

# Woodfield School

Malmes Croft, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, HP3 8RL

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into the building this week. We have been busy settling everyone back in , and welcoming three new pupils and two new teachers and our new Assistant Head into the building. We have also been very fortunate in appointing a new Parent Mentor Lead, Emma King, who joins our Family Liaison Team. Our two new members of the Senior Leadership Team, Marina Perianez– Angeles and Sheree Moss, have each written a short introduction about themselves - please see below.

We are also very lucky to have Marina's dog in school full-time as a therapy dog. Oki has been getting to know the building and its inhabitants. Please look out for more details of her work with our pupils in our next newsletter on 22nd September.

All of the IT infrastructure work over the summer break has been carried out successfully, and we are aiming to be ready to roll out parent access to our online recordkeeping in the second half of this term. This means you will get regular updates on your child's learning with a photo and a comment.

You will have seen the latest letter about RAAC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) that I sent out on Wednesday—we will keep you informed of any updates. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Finally, we have our Parents' Evening next Tuesday to let you know how your child has settled into school. Please make sure that you book a slot - we can offer appointments by phone or by Zoom if you are not able to attend in person.

*K. Man. Carr*

## DIARY DATES



**Tues 12th Sept - Parents Evening**

**Mon 25th - Fri 29th Sept - Harvest Week (more details below)**

**Mon 25th - Parents invited to sing and sign**

**Thurs 28th - Food Festival in the Hall**

**Fri 29th Sept - MacMillan Coffee Morning in Coffee Shop**

**9.30 am - 12 noon (more details below)**

**Mon 23rd - Fri 27th October - Half Term**

**NEW SLT STAFF**



My name is Sheree Moss and I am the new Pastoral Lead and I have just started this role at Woodfield School.

Part of my role is supporting families and signposting them to services within the community and making sure students have the right support they need.

I come from a SEN background and I am really excited about working with parents, children and staff and looking forward to working with you.



My name is Marina Perianez-Angeles, I am the new Assistant Headteacher for Upper School. I come with over twenty three years of experience that I am hoping will be of help to our pupils at Woodfield. I am very happy to be part of this community and I am looking forward to meeting all the parents since I have been fortunate enough to meet the pupils this week.



We have a dog!!!! Woodfield School now has a therapy dog full time in school. Her name is Oki, she is 2 years old and she absolutely loves kids. She has been working in another SEN school since she was 7 weeks old with amazing results. This week she has visited every class, spent time with pupils and staff and even joined some play time with them. Pupils are having a fabulous response to her presence, lots of smiles and nice touches. They have had the opportunity to take turns playing with her either on the floor, table, trays and even laps. You can ask your son/daughter about her and show them the photo, we are sure you will get a reaction. What a fantastic first week back we have had!!

## **School Theme**

### **Me and My Heritage**

This half term, we are excited to explore our new theme 'Me and my Heritage.'

This topic will give pupils the opportunity to explore different cultures and families as well as learning more about ourselves and what makes us all unique.

Classes will be able to explore and share foods, celebrations, art, music and traditions from their different homes or cultures.

We will recognise what makes us different and identify what is special to us. This might include the hometown we live in, the football club we support, the religious building we go to and much, much more.

If families would like to share anything from their cultures or families (e.g. foods/clothing/music) please do let us know!

We look forward to learning about what is special to our families!

### **Me and My Heritage - Harvest week 25th - 29th September**

As part of our topic on 'Heritage' we will be holding a Harvest week in school from 25th September until Friday 29th September.

As part of this we are very excited to invite parents/carers in to come and sing and sign some of the songs we have been learning on the morning of Monday 25th September - no experience necessary!

During this week Classes will be working on 'Harvest' based activities and as part of this we will be touch, tasting and preparing different 'Harvest' based foods and drinks from different cultures from our school community.

We are very excited to be holding our first ever 'Food Festival' for families to join us in the morning in our hall on Thursday 28th September to share foods and/or drinks with you that all classes have prepared. I hope Woodfield families can come and join us celebrating 'Harvest'.

Through the week we will be collecting donations for our local Homeless charity 'Dens' and will also be collecting items for a local women's refuge, more information to follow.

IN OTHER NEWS

James won the Arches Challenge at Horse Riding.  
We were very proud of James and his achievement.  
As you can see, he looks very proud of himself too!



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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

9.30am- 12 pm



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with your child to buy cakes is welcome too.



## **Parents coffee morning**

**Every Wednesday**

**9.00am – 12**

**(Term time only)**

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### **Upcoming workshops**

**20<sup>th</sup> September - Family center services**

**27<sup>th</sup> September - Services for young people**

**4<sup>th</sup> October - DS achieve**

If you don't fancy the workshops regular coffee morning is available on these days.

Whether your child is at mainstream school or a special school, diagnosed or undiagnosed, you are welcome to come along and meet other parents, talk to professionals, or simply drop in for a coffee and meet new friends, who also have a child with special educational needs. We also hold a range of informal workshops on a range of topics free of charge.

**ALL WELCOME - JUST COME ALONG**

Free tea, coffee and biscuit! Fancy something special?  
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