

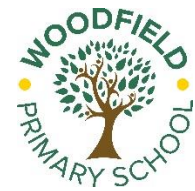


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Monday 9th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks seem to be flying by and it seems to be incredible that we are already within the month of October.

As part of my job, I have the pleasure of visiting classrooms and I continue to be in awe of the children's excellent learning behaviours and attitudes to learning; I thank them for their keenness and enthusiasm for learning. In addition, I thank the children for their respectful greetings and salutations upon their arrival at school in a morning and during the school day when meeting in the corridor, playground, dining room – it is a pleasure and the children are to be commended. I am extremely pleased to be able to say I belong to Woodfield!

Following is some information for your reading and dates for noting:

Macmillan Coffee Event

As previously referenced within a message to you, I wish to thank the PTFA for their hard work and organisation of the recent Macmillan Cake and refreshment sale. We rely very much on the tremendous support of the PTFA for fundraising and purchasing of additional resources and equipment to aid further our children's learning.

On this occasion of raising money for the Macmillan charity, £283 was raised from the community of Woodfield. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all families who either baked or donated cakes and to the PTFA who led the event. The PTFA are currently working hard to organise the Halloween Disco on Thursday 26th October for Years 1-6. Information about this event will follow shortly. The success of these events rely on the voluntary help and support of the PTFA, therefore, if you are able to help out at the discos, please contact the school office who will pass your details on to the PTFA.

Children's Allergies

Can I please remind you that Woodfield has a policy of being a **nut-free school**. This is to ensure children with nut allergies are not exposed either by eating or touching a nut to anaphylaxis or a live reaction. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Food Charity

Continuing with the success of last year's East and West food charity events, we will continue to host the monthly event at Woodfield to support our community families. For new parents and carers to our school, the charity supports families experiencing financial hardship. The charity food items may consist of fresh food, tinned or frozen items and tables will be set up by the main school gate to assist with access to the products. The planned dates for this term are:

Wednesday 25th October;
Wednesday 22nd November, and
Wednesday 20th December.



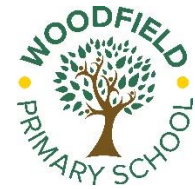


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Class Dojo

Class Dojo is a wonderful means of keeping in touch and for sharing information about your child's class. As a school, teachers will endeavour to access the site during the school day but they will only be able to do this during their statutory break and lunchtimes. At all other times, they will be teaching and marking your child's learning and progress which provides information for planning the next stages of teaching and learning. Therefore, if you have a question that you would like to ask or you have information to share with your child's classteacher, please leave a message with either the member of staff on duty in a morning or ask to speak to the teacher at the end of the day when the children are being dismissed.

In recent months, there have been considerable media reports about teachers' workloads and during last term, you will recall some year groups closing to children as teachers supported their professional union associations and their calls for better working conditions. To help support this, teachers will not respond to Dojo messages during the evening or within their own time. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Data Collection

Thank you to all our families who have returned the recent data collection sheets. It is imperative that we hold current details on our school's information management system. If you have not yet returned your sheets, please do so. If you have misplaced the sheets and require a further copy, please contact the school office and we can send a copy home with your child. Thank you.

PE Uniform

As I have previously written, I have happy to support the wearing of PE kits on the days when children have PE. Can I please ask that the kit is in accordance with our uniform policy – black joggers, black sweat top and a white t-shirt. To avoid the losing of sweat tops or hoodies, please ensure they are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. I am always very mindful of the cost of children's clothing and from experience, lost property often builds up during a term with such items and it is very difficult to identify a child's own clothing item when it is not named. Thank you for your support.

School Attendance

I am thrilled to report that our school attendance of 96.15 is at present, slightly above the national expectation of 95%. I would like to thank you for your superb support and for ensuring your child/ren is/ are in school every day. Attendance is scrutinised both by school leaders, governors and all external agencies, including Ofsted; we do not want our school effectiveness to be affected by lower than national attendance. Therefore, I am thrilled with attendance to-date and I am very keen to share this with you.

Towards the end of this half term, letters will be sent to you if there are concerns about punctuality. Arriving late for school has a detrimental effect upon your child's learning and can count towards unauthorised absence recording which can lead to the issuing of fines if falling below an acceptable standard. Maintaining excellent attendance and punctuality ensures the highest of standards for our children and I thank you for your following of our school expectations and legal guidelines.



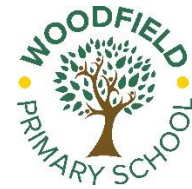


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Flu Vaccination

Finally, I have included information following about this term's flu vaccination programme including a message from the Flu Vaccination organisation who are leading on this year's vaccination programme. If you have any questions about the vaccination, please do not hesitate to ask to speak to Mrs Cox, our newly appointed Attendance and Medical Officer. She will be more than willing to answer any questions you may have.

NHS Information for Parents/Carers:

Please use some or all of these messages on your social media platforms, commencing at least 2-4 weeks before the date of Vaccination UK's visit to your school.

1. The flu vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications like bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Vaccinating your child will help protect older relatives and vulnerable family members.
3. Most children will be offered the flu vaccination by nasal spray. This is a single spray squirted up each nostril. It is needle free, quick and painless.
4. The injectable flu vaccine is a good alternative for children who cannot have the nasal flu vaccine due to religious reasons. The injectable vaccine does not contain porcine and is safe and effective.
5. The flu vaccine is better than having flu. It has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
6. If your child gets ill from flu, you might end up having to take time off work. The flu vaccination will protect them. You can consent online at <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/wolverhampton>
7. The flu vaccine helps to reduce pressure on our NHS valuable emergency services. Consent online now at <https://midlands.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/wolverhampton>

NHS

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child

- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Annually, Vaccination UK organise and administer flu vaccinations for all children within school. However, it does require a sharing of your consent and I therefore request a filling in of the form within the following link: [Vaccination UK Immunisation \(schoolvaccination.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

If you do not wish your child to receive the immunisation vaccine, we will still require a return of the form indicating your preference. The agreed date for the Flu Immunisation team to visit Woodfield is Tuesday 14th November. Thank you.

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Yours sincerely,

S Arnold Mr S Arnold: Executive Headteacher

