



## WOODTHORNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

HEAD TEACHER: MR J CRILLY

# NEWSLETTER September 2016

### LETTERS SENT HOME

Year 6 - Blists Hill visit

Whole School - Curriculum Newsletters

PTA Halloween Disco - tickets on sale Tuesday 4 October in KS1 hall

Year 1 - Weston Park visit

### FANTASTIC END OF YEAR RESULTS

Woodthorne is celebrating fantastic end of year outcomes across the school for the 2015-2016 academic year. These are yet to be validated, but I am confident they will see the school comfortably securing another Top Ten spot within the city for a third year in a row.

We have achieved our best EYFS results in over 5 years. Our best ever Year 1 phonics results and excellent Year 2 and Year 6 results under the new curriculum tests. Big congratulations go to all of our children and teaching staff!

### EUROPEAN LANGUAGES DAY REMINDER

We will be celebrating European Languages Day tomorrow. This will support our children developing their modern foreign languages skills in a fun, relevant way. We are encouraging children to come dressed in the colour of their year groups chosen country's flag, in traditional clothing or as a famous person who speaks the chosen language. The children will be taking part in a range of activities, some of which may include food tasting, cooking, dancing and art and craft activities. If your child has any food allergies that we have not been previously made aware of, please contact the school office. The chosen languages for each year group are:

Rainbows Tudor - French  
Rainbows Jones - Spanish  
Year 1 - French  
Year 2 - Italian

Year 3 - Swedish  
Year 4 - Welsh  
Year 5 - German  
Year 6 - Spanish

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS REMINDER

On Thursday 13 October the school photographer will be in school to take individual and family photographs of all children. Make sure you are looking your best! **If any parents would like photographs taken of younger children who are not at our school please arrive at the school office for 8.30am. Please bring all children with you. If all your children currently attend Woodthorne their family photograph will automatically be taken during the school day.**

### NUMERACY OPEN SESSIONS

We have arranged a number of 1 hour open sessions for the last two weeks of half term in order to give you the opportunity to come and view your child's class whilst it is in progress during the normal school day. All sessions will start at 9am and finish at 10am and have a numeracy focus. Letters have been sent out this week with dates on for your child's year group. You will need to return the reply slip if you are able to attend. No younger siblings, buggies etc. can be brought to these sessions. We hope to see you there.

### 2016-2017 PD DAYS

The remaining teacher training days for this academic year are as follows:

Tuesday 3 January, Monday 5 June

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

## PARENTMAIL

We are unfortunately experiencing technical problems with ParentMail at the present time. We are trying our best to get ParentMail to address these issues and will update you as soon as they have been resolved. We will continue with paper based communications for now. Thank you for your patience.

## PTA EVENTS

Friday 14 October 2015 - Halloween Disco.

Timings: KS1 - 5.30pm to 6.45pm

KS2 - 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Friday 9 December- Christmas Fayre - further information to follow

## LOST PROPERTY

Please could you ensure that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. We have already had a significant amount of lost property. Please also check your child comes home with their own PE kit and uniform as named uniform is also going missing. Thank you.

Could you also make sure that they have a coat and appropriate warm clothing for outside PE as the weather has recently got colder.

## EARLY YEARS

Do you have any spare pants or socks (age 3-5 years) that you could donate to our Early Years Team? They would also be very grateful for any good quality toys that you no longer need, in particular styling heads. If you can help on any front please contact Mrs Potts in Nursery or Miss Jones in Reception.

## KARATE CLUB

Year 1 to Y6 - spaces available. Please contact Mr S Harvey on 07958 494602 or call in after school on any Friday to speak to him.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 13 October - Individual photographs

Thursday 20 October - Harvest Festival: **9.30am - Early Years & KS1 / 10.30am - KS2**

Friday 14 October - PTA Halloween Disco

Half term holiday - Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October

Thursday 3 November & Tuesday 8 November - whole school parent consultations

Friday 4 November - Diwali activities

Friday 11 November - Black History Month activities

Tuesday 13 December - Early Years Nativity at 10.15am

Tuesday 13 December - Year 1 Nativity at 2.15pm

Tuesday 13 December - Year 4 evening Christmas production at 7.00pm

Wednesday 14 December - Year 1 Nativity at 9.30am

Wednesday 14 December - Early Years Nativity at 2.15pm

Friday 9 December - PTA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 15 December - Year 2 Carol Service at 2.00pm

Friday 16 December - KS2 Carol Concert at 2.15pm

Christmas holidays Monday 19 December - Tuesday 3 January inclusive

