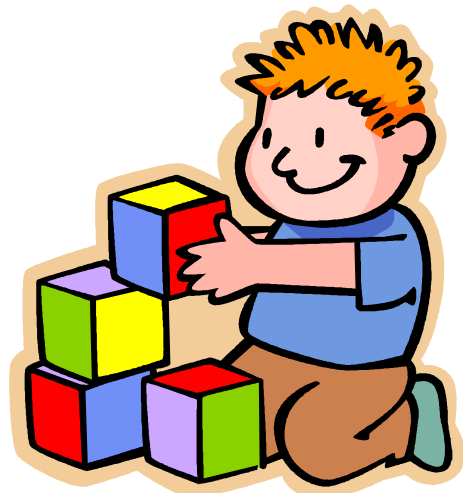


Welcome to The Woodlands.



A Foundation Stage Booklet.

2022



What happens on the first day?

The First Day: (Wednesday 7th September)

KS1 Gate opens 9 am. Collect at 11:50am.

Children can be escorted into the cloakroom by 1 parent/carer and hang their coats on the cloakroom peg labelled with their name. They should then go into the classroom and settle their children at one of the table-top activities which will be provided. Parents should leave when they feel their child is comfortable to stay without them.

Children may bring a drink of plain, bottled water, if they wish, (No flavourings please.) Bottles should have non-spill tops and be labelled with their name, please.

It is not necessary for children to bring in a snack from home, as they will be given a healthy snack to eat at morning break time, each day. If you choose to send a snack into school, it is healthy snacks only. (No chocolate or sweets)

At home time, children will be released to their parent/carer via the classroom door which opens directly onto the playground. * If you have made arrangements for a friend, relative or childminder to collect your child, please could you make the class teacher / teaching assistant aware of this prior to the end of the day and ensure that details are recorded and verified by your signature on the authorised to collect form.

Day 2 Thursday 8th September: As day 1.

Day 3 Friday 9th September : Gate open at 8:35am. Collect at 11:50am.

Today your child should enter through the gate, without their parent carer, at 8:35 am, with all of the other children as we are trying to encourage the children to be as independent as possible.

Start and finish times for the first few weeks.

		Week 1		Week 2		Week 3 Onwards				
	Da	Start	Finish		Entry time	Finish		Entry time	Finish	
	Monday	School closed Inset day		12.9.22	8:35am	1:00pm	Monday	8:35am	3:15pm	19.9.22
	Tuesday	School closed Inset day		13.9.22	8:35am	1:00pm	Tuesday	8:35am	3:15pm	20.9.22
	Weds	9:00am	11:50am	14.9.22	8:35am	1:00pm	Weds	8:35am	3:15pm	21.9.22
	Thurs	9:00am	11:50am	15.9.22	8:35am	2:30pm	Thurs	8:35am	3:15pm	22.9.22
	Friday	8:35am	11:50am	16.9.22	8:35am	3:15pm	Friday	8:35am	3:15pm	23.9.22

Week 1- See the above table. Entry is through the KS1 gate and collection is from the Reception playground.

Week 2- See the above table.

Week 3- All children are attending full time. 8:35am-3:15pm

What happens when your child starts school?

Children will, initially, be taken into school on a part-time basis, as below:

Week 1 – Day 1 and 2 Children will attend school for the morning sessions only coming into school at 9am and will need to be collected at 11:50am from the Reception playground. (You can bring your child into school to settle on the first day)

Week 1 – Day 3 Children will attend school for the morning sessions only coming into school at 8:35 and will need to be collected at 11:50pm from the Reception playground.

Week 2 – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday- 8:40-1:00pm. Children will attend school for the morning sessions and then stay for lunch. (Children will leave parents at the gate and go into the classroom)

Week 2-Thursday-8:35-2:30pm.

Week 2-Friday-Gates open 8:35 End of Day-3:15pm

Week 3 – Children will attend school full time* 8:35-3:15

If there are any individual children who staff consider would benefit from continuing to attend school on a part-time basis, this will be discussed, by the class teacher, with their parents.

The School Day:

Morning session – 8.50 am.– 11:50. (Gates open 8:35pm)

***Children are allowed into the classrooms from 8.35 a.m. onwards.**

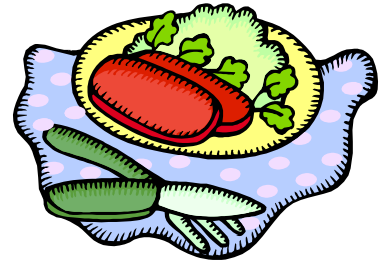
Afternoon session – 12:45pm – 3.15 p.m.

Please note that parents will be given the opportunity to speak to a practitioner about how their child has settled in during an open afternoon. (Late September- Early October)

Dinner Times:

All Reception children begin lunch at 11:50am

There are 2 options available to you –



- School meals – Free to all children in Reception.
- Sandwiches – Children can bring a packed lunch and will require a drink, (in either a cardboard carton or a plastic container). Lunchboxes and drink bottles should be clearly labelled with the child's name.

***If your child has any special dietary requirements, due to a religious requirements or medical condition, please could you make staff aware of this.**

Children sit in family groups and are supervised by Dinner Supervisors who encourage good behaviour, good manners, etc. Your child should be able to use a knife and fork to cut and eat their food.

Children can swap between dinners and sandwiches on a daily basis.

Before School Care:



School is open for Breakfast Club, each morning, at 8.00 a.m. (£2.00 a day £2 for the first child and £1 for each additional sibling)

To book a place at the breakfast club please email:

bc@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk

Other monies:

You may be asked to send in money for purposes other than school dinners, (e.g. school visits, discos, etc.). We now operate a cashless system called Parent pay. You will be given a log in to parent pay when your child starts in September.

Curriculum:

Reception children are taught through a curriculum known as 'The Early Years Foundation Stage' which has been revised and started September 2021.

There are 7 areas of learning – Communication & Language, Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Literacy, Maths, Understanding of the World and Expressive Arts and Design.

Our approach to learning is very practical and is taught mainly through topics. We utilise both the indoor and outdoor environments to extend children's learning. We send out information about each topic at the beginning of each half term.

We use the Bug Club, Oxford Reading Tree and Rigby Star reading schemes. We currently use the 'Bug Club' scheme to teach phonics.

Progress and record-keeping:

A record of the child's development and achievements will be kept, by the class teacher, in the form of 'An Early Years Profile' and 'Learning Journey'. This is a document which is up-dated regularly and which assesses a child's development over the 7 areas of learning. Parents will be encouraged to contribute to the learning journey and be invited to talk to a class teacher/teaching assistant about their child's progress on at least 3 occasions during the year. They will receive one written report of their child's progress and be provided with the opportunity to discuss this with school staff, should they wish. We are always happy to speak to parents on a more informal basis, at other times, by appointment.

P.E.

P.E. happens twice a week, for 45 minutes but change into their kit at least once a week. Please send all kit in to school on a Monday. The kit remains in school and will be sent home for washing at the end of each half term.

They will need a P.E. kit consisting of: **trainers/plimsolls, white T-shirt, navy/black shorts**. We request that you send in warm clothing for outdoor sessions, during the cold weather, (e.g. black tracksuits without hoods). Information about PE kit can be found on the school website.

All these items should be clearly labelled with the child's name and should be stored in a P.E. bag, also clearly labelled with the child's name.

*Please note that children are not allowed to wear ear-rings or other jewellery during P.E. sessions, so we ask that they are removed **before** school or your child learns how to manage their earrings themselves.

Absences:

All absences must be authorised by the school. Parents must notify the school office on **each morning** of absence as it is our policy to ring parents where we have had no notification that a child will not be in school, to ensure parents are aware that their child has not arrived at school. Calls should be made to 01827 429020.

Medicines and inhalers:

Any children needing medication which has been prescribed by a doctor, dentist, nurse or pharmacist, during the day (4 times), may have this administered in school. Medicines **must** be taken to the school office where parents will be required to fill in an indemnity form to give us permission to administer it.



Coats:

Children will work indoor and outdoor. Therefore they will require a coat at all times. Even in warmer weather we ask that you send in a raincoat.

Book bags:

Children will need a book bag for their reading books and other correspondence. Book bags should be flat and large enough to hold at A4 size documents. Storage for book bags in the classroom is limited, so backpacks are not permitted.

Book bags should be brought into school each day and checked by parents/carers daily at home.

Toys and Personal belongings:

Toys and other personal belongings, (pencil cases, rubbers, etc.), should **not** be brought into school, unless specifically asked for as part of 'Topic' work.

Newsletter:

Regular e-newsletters are sent to all parents to keep them up to date on all school activities, awards achieved by the children, etc.

Communication:-

There is also a school website www.woodlands.staffs.sch.uk which is updated regularly with information about school.

There are noticeboards located at each entry gate and the main entrance reception area, which hold information about forthcoming events.

We also have a e-schools system to inform parents. You will have log in for this. Please ensure you share your mobile phone number and email address with us to ensure you receive the information electronically.

Have a lovely Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September. If you have any questions before then please send an email to office@woodlands.staffs.sch.uk and we will get back to you as fast as we can.