



WOODTHORNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

HEAD TEACHER: MR J CRILLY

NEWSLETTER March 2017

LETTERS SENT HOME

Year 6 - SAT's Booster Sessions
Whole School - WASPS
Nursery - Closure of Nursery
Year 5/6 - Mrs Watkins maternity leave
Year 2W & Year 1M - staffing change
Rainbows - Mrs Jordan

Year 3D - Miss Day maternity leave
Whole School - Mr Crilly
Reception to Year 6 - Milk Money
Whole School - Closure on 31 March 2017
Nursery - Easter Bonnets
Rainbows - Easter Bonnets

SCHOOL CLOSURE

I would like to remind you that school will be closed on Friday 31 March for the funeral of our long serving caretaker Mark Pursall. Mark sadly passed away earlier this month after a short illness. I would also like to thank staff, parents and children who donated money to help his family towards funeral costs. Just over £1000 was raised and this was much appreciated by his family. A memorial bench will be purchased in the summer term and placed in the school grounds in Mark's memory.

ATTENDANCE

School attendance currently stands at 96%, in line with the national average for primary schools. Please keep this up!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION RESULTS

Thank you to all five of our Parent Governor nominees who put themselves forward for election. I am pleased to inform you that Mr Ranjit Khular and Mr Ian Moore were the successful candidates and will be attending their first governing body meeting this week.

COMIC RELIEF

The children and staff of Woodthorne did their bit for Comic Relief last week and raised a grand total of £527. Over the course of the day children had the opportunity to take part in various talent contests. There were lots of laughs by everyone involved throughout the day!

BEAT THE STREET

You should have received your Beat the Street' (BTS) packs containing cards, keyring fobs and a map and information on how BTS works. The keyring fobs are already registered to the school, however BTS cards for adults 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 keyring fob or 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 22nd position. Points can be earned up until the 3 May.

PARENTS CONSULATATION

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent's consultations earlier this month. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please contact the school office and we will be happy to make an appointment for you to see your child's class teacher after school at a mutually convenient time.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again we have amassed a mountain of lost property over the school term. Please help us to help you from having to buy extra school uniform, PE kit, lunch boxes, coats, hats, scarves etc. by putting your child's name in EVERYTHING! This would be time well spent over the Easter holidays! All unclaimed and unnamed lost property will be donated to a local charity.

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Sainsbury's Active Kids is a voucher scheme run for the benefit of schools from 30 January until the 2 May. We would be grateful if you could bring in as many Active Kids Vouchers as possible so that we can buy the school some much needed sports equipment.

FREE CHILDCARE INCREASE

The Government plans to raise the provision of free childcare for Nursery aged children from September 2017. All parents are currently entitled to 15 hours per week free childcare. However, from September 2017 the government plans to increase this to 30 hours per week for parents who fulfil certain criteria. Further information can be found at Gov.Uk, free childcare: <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

The provision of 15 hours free child care for all parents will remain in place.

If you think you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare and you have not completed a school questionnaire please contact the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter holidays - Monday 10 April to Friday 21 April

Term Time: Monday 24 April 2017 to Friday 26 May 2017

Half Term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

Term Time: **Tuesday 6 June 2017 to Friday 21 July 2017 (PD day Monday 5 June)**

Bank Holidays: Monday 1 May & Monday 29 May

ADDITIONAL PD DAYS

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

Monday 5 June, Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 July (last day of summer term will be Friday 21 July)

HAPPY EASTER!

A big thank you to all the children and staff for their continued hard work this spring term. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support to the school and your child's education. We hope you have a fantastic, safe, chocolate filled Easter and look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 24 April**.

