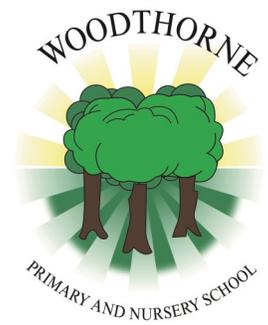


Woodthorne

Newsletter September 2017



Attendance: Last academic year, our overall attendance figure was 96%. This was just below the national average. Please help your child by ensuring that they are at school everyday. The current National Curriculum moves at such a pace that even a short absence can impact your child's learning.

Please note, The Meadway gate leading to the KS2 playground will be closed each morning at 9.00am once the pupils are in school. This is to ensure that we are safeguarding your children at all times.

We are sorry to mention the dreaded word "Christmas" so soon, but all children in the school will have the opportunity to design their own Christmas card. Please look out for more information in their book bags. It's a lovely way of your child producing something for you to purchase through an independent company and the PTA get a percentage of the money raised.

All after school clubs have now started up again. Please come into the office to find out more information. In the interest of safeguarding, we will now support the younger children to get changed before they go to the club so please ensure that their kit is sent to school on the correct day. Please can we ask all parents to wait outside of the hall so that staff can dismiss your children safely.

We would be very grateful if children do not play on the play equipment on KS1 and KS2 playgrounds before and after school. This is to ensure that we keep your children safe. Staff need to carry out a visual risk assessment of the equipment each time it is used to ensure that there are no significant hazards. Thank you.

Please ensure that your children arrive on time to school in the morning. Learning activities commence at 8.55am with lessons formally starting at 9.00am. If your child is late, they miss vital teacher input which could hinder their learning.

We are sure you have seen some changes to the office over the last week. Unfortunately, Miss Ogden is currently off but will be returning shortly. In the meantime, we would like to thank parents for their patience while our new staff learn the systems. We have got a back log of work/emails to go through, so we apologise if your recent queries have not been responded to in a timely manner. He hope to have cleared the back log by the end of the week.

It's that time of year again when Halloween is fast approaching. Please look in your child's book bag for a letter about the Halloween Disco on Friday 13th October. The PTA will be selling tickets on Wednesday 4th October in KS1 hall from 8.30am. It'll be a great fancy-dress event, We can't wait to see all of the costumes!!

Dates for the diary...

26.09.17—European Language Day

28.09.17—Year 6 Visit to Blists Hill

4.10.17—Year 5 Trip to Bewdley

12.10.17—KS2 Story Writing Workshop
(For pupils)

17.10.17—EYFS and KS1 Harvest Festival—9.30am

17.10.17—KS2 Harvest Festival—
10.30am

18.10.17—Magical Maths Assembly (for
pupils)

18.10.17—Year 4 Trip to Bishops Wood

20.10.17— Diwali theme across school.

20.10.17—School breaks up for Half
Term

30.10.17—School closed for teacher
training

31.10.17—School reopens to pupils

31.10.17—Week long theme learning
about Black History.

1.11.17—3.11.17—Year 6 Health Checks

7.11.17—Parent Consultations Evening

9.11.17—Parent Consultation Evening

15.11.17—Year 1 Visit to Weston Park

17.11.17—Children in Need event

30.11.17—Flu Spray Immunisation—R,
Yr1, Yr2, Yr3 and Yr4

8.12.17—PTA Christmas Fayre

12.12.17—EYFS Nativity—10.15am

12.12.17—Year 1 Nativity –215pm

13.12.17—Year 1 Nativity— 9.30am

13.12.17—EYFS Nativity—2,15pm

14.12.17—Year 4 Christmas Production—
9.30am

14.12.17—Year 4 Christmas Production—
6.00pm

14.12.17—Year 2 Carol Service—2.00pm

20.12.17—KS2 Carol Concert—2.00pm

20.12.17—School breaks up for
Christmas.

2.01.18—School closed for teacher
training.

3.01.18—School reopens for Spring
Term.



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