



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see so many of you at our curriculum information evenings this week. It is incredibly important for parents and carers to have a confident understanding of what the children will be learning this year. Sometimes, we notice that parents who have had older children go through the school don't attend, possibly under the assumption that they are already familiar with the expectations. However, I would encourage you all to prioritise these meetings as there are changes made to the work undertaken by schools every year and it is vital we share this with you.

I am not on Facebook but a number of my colleagues have raised concerns as we have been criticised this week for changing the timing of the Year 3 and 4 performance. The change in schedule (not cancellation) is to secure improvements for the children and an explanation was provided in a letter this week. I wrote to everyone last Friday about unhelpful, negative comments on Facebook and if you missed it I would invite you to have another look. If you have any concerns at all about the school then I would strongly encourage you to come and discuss them with us before sharing them with Mark Zuckerberg.

We have several vacancies currently and are looking for two new lunchtime supervisors to start quite quickly. You will also notice as you read on that we are also looking for a new Community governor. If you are interested or know anyone who might be then please point them in our direction.

I have already seen some amazing work and wonderful kind, considerate behaviour which is entirely typical of our fantastic school and I am looking forward to seeing even more exciting progress as the term evolves.

Many thanks for your continuing support!

Andy Mitchell—Head Teacher

What's Going On

Monday 17th September -
Reception children start full time
3.30pm Year 2 Curriculum Meeting

Tuesday 18th September -
3.30pm Year 1 Curriculum Meeting
Year 5 Swimming

Thursday 20th September—
3.30pm Year 6 Curriculum Meeting

Saturday 22nd September—
Cross Country at Southam College

Year 1 have settled in very well and have thrown themselves into science, 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' style!



Governor Focus

Welcome back to a new school year. On Tuesday evening governors met for their first meeting of the year to plan the year ahead and assign roles and responsibilities. Sue Robinson will continue to be Chair of Governors and Mick Potter will continue to be Vice Chair. We are looking for a community governor to fill one vacancy on the governing body. Do you know anyone who would like to be a school governor and has the ability to commit time to contribute to the development of the school and hold senior leaders to account? If you do please ask them to contact Sue Robinson (robinson.s8@welearn365.com) or Andy Mitchell (head5207@welearn.com) for an informal chat.

Attendance News



Highest class attendance for last week—Classes 2B, 3W & 5C (Mrs Bailey, Miss Winstanley & Mr Clark) with 100%!

Whole school attendance to date - 97.3% (school target 96.5%)

Pupils with 100% to date = 361 pupils = 93%

What I love about Woodloes

The teachers, because they educate us!

Alesandro
Year 4



Go onto the website noted below to access parental guides for social media safety support:



Facebook, Moshi Monsters, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, KIK, Google +, ASKfm, Whatsapp and SO many more!

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides>

Pupil Voice (This week School Council)



As we start a new school year, we will soon be meeting to appoint new members and their first event will be Macmillan Coffee Morning, so

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 28th September

Please look out for separate details regarding this fund-raising event. We will be asking for cake donations, either on the morning of the 28th, or the day before. Children will be invited to bring 50p to buy cakes on the day!



Focus on Excellence

In Year 4, the children have settled in very well.

Last week, they all took lots of care designing and making their own worry dolls, linked to the book Silly Billy. As part of their PSHE work, they have discussed their worries and suggested sensible solutions.

Other News

Academic Year Planner Please see attached. Please take time to read this - there are various important dates throughout the school year that will apply to your child. (The Year Planner is also on our website — see School Information—Diary).

Uniform As we start a new school year, please ensure that your child is fully equipped for school ie., full uniform, which includes PE kit, (to be kept in school during the week). Please ensure all items are 'named' so that we do not collect a large amount of lost property! During the last school year, we donated a huge amount of unclaimed 'un-named' items to the Air Ambulance charity. We are sure the charity were very grateful, but we would rather it was returned to its rightful owner. Thank you for your co-operation.

Extra Curricular Activities As advised, further clubs have been added to our original schedule and we attach up to date schedule for your attention (also on the website—see What's Going On—Extra Curricular Activities—Autumn Term). There are still spaces in various clubs including judo, dance, tennis, onside, our new drama club etc etc. Please speak to the school office for further details. * Please note Go Go Makers is re-launching on Monday 24th September for KS1 (flyers sent).

Orchestra will be starting again on Monday 24th September for pupils who have been playing an instrument for at least one year.

Communication Below is a reminder for existing parents/carers (and a note to new ones):-

The newsletter is emailed weekly to you and also published on our website, on our external and internal noticeboards and a small number of copies are available in the foyer.

If not already done so, please advise us of your email address, as a large percentage of information is communicated in this way and we do not want you to miss anything!

If your child is absent from school, you **MUST** advise us before 9.30am on the day of absence—by phoning us, or simply sending an email. Please send in a letter confirming absence when your child returns to school.

We do sometimes use text messaging. If you do receive a text from us, please note the facility does not allow you to text a reply. We are limited to the number of characters that we can insert in a text message and messages may therefore appear to be very brief!