



WELCOME TO THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to a new school year. I hope you had a fantastic summer with your families and made the most of the incredible weather.

Our children have settled exceptionally well in their new classes, particularly our new reception intake and our handful of new starters across the school. There is such a positive atmosphere in school and we have an ambitious action plan in place for the academic year that will build on our current strengths.

For the first two weeks of term, all of our children have been working together on a whole school project to embed our school values and reflect on what makes Woodlands Park a great learning community. We will share the highlights of this project in an extra newsletter next week. At this stage, I would be grateful if you could support your children to find some sponsors for Friday morning's active challenges to raise money for lunchtime equipment. Please ensure that sponsorship money is brought into school by Friday 21 September.

I look forward to working with you this year.

Steve Bone, Head teacher



SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 7 September Lilian Horsham, Zach Dawe, Harry Davies, Euan Tuckwell, Tomas Bartlett, Madison-Rose Welsh, Brooke Merryfield, Liam Bailey, Megan Luscombe, Thomas Richmond, Lucy Barham, Finley Hickman, Jasmine King, Emily Ballard, Emily Carroll, Alfie Tancock, Oliver Wright, Bethany Stargatt.

ATTENDANCE/HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME – Children's regular attendance at school is essential to ensure that they maximise their learning opportunities to achieve their full potential. If your child is unwell please leave a message on the absence line before 8.50 am on the first day of absence. If your child is off school poorly for more than one day could you please send in a letter on their return covering them for the whole period detailing their absence. As you are no doubt aware holidays in term time are strongly discouraged and the school will continue to follow Government guidelines which do not allow for authorisation of holidays in term time.

NEXT STEPS, YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER 2018 – Although the children have only just started in Year 6, the online application facility for transfer to secondary school is now available. You must submit an application by Wednesday 31 October 2018 at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 where an adviser will be happy to assist you. National Allocation Day will be Friday 1 March 2019.



PAYMENTS ONLINE – Thank you very much to everyone who is using the online payment system with 'ParentPay'. We would encourage all parents/carers to use this system for making purchases of school meals, uniform and trips as we are unable to hold any cash at school.

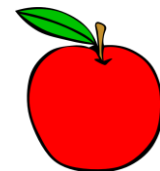


HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION - Please can you notify us of any change of details such as change of address, telephone numbers or email address so that your contact information is correct. With regards to emails, we are now able to send correspondence to two addresses, so if you'd like us to add another address, please notify the office. There is also a wealth of information available on the school's website that includes a calendar, letters from school, newsletters, homework, clubs, lunch menu and useful links.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS/SERVICE FAMILIES – Some children are entitled to free school meals due to all kinds of personal circumstances. To see if you are eligible you can contact 'My Devon' on 0345 155 1019 for an immediate assessment or contact the office for advice or a form. Free school meal entitlement and Service Families attract additional funding which is beneficial to your child's education, so please let the office know if you are entitled.

SCHOOL MILK, FREE AND SUBSIDISED – If your child is under 5 years old they will automatically be registered to receive free milk until their fifth birthday (please contact the school if you wish for your child NOT to receive free milk or has an allergy). Children over the age of 5 years can receive subsidised milk by registering at www.coolmilk.com the cost is approximately £15.00 a term.

SCHOOL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SCHEME – We receive free fruit and vegetables for all our children in Foundation and Key Stage 1. Unfortunately, the scheme does not extend to pupils in Key Stage 2 but we would encourage these children to bring in their own pieces of fruit/vegetables to eat at break-time. No sweets, chocolate or nuts (this includes peanut butter as we have children in school with nut allergies).



THINGS THAT GET FORGOTTEN OR YOU JUST DON'T KNOW?

- The following items are not part of our school uniform: trainers, boots, coloured socks, make up, nail varnish and jewellery with the exception of watches and stud earrings. We will be asking children to remove any jewellery, apart from stud earrings and will not accept any responsibility for loss. Children not able to remove earrings will need to cover them with tape. If they are not able to do so, they will miss PE.
- We recommend that **ALL** children have **book bags** as these go into class with the children making their book easily accessible for reading time, which happens daily. Any communication from school can also go directly into the book bags and hopefully make it home in one piece! We are waiting for an order to be delivered
- from our suppliers so if you have an order outstanding, as soon as they arrive, your child will come home with it. Apologies for this delay.
- Please can long hair be tied back as it can cause a distraction in class. It needs to be tied back for all PE lessons for safety reasons.
- Please can all toys, trading cards and personal items from home not be brought into school for fear they could get lost and damaged, resulting in upset children.
- Tablets, cough sweets, lipsoles or skin creams (except for sun-block to be self-administered) should not be brought into school.
- We are also a **nut free zone** due to the severe allergic reactions they cause to some of the children in our school, so please think really carefully when packing your child's snack/packed lunch.
- Water bottles are encouraged for morning break and KS2 classroom use during the day, these bottles should be clear and contain water. Squash and fruit juices are only for lunchtime.
- Foundation children have a carton of free milk daily until their 5th Birthday which can continue up to Year 6 at a subsidised cost of 22p per day if parents/carers wish.
- Foundation/Key Stage 1 children have a fresh piece of fruit and free school meals daily until Key Stage 2.
- The door opens in the morning for KS2 children at 8.40 am with pick up at 3.20 pm from your child's classroom.
- Please can lunch accounts with ParentPay be in credit at the start of each week before lunches are taken.
- Please could we kindly ask parents not to arrive too early for pick up as it can be distracting for the children if they spot you waiting in the playground. Thank you.



BRAVE THE SHAVE - In the Summer holidays one of our lunchtime supervisors, Mrs Baxendale took part in the Macmillan Brave the Shave fundraiser, by having all her hair shaved off. She has raised an amazing £1,500 so far which is incredible and has far exceeded her goal. If any parents would like to sponsor her for undertaking this, please send in any donations to the office. Thank you.



DIARY DATES

September 2018

Friday 14 September
Tuesday 18 September
Wednesday 19 September
Wednesday 26 September
Friday 28 September

Bude deposit due - £80
Year 5/6 Football Tournament at ICC – 4.00 – 5.30 pm
Year 6 children & parents meeting at ICC - 6.00 pm
Year 6 parents meeting at SCHOOL with ICC - 6.00 pm
Year 6 Fundraiser – details to follow



October 2018

Tuesday 2 October
Monday 8 October
Tuesday 9 October
Friday 12 October
Tuesday 16 October
Friday 19 October

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country at ICC – 4.00 – 5.30 pm (details to follow)
Individual & Family Tempest Photos
Year 3/4 Boys Football Tournament at ICC – 4.00 – 5.30 pm
Flu Immunisations – Foundation to Year 5 (Inclusive)
Year 5/6 High 5 Netball Tournament at ICC – 4.00 – 5.30 pm
Non Pupil Day – Half Term – End of the First Half of Autumn Term

Monday 29 October

Second Half of the Autumn Term Starts