



Woodlands' Newsletter

October 3rd
2022

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Whole School Attendance (w.c 26.09.22): 96.33%
Winning Team attendance—Ethelfleda (w.c 26.09.22): 96.81%
Well done to our WOW Workers - see the powerpoint on the website

Class	Week Ending 30.09.22:	Week Ending 23.09.22:	Class	Week Ending 30.09.22:	Week Ending 23.09.22:
			<u>Maple</u>	Freddie	Remey-Lei
<u>Redwood</u>	Ellie-Mae	Angel	<u>Spruce</u>	Jaeden	Lilly-Belle
<u>Pine</u>	George	Layla	<u>Willow</u>	Rocco	Eli
<u>Elm</u>	Leah	Phillip	<u>Chestnut</u>	Millie	Harvey
<u>Birch</u>	Isaac	Callum	<u>Aspen</u>	Riley WP	Alexander

Autumn Term



Autumn term is already in full swing with the children learning about 'Marvellous Me' in foundation, Bright Lights and Big City in Years 1 and 2, looking at London and key events. Years 3 and 4 are researching transport and Mighty Metals, while Year 6 are creating Beasts that adapt to their environment.

Full details about the curriculum are found on the school website.

The children have settled back into school life really well and are enjoying the small changes made over the summer.

Gatherings [replaced assemblies] are a great time to celebrate each others' successes including attendance, team points, great effort, RESPECT and also efforts from outside of school. Golden time is back and the children thoroughly enjoy being rewarded for 20 team points with a fun session at the end of the week. You can help your child gain golden time by helping them complete their homework including, reading, spelling and times tables.

We have also been privileged to add to our KS1 and KS2 trim trails this year. The children are really excited and are looking forward to make as much use of it as possible.

We are looking forward to working with JLT 22-the new Junior Leadership Team made up of House leaders and Class leaders who will work with the Senior Leadership Team to help make the school even better for all of it's community.

Well done to everyone who has 100% attendance

Harvest Festival

October is the month of Harvest!

For Harvest Festival, we are collecting food and toiletry items to donate to Tamworth Food Bank. As you know, with the rising cost of living, families are finding it harder than ever to make ends meet and provide for their families.

We are collecting donations from **week commencing 10th October.**

Items will be taken to the Food Bank on **Friday 14th October.**

Please see e-mail sent out on 26th September for more information.



Open Evening

Now that the children have been in school a few weeks and are settled into the new routine, there will be an open evening on

October 12th, 3:40-5:00pm.

No appointments are necessary. It is an opportunity to see your child's class and a 'check in' with the teacher. If you have a particular question that might take longer please arrange a separate meeting with the class teacher.

Staff update—Aspen and Pine

Miss Bennett is recovering at home and will hopefully be back in school after half term. Miss Higgins will be absent from school for a few weeks following surgery next week. We wish them both a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back at school.

Curriculum

Information about each year group's learning will be sent out to families shortly. This will help families understand what their children should be able to know and do by the end of their current year at school. It will include all of the National curriculum expectations for Reading, Writing and Maths. Working with the class teachers, families will be able to help address any gaps that children may have.



PTA

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for members of the school community to help school by joining our wonderful PTA. They have been extremely helpful in organising school events and raising thousands of pounds to help buy resources for the children that would otherwise not have been purchased.

Without new and extra support to the PTA to undertake key roles, the PTA will not be able to continue, meaning a great loss to the school community.

If you would like to help contact Mr Grice through the school office e-mail address.



Messages from the office:

Data Collection Sheet/Consent Form

Please ensure these are returned to school, signed and completed by Wednesday 5th October.

ParentPay

This is a friendly reminder to keep on top of your ParentPay balances each week and clear any monies owed. Thank you to those Parents/Carers who have already cleared their outstanding balances and to those who always keep their accounts in credit.

School Photographs

Orders can be placed with the company online. However, if you would like to place an order for your child's photograph via the school, please ensure the order form and payments are brought in and handed to the school office by Wednesday 5th October. Thank you.

Reminders of expectations:

For safety reasons; No hoodies or jewellery for PE. PE T-shirts should be plain white!

School gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am

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

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.

Key Dates

Half Term: Monday 24th—Friday 28th October

School reopens: Monday 31st October

INSET DAY: Friday 2nd December (Closed to Pupils)

School Closes for Christmas: Friday 16th December

School reopens: Tuesday 3rd January 2023