



Woodfall Primary and Nursery School

Newsletter - W/C 06 May 2024

Menu - Week 1

Diary Dates

Please keep an eye out for email and text updates / reminders as all dates are subject to change due to unforeseeable events.

Monday 06 May 2024	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 08 May 2024	YR 5/6 - Swimming (week 4 of 12) 
Monday 13 May 2024	YR 6 SATs week 
Wednesday 15 May 2024	YR 4 Residential to Plas Caerdeon 
Thursday 16 May 2024	Census Day Special Themed Lunch Menu - Tex Mex 
Friday 17 May 2024	YR 6 Bowling visit to Bromborough bowl am/ Ice cream van visit pm  
Monday 24 June 2024	Sports Week 
Wednesday 26 June 2024	Sports Day - Weather Permitting 
Saturday 29 June 2024	Woodfall PA Summer Fair 

Staff News



On Friday 10 May we will be saying farewell to Mrs Jayne Smith, our school business manager. Mrs Smith has been at Woodfall for 7 and a half years and during that time has supported our staff, children and their families; always with a big smile and friendly nature. We will miss her greatly and wish her well as she moves to her new role in Cheshire West and Chester.

School Messages and Reminders

Our conversion from Local Authority School to Academy is well under way and we're all set to join Cheshire Academies Trust on 1st June 2024. The transition should be seamless but there will be changes to our banking arrangements. If you make payments directly to our Barclays bank accounts, rather than via ParentPay, please cease to do so from 31st May, as these accounts will be closed down. Payments via ParentPay will not change as the new bank account details have been added.

Please note that due to low local birth rates, we do still have places available in current Reception and Year 1 - Please see the Local Authority website for details on 'in-year transfers'

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible for FSM, please follow the link below:
Even if your child is enjoying a free meal as an infant, you may still qualify for FSM, this means you may receive vouchers during school holidays as part of the [Household Support Fund](#).

Service Pupil Premium

If you think your child is eligible for Service Pupil Premium and you haven't let us know, please notify the school office at your earliest convenience.

They must have one or more parent serving in the Armed Forces.

It is important that you let us know as the school may be able to access additional funding.

Please note: Pupil premium is not a personal budget for individual pupils, and schools do not have to spend pupil premium so that it solely benefits pupils who meet the funding criteria.

Further information can be found [here](#).



Please Help! - Corporate Funding / Charity Schemes

Do you or a family member work for a company or business that donates funding to local causes / charities?

Unfortunately, due to advancing technology, our current iPads are now struggling to keep up with the required apps and web pages that the children need to access so we're appealing to our wonderful Woodfall families to see if your employers offer funding schemes.

If you think you may be able to help, please let the school office know.
Your support is most appreciated.



Parking / Car Parks

Please be reminded that idling engines whilst parked affects the air quality for your children, families and residents.

The law states that is an offence to idle your engine unnecessarily when stationary.



Sadly, in spite of our recent efforts setting up a parking charter, we are still seeing children being dropped off on the yellow lines in a 'stop and drop' manner.

Please pull into an appropriate space to allow your child to disembark and cross safely. It will only cost you a few extra seconds and could well prevent any unnecessary incidents.



Anyone currently accessing disabled parking bays in either of our car parks, please bear in mind these are predominantly for staff and whilst we are, of course, happy to allow access to the disabled bays for those who need them, may we ask that you park sensibly.

Remember, the school run can be a very stressful time for all, so please be patient with each other, both on the road and in parking areas. Anyone reported to be abusive to staff and other users in the car park will no longer be invited to park there.

Birthday Sweets / Cake

Please be aware that we have a no sweets / cake rule on birthdays.

Whilst this may seem unfair, we really must safeguard all of our children who may suffer from allergies and intolerances. It also contradicts our promotion of healthy eating.

Please be assured that we will make a birthday fuss regardless of the presence of sweets & cake.

Governor News



Nursery News

Spaces available in Nursery for September 2024 - If you or someone you know would like to enquire about sessions, please email us at Nursery@woodfall.cheshire.sch.uk - registration packs are available from the school office and also printable from the website in PDF format.

Parents Association Events and Reminders



The PA is working hard behind the scenes to organise discos and a Summer fair. More details to follow.



Recurring Messages

Holidays During Term Time

Cheshire West and Chester Council have recommenced Fixed Penalty Notices. Please can we remind parents that all absences must be put in writing and handed into the office. May we also remind parents that the Headteacher is not able to authorise holidays during term time.

Mobile Phones - Children & Parents

All children bringing mobile phones into school need to immediately hand in their mobile phones into their teachers. These phones must not be used on our school premises. Parents / Carers, please refrain from using your devices on school premises where possible. Thank you.

Queries and Concerns

Should you have any concerns or queries regarding any aspect of the school day, please do contact us directly. It is not helpful for parents to contact and report an issue to another parent based solely on what their child has informed them without first seeking clarity from school. Thank you.

****Outstanding Payments****

Please can you ensure that all of the children's accounts for Lunch, Nursery, Before and After School Club, Trips and Music are settled promptly and are kept up to date. There are a large number of payments outstanding which need to be addressed as a matter of urgency. If you are having difficulties making payments, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of staff in the office and we will endeavour to support you.

Safeguarding

The school has a legal duty to report any non-accidental injuries to children. Where children have had an injury from an accident outside school, we ask that parents please inform the school so that we respond appropriately. The school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy will involve links with police and/or social care as appropriate. It is therefore essential that parents inform the school of accidental injury to pupils whilst they are at home. The school cannot hesitate to report any instance of suspected abuse. Thank you for your help with this.

Emergency Contacts

If you change any contact phone numbers, please let the office know. Whilst more serious accidents are few and far between, I would like to inform you that in order to contact you quickly, as per our School Policy, we will work through the contact numbers in the order specified on your data collection sheet. You may find it useful to add us to your mobile phone contacts 0151 832 5020 for caller display purposes.

Suggestion Box

We have a suggestion box in our main school entrance and we welcome your feedback. We recognise that you may wish to raise questions anonymously. We can also answer questions via our Website, where we have set up a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section. We would like you to feel welcome to always approach school directly with any concerns or queries you do have.

PE Kits / Swimwear

Please can you ensure that children bring their PE Kits into school on a Monday. These need to stay in school during the week in the event that a PE session is changed at short notice. Swimwear must be a full swimsuit or trunks. No bikinis or Bermuda shorts please.

Mental Health and Well Being

Please visit <https://www.ncyc.charity/services> for support and advice relating to your Mental Health and Well Being.

And remember:

- Nothing changes if nothing changes
- Your needs matter
- Making excuses does not help you get where you want to be
- It's not too late to start something new
- You don't need lots of friends, you just need the right ones

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