

# Woodfield School

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families at Woodfield!

We are enjoying having the pupils back in school, please see the updates below and the article about 'Keeping Woodfield Tidy'. Pupils have been busy settling back into the school routines after the holiday break. Our Soft Play Room is now newly refurbished and open, and our pupils are also making good use of the Sensory Circuit Area. We are also looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year next month and also to all the exciting activities that we are planning for Safer Internet Day 2022.

Thank you again for your continued support for our Covid measures. Please see the Covid update below for further details.

For any of our pupils and staff at home due to Covid related illness, you are in our thoughts, and we wish you a speedy recovery and return to school.

Take care and stay safe,

Kate Marrs-Gant

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## NEWS FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL



Happy new year from all of the staff and children in Lower School.

It has been lovely welcoming all the pupils back into class ready for the spring term.

Class 1's topic this term is water and our Big Book story for the term is 'Bubble Head It's Time For Bed'.

In class 2 we are learning about animals and our big book is 'Were Going On A Bear Hunt'.

Class 3, we are focusing on animals and buildings and our story is 'The Three little pigs'.

In class 4 we are reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and enjoying role play.

Class 5 have had a fantastic start to the term. We are focusing on the topic 'People who help us!' which will be very informative for everyday life.

All the children have settled back into school beautifully and it is lovely to see everyone back and happy!

Can we please ensure that all children have the correct outdoor clothing for the wet and cold. Welly boots, waterproofs, hats/gloves/scarf.



### NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School have all had a great start to the Spring Term. Pupils have really enjoyed seeing their friends after Christmas with lots of wonderful games during playtime especially football. During class time pupils in Class 6 were delighted with the return of Electric Umbrella. Class 7 have loved starting their new topic on Superhero's, Class 8 have really enjoyed their work on emotions and telling others what makes them feel happy and Class 9 loved their new Big Book called 'We're All Wonders' as well as their Bucket Time activities.

### NEWS FROM THE UPPER SCHOOL

Upper School have settled well back into school this Term and pupils shared what they had been up to over the holidays! Some pupils enjoyed celebrating the start of 2022 through discussions, quizzes and New Year themed Attention Autism sessions! Upper School have also been working on preparing for adulthood on their return to school. Class 10 have been learning to litter pick and sweep outside spaces whilst Class 11 were learning to use the cooking room to follow recipes and make pancakes. Class 12 have worked on their functional skills needed for the future and the Enterprise Group have been excited to start up in the Coffee shop again. We all enjoyed learning new songs for this Term with Nyree in Assembly- George Ezra was a favourite!



### KEEPING WOODFIELD TIDY!

After returning to school from the Christmas break, pupils in Class 10 have been working on their community and work related learning skills to ensure the school grounds are tidy and well looked after. Pupils have been using a variety of equipment such as brooms, dustpans and brushes, litter pickers and cleaning equipment to clear leaves, remove rubbish and clean benches. They will be working hard each week to ensure staff and pupils can enjoy the outdoor spaces that Woodfield School has to offer! Pupils have been proud of their efforts and have seen what a positive difference they are making to the school community.





## COVID UPDATE

We are keeping our outbreak management plan in place until further notice. We have a number of staff at home isolating, but we are currently able to keep all of our classes open. All meetings are being held remotely via Zoom or phone. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone as safe as possible.

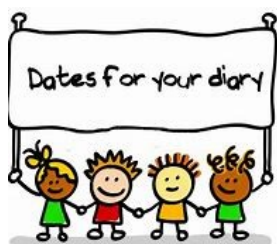
## SET UP THE DEVICE SAFELY

- Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games.  
Disable [location](#) services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others.
- Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally.  
Download [age-appropriate](#) apps you're happy for your child to use.



There will be further information and guidance for parents as part of Safer Internet Day 2022.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Chinese New Year  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Parents' Evening  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day 2022

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Every newsletter I will publish my answer to a question that someone has asked me.

### This week's question is:

How can I keep my child safe online?

### My answer:

Make sure that you supervise access to the internet (whether on a phone, tablet or desktop) and put measures in place following current guidance.

A useful place to start is:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/e-safety-checklist-getting-your-kids-tech-devices-set-up-safe/>

### Get started

Set [parental controls](#) on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't.

For smartphones, check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network