



Woodlands' Newsletter

January 18th 2023

Contact us : office@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk
 Telephone : 01827 429020 [office open 8.00am–4.00pm]
 Breakfast club bookings bc@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk
 School Website
www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

Whole School Attendance (w.e 13/01/23): **96.83%** This TERM: **97.1%**

Winning Team attendance (w.e 13/01/23): **Ethelfleda—98.55%**

Well done to our WOW Workers - see the powerpoint on the website

Class	Week Ending 13/01/23:	Week Ending: 06/01/23	Class	Week Ending: 13/01/23	Week Ending: 06/01/23
<u>Ash</u>	Millie	Jack	<u>Maple</u>	Finley H	Lucy
<u>Redwood</u>	Ellie-Mae	Lily	<u>Spruce</u>	Toby-Jay	Kyle
<u>Pine</u>	Freddie	Florrie	<u>Willow</u>	Daniel	Evelyn
<u>Elm</u>	Bethany	Alfie	<u>Chestnut</u>	Sophie	Cian
<u>Birch</u>	Carterose	Thomas	<u>Aspen</u>	Ashley	Charlie S

*If you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's class teacher via the office.
 If you have a whole school question or concern, please contact Mr Baker via the office.*

January 2023

We are already in week 3! Time is flying by and we will be talking about Easter soon enough.

The children have returned to school with excellent behaviour and wonderful attitudes to learning. Each year group has exciting topics and opportunities to build on their learning with trips, visitors or activities this half term.

Foundation

Does Chocolate Grow on Trees? Learning about the process of making chocolate—from Bean to Bar
Years 1 and 2

Dinosaur Planet - The children become palaeontologists and investigate our dinosaur planet
Years 3 and 4

Scrumdiddlyumptious - The children investigate foods, health and travel the world looking for flavour
Years 5 and 6

Hola Mexico - The children investigate culture, history and geography of Mexico

The school website has all the details about each class and what they are learning in each subject. Each class page has a timetable of their week's learning, an overview of the half term and links to pages and activities to help with their learning.

The school subscribes to several online learning platforms to help children learn in fun engaging ways away from school - including Education City, Espresso, TimesTable Rockstar and Bug Club. If you have forgotten or lost your child's passwords, please contact your child's class teacher.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. An email with all the details has been sent to each family. We are looking for parents to join the governing body and help the school continue to provide for the children and families. If you are interested in applying please contact the school office. The closing date to apply for this position is Friday 27th January 2023.

Online Safety



We have been made aware of some disturbing games encouraging children to self harm that are being shared through social media in the county—please continue to help protect your children whilst online by discussing and sharing the content of the games that they may be introduced to.

Attendance

Thank you to all families who are achieving 100% attendance and being on time. The number of children with full attendance is increasing. Being on time for school is also important. Children arriving after 8:45 are marked as late. Any child arriving after 9.00am is marked as unauthorised absence for the morning session. Continued absence or lateness can result in a fixed penalty notice.

School gate



A reminder that KS2 children may enter school through the lower [KS1] gate if they wish. This is especially convenient for those children in Year 3 and 4 who walk to the mobile, or children who approach school from Argyle Street. KS1 children should continue to use this gate.

The end of the day routine will remain the same with classes being released from the playground.



PARKING Please follow the rules of the road and be respectful to the local residents when dropping off and collecting children. The safety and welfare of the children is most

Messages from the office:

ESPO My School Fund

An e-mail went out to all families on 17th November, inviting them to join ESPO My School Fund Scheme to help raise additional funds for our school. The website you need to access to sign up to this scheme is www.myschoolfund.org. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

ParentPay

If you need log in details or any help accessing ParentPay, please contact the office.

Reminders

If any information we hold for your child has changed i.e emergency contact numbers, medical/dietary need, please ensure the office is informed so records can be updated accordingly. This includes returning any medical forms the school has issued for completion.

Reminders of expectations:

Children should be reading at least 3 times per week. This helps them attain the rewards they deserve.

Children's attendance should be above 97% - please avoid missing any days from school unless ill.

Please call the office to report child absences before 9.10am. There is a designated answer machine for absence messages.

For safety reasons; **No hoodies or jewellery** for PE. PE T-shirts should be plain white! Joggers should be plain black or Navy. PE kit is uniform not forest clothing.

Key Dates:

Break up for February Half Term: Friday 17th February
School Reopens to Pupils: Monday 27th February

Break up for Easter Holidays: Friday 31st March
School Reopens to Pupils: Monday 17th April
May Day: Monday 1st May—School Closed to Pupils

Additional Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May—School Closed to Pupils

Break up for May Half Term: Friday 26th May
School Reopens to Pupils: Monday 5th June
CAT Inset Day: Friday 23rd June—School Closed to Pupils