you are yet to make an appointment and wish to do so please contact the school office.

BOOK FAIR

A reminder that we have the Book Fair in school next week. It will be available in the KS1 hall during parent's consultations on Monday and Wednesday. It will also be open on Tuesday after school until 4:30pm.

PARKING

Could I ask parents attending after school events or picking children up from clubs (excluding after school club) to refrain from using the school car park. Staff members are regularly being blocked in, preventing them from leaving. In some instances this is preventing staff from being able to leave to collect their own children. Clubs finish usually around 4:15pm when the roads surrounding the school are much quieter. Thanks again to those parents that are opting to 'Park & Stride'.

BOOKS TO SUPPORT LEARNING

I have been asked by a number of parents about books we could recommend to support with their child's learning from home. There are several that are available from most High Street book outlets. CGP do a range which are very appealing to children and match the requirements of the new curriculum. They cover all the key curriculum areas including spelling, punctuation and grammar for all year groups and can also be accessed online at www.cgpbooks.co.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your annual income is less than £16,190 and you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to claim free school meals. Even if your child does not eat school meals or is in the infants getting the universal free school meal offer, it is worth registering as school receives extra government funding which can be used to benefit your child.

It is easy to apply online at www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or alternatively please contact the school office where Mrs Taylor will be happy to assist you with your application. All you will need to bring is your National Insurance number.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM SALE

Items will be on display in the main reception area next week priced at 50p each - all proceeds go to School Fund.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Chinese New Year evening. This was a first for this type of event and proved to be a very enjoyable and fun evening, which included mask making, a quiz, some delicious food and a Chinese Dragon dance which had to be seen to be appreciated!

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's Active Kids is a voucher scheme run for the benefit of schools until the 3rd May. We would be grateful if you could bring, via friends and family, as many Active Kids Vouchers into school as possible so that we can buy the school some much needed new sports equipment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter holidays - Friday 25 March to Monday 11 April inclusive (Good Friday and PD Day)

ADDITIONAL PD DAYS

The school will be closed for teacher training on the following days:

Monday 11 April 2016

Monday 6 June 2016

