



# Woodlands' Newsletter

September 28th

Phrase of the Week:

***Success is a journey, not a destination.***

## **Contact us**

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**At The Woodlands  
We value:**



Dear Families,

School continues to be full of energy and excitement as the children settle into their 'new normal' The children have adapted very quickly and are making the most of the new situation. Its great to see so many green cards and teampoints being awarded for their hard work and achievements. WoW assembly still takes place every Friday and the presentation is shared on the school website.

## **KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE**

It is vitally important to arrive at the school gate at the allocated time and NOT before. Both in the morning and after school. There are 5 minute windows for the children to enter and leave school without mixing with other year groups. We must keep the children separate. If parents arrive too early the pavements become blocked and children have to go in the street. If you arrive early please wait on the opposite side of the road until your child's allocated time

## **School Website**

Take a look at the School website It includes dates, newsletters, letters home and class information

It also includes Remote learning and a host of links to other activities  
[www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk)

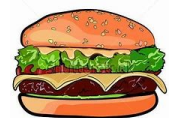
## **Communication**

Our plan is to use email to send information to families- this will include notes, letters and newsletters. All information will also be added to the website so that there is constant access and families need not worry if they have lost a letter. We aim to not send paper copies unless needed. The attendance system will still send a text in the morning to ask why a child is not attending school, so if your child is ill please ring school before 9.00am (01827 429020).

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOL HAS ALL OF YOUR LATEST DETAILS**

## **American Themed Lunch— 1st October 2020**

The kitchen will be holding an American themed lunch on Thursday 1st October 2020 and we encourage all children to take part. The menu will include Beef Burger or Quorn, Hash Browns, Jacket potato, served with vegetables or salad. Pudding will be American Style pancakes with syrup and cream. Year Reception, and 2 meals are provided through the universal free school meals scheme (at no cost to you). Key stage 2 meals will cost £2.35.



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Note from kitchen: The southern style burgers and meatballs have been replaced with the normal burgers.

## Harvest

It's approaching that time of year when we would normally invite parents in to have a class Harvest Festival assembly. This year, we are unable to have group gatherings within school. A Harvest celebration will be shared with the children with Mr Baker leading a zoom assembly so that all of the children do have the opportunity to give thanks and reflect upon harvest time. With this in mind, there is still an opportunity for all of our families to play a small part in serving our community, by making the usual Harvest donations. Please send any donation of dried food stuffs, tinned foodstuffs or toiletries with the children in to school Monday to Thursday next week. Look out for the photos we will take of our Harvest display on the website before we donate your generous gifts to The Manna House food bank. Having been a difficult year for so many struggling families, your donations really are appreciated.



## Staff changes

Mrs Asson has taken up a post in a different school for lunchtimes and we wish her all the best. We would like to welcome Mrs Rowlings and Mrs Bennett to the Woodlands' team who have joined us as Lunchtime Supervisors.



Mrs Maiden-Deputy Headteacher-has made the difficult decision to leave us at Christmas. Having enjoyed her time teaching our lovely pupils and being an important part of the Woodlands Team, it wasn't an easy choice for her to make. We all wish her the very best when she makes the move to a new school.

Please be reassured that we are doing all we can to appoint the best candidate possible for the post of Deputy Headteacher.

We would also like to give a belated welcome to Mrs Salmon who has joined The Woodlands Office Team during the COVID shutdown!

## Attendance

Attendance is currently good at the school with about 98% of the children attending.

As winter approaches and the children catch more bugs and colds we ask that they, where possible, continue their learning at home.

The school website has lots of learning and access to many activities for the children to access if they are away from school.

The first 3 days of absence the children can access remote learning on the class page on the website. Any longer than 3 days and the school will be in contact to arrange more learning opportunities.

What to do if your child is absent can be found on the school website:



## School Dates:

School Photos will be sent out this week—all orders will need to be returned by 14th October 2020 (you can also order directly from the company via the internet).

1/10/20 - American Themed Dinner

9/10/20 - Year 3 & 4 Forest Day

12/10/20 - Birch Forest Day

13/10/20 - Year 5 & 6 Forest Day

14/10/20 - Pine Forest Day

15/10/20 - Elm Forest Day

23/10/20 - Inset Day (school closed)

26th to 30th 10/20 - Half Term (school closed)

2/11/20 - Autumn 2 term starts

30/11/20 - Inset Day (school closed)

8/12/20 - Flu Vaccination

21/12/20 - Christmas Holidays begin