



# WOODLAND GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Newsletter - July 2016

### Pupil Reports

Your child's school report will be sent home at the beginning of the last week of the school year. Now that the national assessment framework has changed and a common, national system of assessment has been abandoned by the Government, each school has had to introduce its own system. We have worked with local schools to introduce a system that is practical and not too unwieldy.

From Year 1 upwards, children's attainment in literacy and mathematics will be reported on the following scale and you should find a sentence in these report sections that matches one of these statements:

- Working **well below** national age related expectations
- Working **below** national age related expectations
- Working **at** national age related expectations
- Working **above** national age related expectations
- Working **well above** national age related expectations

Teachers may use additional descriptions to give an even clearer idea of children's attainment e.g. **just below** to let you know that they are close to the boundary of another statement.

There should be no surprises in your child's report as hopefully you have been in contact with your child's class teacher and hopefully have attended two parents' evenings.

I read and comment on all reports from the Foundation Stage upwards and it is a total pleasure to read about your children's progress and achievement. Please take as much notice of comments about learning attitudes and qualities (concentration/focus, determination, ability to listen etc) as these are just as important as and impact heavily upon future academic attainment.

Please be proud of your child's achievements and look for ideas, within the report from the teacher, that would aid your child's development over the long summer holiday period.

Please return the reply slip that comes with your child's report, with or without a comment.

With your child's report will come an attendance report. Please bear in mind that the school attendance target was 97%, which we reached last year. A lower figure than this for your child indicates a lower than average attendance figure. A figure of 90% for example would mean the equivalent of a half a day off school each week over the entire year!

**Thank you teachers for the time you put into these reports, they are evidence of just how well you know your pupils and I know you put a lot of time into them.**

### FoWG & 25 Year Anniversary

Thank you so much to the amazing members of the FoWG who yet again have run so many events, including a fantastic 25 year anniversary Fun Day that raised more money than ever. It is because of the FoWG that we are able to provide our pupils with so many wonderful 'extras' which really enhance their school experience.

A recent successful National Lottery bid for £10,000 combined with some of the FoWG funds, enabled us to install a fantastic array of new outdoor adventurous play equipment that the pupils love.



Thanks also go to Mr Parker and the other staff members who organised the extra in-

school events to celebrate our 25 year anniversary. We enjoyed our trips on the Great Central railway (despite the weather); worked with Sinfonia Viva in Year 3 to compose a new school song; worked with an artist to create a new WG artwork in the school hall (please pop-in to see it); we commissioned a local artist, who illustrates children's books to create a wonderful celebration of school life (this will be hung in the foyer very soon); and opened the Time Capsule that was put into the school roof in the year 2000. In an assembly next year we will consider what pupils may wish to put into the time capsule for a further 25 years time!

### Our First Year of Pre-School

I could not be more thrilled with the success of our fabulous new Pre-School. The quality of the education, I believe, is second to none and I know our youngest 3 year old pupils adore coming to 'school'. Thirty four of these pupils will be progressing up into the main school in September and never before have I seen such young pupils so prepared and ready for the next stage of their education.

Well done to the entire Pre-School team!

### Sporting Achievement

This has been a marvellous year of achievement for W.G..

We won the Oadby football League but just missed out on the Oadby/Wigston title. Y4 and Y5 won the Saffron Lane Athletics. Y4 went to the school games, coming 4th and won the 'Spirit of the Games' trophy. WELL DONE ALL!

## Class Organisation for 2016/17

As usual, beyond the pre-school, there will be two classes in each year group:

FS	Miss Rose Mrs Hibbard / Mrs Turner
Year 1	Mr Parker / Mrs Smyton Mrs Hajat / Mrs Masters
Year 2	Mrs Chadwick Mrs Henton
Year 3	Mr Smith / Mrs Moore* Mrs Mankoo
Year 4	Mrs Santy Miss Bedding
Year 5	Mrs Fletcher Mrs Wood

\*Mrs Moore is returning to work part time alongside Mr Smith. Mrs Moore will be in the class on a Tuesday and more than likely a Wednesday morning. Mrs Mankoo who has been ill for the last few weeks should, we hope, be well enough to return at the start of the next academic year.

The class teacher your child will be with will be written on his/her report.

Please bear in mind we spend a long time deliberating over structure of classes and placement of children within classes; it is not

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## Thanks to Parents and Wider Families

School would not operate as successfully without the additional support of those people who give up their time to work closely with us. We appreciate all those who come into school to hear children read, support swimming and the array of trips we have across the year.

We also appreciate parents and other family members who take the time to show their support of school by attending events such as Den Day, Space Evening and Grandparents Gardening. We look forward to running more of these events next year.

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## A special well done ...

to the **Year 2 team** who were scrutinised carefully by external moderators this year. The moderators concluded that the quality of assessment and work in Year 2 was first-rate. They in fact agreed with every one of the assessments made by our Year 2 teachers. This is testament to their expertise and dedication to give our pupils the very best.

*Dear Year 5 pupils*

*I sincerely wish you all the very best as you progress to your next school. I hope you look back on your time at Woodland Grange with a sense of joy and with memories of great times and vivid learning.*

*It is amazing what wonderful, mature people you have become because of the loving and supportive parenting and excellent teaching and nurturing you have received.*

*There is no reason why you should not all go on to achieve great things and I look forward to hearing about the next stages of your journey.*

*Work hard, believe in yourselves and aim high but always remember to walk humbly on your way, being grateful for the gifts you have and remembering those less fortunate than you.*

*Everyone at school is immensely proud of you and we thank you for your personal contribution to life at Woodland Grange.*

*Yours fondly*

*Mr Hayles on behalf of all at W.G.*

**School closes next THURSDAY evening 14th  
July 2016 and recommences  
(for Yr 1 upwards) on  
TUESDAY 30th August 2016.**

*P.S. Key Stage two are planning a trip (next school year) to watch 'the Twits' at Curve. Please bear in mind if you are planning any theatre visits after the holidays...*