

Woodfield School



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Woodfield

How quickly time seems to pass these days..... it doesn't seem possible that we are coming to the end of yet another school year! It has been a very busy and exciting year with lots of lovely things happening in school. Hopefully you have all been able to keep up to date with our school activities, but if you haven't you can catch up by having a look at our school Blog. 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 summer holiday.

Dates for your diary

- Monday 21st July at **2:30pm** Summer Term ends
- Tuesday 2nd September Autumn Term begins
- Tuesday 16th September Parents' Consultation Evening
- Saturday 27th September Woodfield Fun Day including Live Music
- 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

Our school website is regularly updated and contains useful information and documents which you may find helpful. Please take some time to have a look at the website www.woodfield.herts.sch.uk If there is any information you would like us to add to the website please let us know.

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

Goodbyes

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Tunde and Ashley (Teaching Assistants in Post 16), Kim (Teaching Assistant in Class 2) and Elissa (Teaching Assistant in Class 1) who are leaving us at the end of this term to take up other employment/courses. We will miss them all but wish them all the best for the future and hope they will keep in touch.

We also say goodbye to 4 of our Post 16 students at the end of this term – Jack, Lani, Shanawaz and Timmy. We will miss them all and hope that they enjoy their post school placements at college.

Parents' Evening

Parents evening will be taking place next term on Tuesday 16th September between 4:00 and 6:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for you to meet staff and have a look around your son/daughter's class. It is also an opportunity for parents to meet up with other parents and have a chat over a cup of tea/coffee.

School Uniform

Please help us ensure we start the new term in September with smart looking pupils!

It is still 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)

Second-hand School Uniform Sale

We have a supply of second-hand school uniform in school which can be purchased at any time throughout the year. We will also be running a second-hand school uniform stall at Parents' Evening next term on Tuesday 16th September

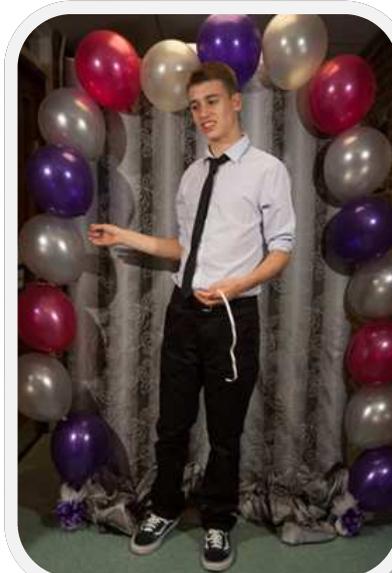




School Prom

On Wednesday evening we had our first School Prom. Students from Post 16 and Seniors 3 were invited to the Prom along with the families of those students who are leaving, staff and Governors. It was a fantastic evening and it was great to see so many people come and support the event. Everyone looked really smart and we all had an enjoyable time.

Thank you to Steve from **Hertfordshire Wedding Cars Limited** who provided the car and chauffeur for free..... all the students enjoyed their ride! Also thank you to Rob for giving up his time to do the 'official' photos; to Becky's mum and dad for providing all the balloons; to Sarah and the Prom Committee in Post 16 and to everyone who helped to make the Prom such a successful event. We think it will now be an annual event!





International Links

We had a very good International Music and Dance Day this term and also sports day with some international themed races. For our music and dance day we had a visiting African dancer, Daniel, in school. He performed to the whole school during assembly at the start of the day and then led workshops for each class. We also had other activities going on around the school which the children had fun joining in with.



We were very successful with our Milawi Rice Challenge and achieved our target of selling 90kg of rice. This has enabled us to support a secondary aged pupil in Milawi attending school for a year. Thank you to all of you who supported us by buying the bags of rice.

Our International work has really developed in school over the year and we have achieved several awards, including the intermediate International Schools Award. Andrea and Laura have taken the lead in the eTwinning work which we have been involved in and have both received Quality Award Labels for the work they have been doing with our secondary and Post 16 students. We have also just completed our evaluation for the full International Schools Award which we will hopefully be successful in achieving next term. Congratulations to Andrea whose eTwinning Teen Master Chef project was nominated for and won the UK National SEN Award for eTwinning.

Contact Details

PLEASE remember to keep us up to date with contact details if you move house, change your phone number or emergency contact numbers. It is really important that we can contact you if we need to.

ParentMail is one of the ways we can remind you of important dates/events and therefore we need to make sure we have the correct contact details or you may miss out on things. **Please note that you cannot reply to any texts you receive from ParentMail as it is an automated service.**

Parent2Parent

Parent2Parent is an exciting new programme developed by Herts for Learning. We are pleased to announce that we are taking part in the pilot programme which has been designed specifically for parents and which will be delivered by specially trained parents. The programme will look at simple, proven and manageable ways that you can assist your child in becoming the best learner they can be. Please look out for further information at the start of next term or if you would like to find out more please contact Tara Catt

tara.catt@hertsforlearning.co.uk

New One Stop Parenting Directory

Support for families is crucial in strengthening communities and achieving the best outcomes for children and young people in Hertfordshire. Parents and carers are not the only influence on a child's life chances, but effective parenting is one of the strongest protective factors for any child. Childhood Support Services have designed a one-stop directory that will allow parents, carers and professionals to access information about support.

The directory will allow parents, carers and professionals to view parenting provision either by district or at county level. Other benefits include: the ability to search the directory via keywords; see a map of services, view expected outcomes of courses, search for crèche provision, identify any costs. The directory is available at www.hertsdirect.org/parentingsupport

Woodfield Association of School Partners (WASP)

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 need your help. We 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 have some new leaflets available in school which we can give you to promote our fundraising – please ask the office if you would like some. We will happily advertise any events you may be participating in to help our fundraisingjust let us know.

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

We would like to say a special 'thank you' to Jackie Stevens who ran the Brighton Marathon for the second time and raised £1,200!

WASP is on Twitter – please follow us at [swimmingpool500](https://twitter.com/swimmingpool500)

