

Woodfield School



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Woodfield

At the end of yet another busy term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and to wish you all a very Happy Easter.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 22nd April Summer Term begins
- Tuesday 29th April Parents' Evening 4:00pm to 5:45pm
- Monday 5th May School closed for Bank Holiday
- Half Term 26th to 30th May
- Monday 21st July at **2:30pm** Summer Term ends
- Tuesday 2nd September Autumn Term begins
- Half Term 27th to 31st October
- Friday 28th November School closed for Occasional Day
- Friday 19th December at **2:30pm** Autumn Term ends
- Tuesday 6th January 2015 Spring Term begins

School Website www.woodfield.herts.sch.uk

Staffing

We have several new staff who have joined us this term. Linette Snyman joined us in January and is working in Seniors 3. She is covering maternity leave for Danielle. We are also very pleased to have welcomed 3 new teaching assistants Darren Collins in Seniors 3, Rachael Mitchell in Class 2 and Claire in Class 1.

We are also very pleased to welcome Paul Worden who joined us at the start of this half term as a teacher in Post 16.



Paul



Linette



Darren



Claire



Rachael

Request for DVDs

We are in the process of updating our school library resources. Many of our pupils enjoy visual or auditory versions of books. If you have any childrens/teenagers DVD's which you are willing to donate we would be very grateful to receive them. Please send them into school for the attention of Beverley.



School Blog

We have a link on the school website to our school Blog. **PLEASE** have a look at the Blog, comment and 'follow us' to keep up to date with events happening in school. Thank you to all of you who have already commented on the various articles on the Blog. Our Blog can also be accessed via woodfieldblog.wordpress.com



International Links

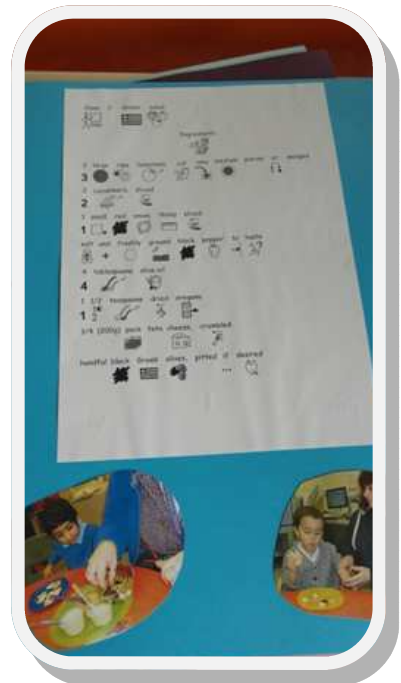


We had a very successful international food day on Monday 31st March when all the classes celebrated and shared their work about food and cultures of the countries they have been learning about this term.

We started the day with a whole school assembly led by Seniors 2, where each class shared things they have been learning about their country. We also tasted samples of food and saw the international recipe book which has been created by all the classes.

Everyone then went back to their classes to set up their rooms as their country - with various activities and food tasting.

Throughout the day pupils had the opportunity to visit each classroom and take part in the activities. It was an enjoyable day and everyone had lots of fun...there were lots of different foods to taste ...rice, noodles, ice cream, soda bread ..to name a few! and lots of different activities. A big thank you to Andrea for organising the day and ensuring that it ran smoothly





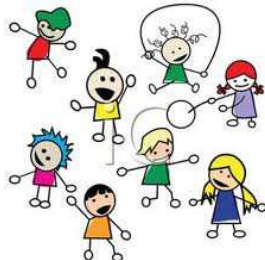
Classroom Moves

This week has seen the move of all 3 primary classes due to the rapidly increasing numbers of younger pupils joining the school. Class 1 has become a very big class and therefore needed more space. This meant that we needed to relocate all the primary classes. Class 1 have moved into the space previously occupied by classes 2 and 3; Class 2 have moved into where Class 1 were; and we have changed our meeting room into a classroom which Class 3 have moved into. As you can imagine it has been a little chaotic but everyone has coped very well with the change of classrooms and we hope that all the pupils settle quickly into their new classrooms when they return after Easter. Have a look at our Blog for photos of the new classrooms.

ParentMail

We are using ParentMail as one of our main means of communicating with you and to remind you of important meetings and dates. It is extremely important that we have up to date contact details. If you change your phone number PLEASE remember to let us knowand please make sure you change your details on your Parentmail account. We are not able to change contact details for you. If we have the wrong phone number you will be missing out on important information that we send out.

If you haven't already registered on-line with ParentMail and would like new log-in details, please let the school office know and they will assist you with this process.



Woodfield Association of School Partners

Fund raising for a new pool and sports hall

Membership of WASP is open not only to parents of pupils at the school but also to extended family - grandparents, aunts, uncles, as well as friends and ex parents and staff. Our big project is to fund raise for a new pool and sports hall and we will be making a big effort over the next term to raise as much money as we can towards our proposed new build. We need to raise approximately £1.3 million in order to go ahead with the pool and sports hall. If we are successful in raising sufficient funds and are able to complete the project we will have a superb facility for our pupils to use which will make a huge difference to the PE/swimming provision in school.

Thank you to all families, friends and staff who have supported us so far; however we now need as many of you as possible to support us and help in raising the much needed funds. Several parents have given ideas as to things they are prepared to do to raise money ...please go ahead and do whatever you can. We hope to have some new leaflets available early next term to promote our project and we will happily advertise any events you may be participating in to help our fundraisingfun runs seem quite popular ..especially with the nice weather on the way!!

If you would like further information about WASPs please contact Lorraine or Dawn (WASP Chair and Secretary) at the school, Gill or Beverley.

WASP is on Twitter – please follow us at [swimmingpool500](#)

School Uniform

It has become very noticeable that there are some pupils who are regularly not wearing school uniform to school. I would like to remind you that, with the exception of students in Post 16, all pupils should be wearing school uniform. There is a link on the school website to School Trends, the suppliers of our school uniform, where you can purchase any items you may need for your son/daughter.

As a reminder our school uniform is as follows:

Black or Grey trousers/joggers or skirts/pinafores
Pale Blue polo shirt
School royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece
Pale blue check summer dresses (summer term only)

PE Kit

It is important that your son/daughter is appropriately dressed for their PE lessons; however we do acknowledge that there are some pupils for whom it is not appropriate for them to be changed into PE kit.

For those who need PE kit it should be sent in at the beginning of term and left in school. We will send it home for washing as necessary but as a minimum it will come home at the end of every half term. PE kit is as follows:

PE bag containing
Black or royal blue shorts
White tee shirt
Plimsolls or trainers (specifically for PE and kept as part of PE kit)



Swimming Kit

This needs to be sent into school every week on the day that your child is due to swim. If you are not sure when your son/daughter swims please contact class staff to find out. Swimming kit will be returned on the day it has been used in order to be washed ready for the following week/next lesson. We will not be washing swimming kit in school and are not able to provide kit on a regular basis.



ALL clothes should be labelled with your child's name so that we can identify who clothing belongs to. **We will be running a second-hand school uniform stall at parents' evening next term on Tuesday 29th April.**