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**SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES - Monday 18 October** – Sonny Mitchell, Layla Woods, Freddie Bemister, Laila Manning, Khloe Doherty, Eliza Rome, Aylah Lawrenson, Theia Wright, Frances Trayte, Maddie Harris, Alexis Pengilly, Charlie Chapple, Jess Howard, Oliver Taylor, Holly Colton, Marty Stafford, Sidney Purdey, Isabelle Cioffi, Theo Ogborn, Tori Kerswell, Leah Cornwell, Tansy Allen-Waldron, Amelia Cioffi, Rebecca Hubbard & Jaxon Short. **Friday 5 November** – Imogen Thorn, Sebastian Baker, Alex Dziadulewicz, Evelyn Davies, Bella Buckley, Emily Steer, Leon Welsh, Billy Issac, Bella Thewlis, Henry Williams, Elijah Summers, Ferne Pickering, Sinan Gurbuz, Ashlee-May Hamilton, Alba Knight-Climent, Ted Luscombe, Lily Crannis, Ryan Ireland, Millie Arnold, Joe Waite, Victoria Kerswell, Kaleb Brew, Mason Craig and Liam Monaghan.

**HEADTEACHER UPDATE** - The team at Woodlands Park are exceptionally hard-working and dedicated and always looking to improve. This term, we are in the process of developing areas of our school curriculum:



**Read Write Inc** - We are currently rolling out our new approach for teaching reading and writing at Woodlands Park. Our reception children started in September and children in Years 1 and 2 will move across from their current phonics scheme to Read Write Inc. later this month. On 10 November at 2:15 pm, parents with children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to a parent session where we will give you a detailed overview of the scheme and show how you can use the fantastic resources at home to support your children. This week, our first group of teachers and teaching assistants completed their training. I will be joining our second cohort next week. The trust secured funding for our school to invest in this program and I secured additional funding through the Ilsham Literacy Hub. The implementation of Read Write Inc. is being led by Miss Pope. We both look forward to seeing you at the parent session on 10 November.

**Maths** - Today, we took delivery of a huge box of a new resource called Rekenrek. Woodlands Park will be trialling this resource for the Department for Education, as a result of our participation in the Maths Hub's Mastering Number programme. I delivered the resource to Mrs Hunter who was teaching in Moles this morning and it was like Christmas had come early!! As you can see from the structure of the resource, it is aimed at securing number facts up to 20.



**Reading For Pleasure** - Our action research to develop Reading for Pleasure at Woodlands Park with the support of the Open University is gathering momentum. Our teachers and teaching assistants attended an initial session before half term, our second session is next Wednesday after school. Children in every class have requested a range of books. These have been ordered and will be delivered straight to the classes when they arrive. The passion for reading in the school is evident and developing and we look forward to sharing strategies with you later in the year to continue this. In the meantime, I hope that your child enjoys the books that they are bringing home from school and that you are able to find a time at least 5 times a week for reading at home.

As you can see from the summary above, it is not just the children who are learning at Woodlands Park every day. Our curriculum and approaches to teaching develop every term so that we can improve the way that we teach your children.

**PUNCTUALITY/LATE ARRIVALS** - In response to a high number of children arriving in school after the start of the school day, we need to clarify timings and procedures.

- The 'soft opening' procedure that we had in place as a COVID control measure over the last 2 school years is now NOT in place.
- The start of the school day is at 8.50 am. At 8:45 am the school gates will open. Children need to be in class by 8:50 am and enter the school through their classroom door.
- Classroom doors close at 8:50 am for the start of the school day. In class, the register is taken before 9:00 am and learning starts at 9:00am.
- If your child arrives at school after 8:50 am they need to be signed in through the school office. Do not open the classroom door to let your child in once they are closed, you need to bring them to the office.

**INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS** - If your child missed having their photo taken or you would like a retake, please notify the office as these will be taken on Wednesday 24 November.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - We will be selling poppies and other items but we will have to limit the bands & keyrings to one per child and once they have been sold, we are unable to get anymore. These will be available from Monday 8 November to each class. The suggested prices are: Snap bands at £1.50, silicone wristbands at £1.00, zip pulls & poppy keyrings at 50p each and any donation for a traditional poppy. **Year 5** are leading a remembrance service this year. We would like to invite parents of Year 5 children to come in and attend this service on Thursday 11 November at 9:15 am.



**FRIENDSHIP WEEK 2021** - We will be holding our Friendship Week during the week of 15 - 19 November in line with the National Anti-Bullying Week 2021. This year's focus is 'One Kind Word'. Throughout the week, the children will be taking part in activities to acknowledge how everyone can make a change that will help others. To finish the week, we would like the children to wear **blue** on **Friday 19 November** to represent the anti-bullying colour. The activities completed throughout the week are, as ever, supported by age-appropriate resources from recommended websites such as [www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk), [www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk), [www.bullying.co.uk](http://www.bullying.co.uk) and [www.beyondbullying.com](http://www.beyondbullying.com). Many of these websites have important information for parents. Please use your discretion when looking at these websites with your child as some areas of the websites are not appropriate for primary aged children. Look at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) for very good information about cyber bullying too.



**CHILDREN IN NEED 2021** - As Friday 19 November is also Children in Need, we will tie the two themes in together. We will be sending out more information about our fundraising ideas next week



**TIKTOK SAFETY** - National Online Safety have produced a free online safety guide on TikTok. Find out how easy is to view age-inappropriate content and if children and young people even be on the platform at all. Download your guide by clicking this [link](#).

### FORTHCOMING TERM DATES 2022/2023

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>	Monday 5 September to Friday 16 December <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 24 to Monday 31 October (inc) Staff professional training day: Thursday 1 September & Friday 2 September and Monday 31 October
<b>Spring Term 2023</b>	Wednesday 4 January to Friday 31 March <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 13 to Monday 20 February (inc) Staff professional training day: Monday 20 February
<b>Summer Term 2023</b>	Tuesday 18 April to Friday 21 July <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June <b>May Day (Bank Holiday):</b> Monday 1 May Staff professional training days: Monday 17 April

### DIARY DATES

Wednesday 10 November	Year 1 & 2 parents in for Reading Meeting at 2:15 pm
Thursday 11 November	Year 5 parents in for Remembrance Service at 9:15 am
Monday 15 November	Friendship Week
Friday 19 November	<a href="#">Children In Need (wear blue)</a>
Wednesday 24 November	Tempest photography retakes
Monday 29 November	Flu Vaccinations – Whole School
<b>December 2021</b>	
Thursday 2 December	WPFA Wreath Making in School Hall at 6:30pm
Tuesday 14 December	Christmas Lunches (Foundation/KS1)
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Lunches (KS2)
Thursday 16 December	Last day of the Autumn Term
Friday 17 December	Occasional Day (Christmas Holidays)

