



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER September 2018

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Welcome back!

We hope you had a wonderful summer break (it now seems a distant memory!) and that your children are refreshed and ready to go! It was wonderful seeing so many smiling faces on the first day of term and the whole staff are looking forward to the year ahead with their new classes.

A special welcome to our new Foundation Stage pupils. Starting school can be a daunting prospect and there can be some anxieties on their first day (parents and children!) However we know that within a short time your children will have settled into life at WGPS and will be sharing all the exciting things they have been doing. We are also saying 'Hello' to children in other year groups too and it is a credit to the rest of the school that we make all new pupils feel so welcome.



Class teachers 2018-2019

Foundation Stage—Mrs Turner/Mrs Smyton & Mrs Hibbard

Year 1—Mrs Hajat & Miss Rose

Year 2—Mrs Henton/Mrs Santy & Mrs Chadwick/Mrs Cobbold

Year 3—Mr Smith & Miss Benjamin

Year 4—Mrs Fletcher & Miss Bowe

Year 5—Mrs Wood & Mr Healey

Year 6—Mrs Barrs & Mr Fletcher

Mrs Hopewell
will be support-
ing classes
across Key
Stage 2.

Hello/Goodbye

We are welcoming two new members of staff to our team this year.

Mrs Larder-Dyson will be supporting children in Key Stage 2 and Miss Harding will be looking after a child in Foundation Stage.

We are also saying goodbye (temporarily) to Mrs Healey who is leaving us to begin her maternity leave. Everyone at Woodland Grange wishes her (and Mr Healey) good luck for the future.

Extra help

Each year we encourage parents to apply for **Pupil Premium** support. Doing so brings additional funds into school to support your child. There is no stigma attached to applying for this funding and other families will not be aware that you have done so.

The additional money that comes into school for eligible pupils can be used to pay for day and residential trips, school clubs as well as fund school uniform. It could also very likely enable your child to have 1:1 tuition at school. To find out more about Pupil Premium entitlement visit the 'Pupil Premium' webpage under 'School Information' on our website.

If you think that you would be eligible to claim Pupil Premium for your child then visit the school office.

Reading Challenge



Don't forget to send in your photos of your children reading in 'unusual places'. We have enjoyed looking at the ones that have already come into school but need as many as possible to display in the hall. The closing date for photos is **Fri-day 14th September**.

Reading is the key!

Reading regularly with your child is one of the most important things you can do as a parent. Sharing books, reading with them/to them as well as listening to them and talking to them about their books is fundamental in their development and progress at school.

Parking

The majority of our parents always park with care and consideration. However we would like to remind all parents to make the area near and around our school a safer place for our pupils.

Please do not park on double yellow lines or the school Keep Clear yellow zig zags near the school gate. No parking on corners or junctions especially near residents driveways. Living Streets has a National campaign to remind drivers about the dangers of parking on kerbs. It can cause problems for pedestrians especially pushchairs. For more information visit their website www.livingstreets.org.uk



On yer bike!

We are delighted to share with parents that Mr Flanagan has become a fully qualified cycle instructor!

He will be organising cycle training for our pupils very soon...



A gift for the whole class...

At Woodland Grange we allow children to bring in a small gift to share with the class when it's their birthday. This year we would like to offer an alternative choice as we appreciate the time and cost of buying gifts for a whole class can be expensive.

Rather than bringing in individual gifts we would like to encourage parents to buy a book for the whole class to share. Year groups will be providing information about specific titles or genres that the class would enjoy (fiction and non-fiction) and parents can write a message inside the book so that everyone knows where it has come from.

The staff feel that this would make an excellent gift for everyone to enjoy, as well as encourage children to read as much as they can. The books could also be used at story time too. We are also happy for parents to continue to bring in small items for birthdays as well.

Friends of Woodland Grange

Over the years our parent's association has done an amazing job. Collectively the group of parent volunteers have raised a staggering amount of money which has benefitted every pupil at Woodland Grange.

They are holding their AGM in the staffroom on **Thursday 20th September at 7pm** and would love to welcome any new members. At the moment they are also looking to recruit a new treasurer (which is essential for the group to continue) so if you have some time and would like to volunteer please come along! Finally look out for the FoWG questionnaire. The Friends would like to gather parents ideas and views about the crucial job that they do for our school.



Books, Books, Books!

The Book Fair will be visiting us again. From **Tuesday 11th September** until the following **Monday** you will be able to buy some brilliant books at bonkers prices. Look out for the posters around school. It will also be opening later on Wednesday & Thursday 12th & 13th September for parents attending the curriculum evenings.

Curriculum evenings

We hope that all parents will be able to attend our upcoming curriculum evenings. Even if you have been before it is always useful to hear key information as well as any changes to a particular year group. It is also your chance to ask general questions about the year ahead. Please see the school website for specific dates...

Important dates:

- **Wb 10/9/18** Curriculum evenings
- **20/9** FoWG AGM
- **3/10** Whole school parents evening (5-8pm)
- **4/10** Preschool parents evening (4-7pm)
- **8/10** Whole school parents evening (4-6pm)
- **10/10** Whole school parents evening (3.30-5pm)
- **Wb 15/10** Half term

All dates on the school website calendar...