



Woodlands' Newsletter

SEPTEMBER
10TH 2021

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School Website
www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

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

Class	Week Ending: 10/9/21	Class	Week Ending: 10/9/21
Ash	-	Maple	Oscar B
Oak	-	Spruce	Zoe
Pine	Laura	Willow	Angel
Elm	Ronnie JB	Chestnut	Molly & Wiki
Birch	Remy C	Aspen	Dylan
		Redwood	Kieran & Gracie

Welcome Back

It has been a great start to the year and the children have settled very quickly. It doesn't feel as if they have been away. We have already had a pet day and been invaded by Vikings!

Thank you for such a smooth start- everyone has worked well together to ensure that the entrance to school went well- Having more gates open and staggered starts has made the start and end of the school day less congested and safer. Please help us make it even safer by not parking on the yellow lines.

We are trying to get back to 'normal'- what ever that may look like, as soon as possible- we sent a letter earlier this week explaining the changes due to COVID guidance- this is also available on the school website.

We look forward to a great Autumn term with after school clubs, lots of learning, trips and fun- with no 'Bubbles' Please look at the school website for all the details for your child's class.

Urgent request

We need you!

Our PTA are an essential part of school life- and we need more adults to work with our PTA. The PTA have raised THOUSANDS of £££ to provide many resources for school—laptops, trips, Commando Joe resources and so much more. There are many activities that we could not do, or continue to do, without the help of the PTA.

As well as fundraising the PTA help provide essential non learning fun activities for the children including discos, activities etc.

If you feel you could help this VITAL work moving forward- even if it is just an hour or so each half term please join us on **TUESDAY 21st SEPTEMBER @ 3.20pm**- we can accommodate the children during the meeting.

How families can help School and their children

The last couple of years have been very challenging and disruptive to the children's learning. As a school we are doing all we can to help children deal with the impact of the pandemic.

Families can really help by PRACTISING key skills at home- we can teach at school but as with anything- the more practise the better we get.

Please help PRACTISE the key skills of reading, spellings and times tables at home a little everyday. The teachers will be sharing what is most needed to practise from their learning.

Resources

To help families with learning at home the school has bought or subscribed to many digital platforms and activities. These are all very child friendly and help the children to Practise their learning at home.

Our school website has so many links to learning and it easy to navigate

Here are some of the resources you can access

Espresso, Education City, Times Tables Rockstars, Bug Club, Phonics Play, Hit the button

Clubs

This term we are focusing on fun engaging and active after school clubs- these will start week beginning 20th September. As usual there are many clubs and the staff have dedicated lots of extra time to provide these opportunities- please complete the clubs application to request a place in a club- sadly due to numbers we cannot guarantee a place.

Key dates

THIS HALF TERM

20.9.21 Clubs start

27.9.21 Parent Week [details to follow]

01.10.21 Forest day for Years 1 & 2

4.10.21 INSET School Closed

5.10.21 Forest Day for Years 5 & 6

7.10.21 SPECIAL dinner

11.10.21 Forest Day for Years 3 & 4

22.10.21 Whole School Freaky Forest
Friday

25.10.21-29.10.21 HALF TERM



SCHOOL CLOSURES

INSET 4.10.21

INSET 31.1.22

INSET 5.5.22

INSET 24.6.22 plus 1 other tbc

half term -closes Fri 22-opens Mon 1.Nov

Christmas closes 17.Dec- opens Tues 4.Jan

Half term- closes Fri 18 opens Mon 28 Feb

Easter closes Fri 8 Apr Opens Mon 25 April

Half term Closes Fri 27 Opens Mon 6 Jun

Summer closes Wed 20 July Opens Tue 6th

Tips to help a smooth start to the term

LABEL your child's clothing- including PE kit

LABEL your child's water bottle

PRACTISE reading, spellings and timestables