

Monday 5th February 2018

Woodford Green Primary School



Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is this week's news. Please see Governors updates below:

Cold Weather

It is forecast to be extremely cold this week so please ensure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf & gloves at school for use at play and lunch times. Thank you.

Information about the school and things such as attendance are always available on the school Website:

www.woodfordgreenprimary.co.uk

Upcoming events:-

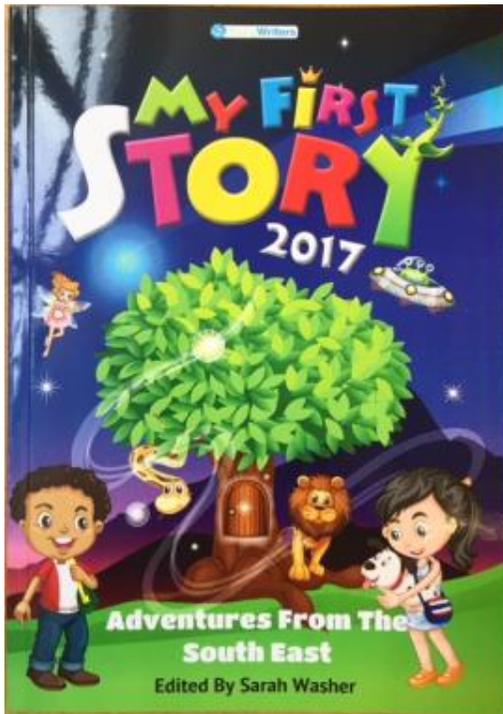
9th February – School disco

R Yr1 Yr2 & Yr3 @ 4-5.15pm

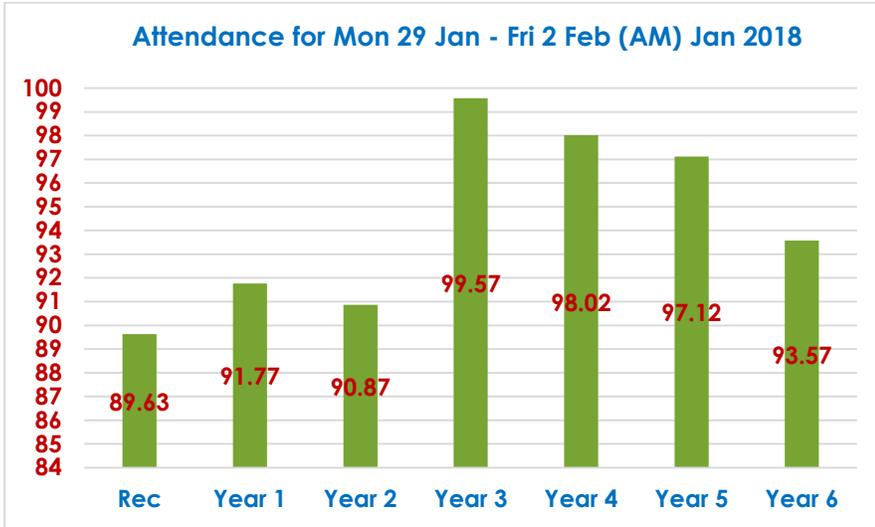
Yr4 Yr5 & Yr6 @ 5.30-6.45pm

Last chance to hand in permission slips and money is Wednesday this week.

See more information later in this newsletter.



Congratulations to Year 3 for their entries into the recent Young Writers' Competition. 21 children have successfully had their stories published into a book, alongside children from other schools in the South East. Well done to Blake, Sam B, Colin, Lucia, Sophie F, Enzo, Georgia, Sophie V, Pia, Yusuf, Isaac, Maya, Maddie, Lily, Freddy, Henry, Archie, Vinnie, Finlay, Jamie and Anik. You are such superstars.



Attendance Winners:
Year 3

Average attendance for week for whole school – 94.36%



Stars of the week:



Lunchtime stars of the week:

Disco Information

RE: Valentine's Disco, Friday 9th February 2018

Friends of Woodford Green are organising a *Valentine's Disco* on Friday 9th February 2018 to celebrate all the children's hard work and to mark our official "Good" from OFSTED!

We have an amazing DJ booked who has a smoke screen, snow machine, a projector to play music videos, and fantastic prizes for dancing competitions.

Hotdogs, drinks and snacks will be on sale during the disco.

Tickets for this event are £3 and the timings are:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3: 4pm -5:15pm

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6: 5:30-6:45pm

If you would like your child to attend please complete the slip below and send the money in to the class teacher.

Regards,

Friends of Woodford Green Primary School

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I give my permission forto attend the Valentine's Disco.

Signed..... Date.....

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2018		
9 th	Whole School	Discos after school
9 th	Whole School	Children break up for half term at usual time
12 th – 16 th	Whole School	Half Term holiday
19 th	Whole School	Children return to school
22 nd	Reception	Pizza Express
23 rd	Y5	Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge
26 th	Whole School	Book Week
27 th	Whole School	School Nurse Drop in 8.45-9.45am
28 th	Whole School	Parent Workshop – English
MARCH 2018		
1 st	Whole School	World Book Day
7 th	Whole School	World Maths Day
9 th	Yr2	William Morris Gallery
15 th	Yr3 4 5 & 6	Vestry House Assembly
20 th	Whole School	School Nurse Drop in 8.45-9.45am
20 th & 21 st	Whole School	Parent Consultation Meetings
30 th	Whole School	Good Friday Bank Holiday School Closed
APRIL 2018		
2 nd	Whole School	Easter Monday Bank Holiday School Closed
3 rd – 13 th	Whole School	Easter Holidays School Closed
16 th	Whole School	Children return to school for Summer Term

GOVERNORS' NEWSLETTER

This is from Governors to update you all on the outcome of meetings which we held with parents two weeks ago.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us. We were really grateful that you took this opportunity to ask questions and to raise concerns that you have – but particularly for also offering some constructive and creative solutions to the issues raised.

This is what Governors have done so far!

- Summarized and anonymised the comments and suggestions that you made and passed those to Mr Prince, the Headteacher, for him to consider with staff;
- Discussed these at greater length at our recent Governing Board meeting;
- Ensured that the school is in contact with the parent volunteers and that they are beginning to volunteer in school;
- Asked the school to consider 'refreshing' the Newsletter, and offered some suggestions for ways to do that; including using parent volunteers;
- Asked the school to clarify the staffing structure for parents on the website and in a newsletter so that all parents are clearer about who they can speak to if they have a concern;
- Put forward suggestions for more after school clubs to be considered, though we understand that these must be well attended and financially viable. We also discussed timing of online bookings to allow parents to plan well in advance;

- Agreed that a variety of Governors will be available throughout the next Parents' Evenings in March to be available to speak to parents;
- Agreed that the school will carry out further surveys of parental views later this term.
- Agreed to hold regular engagement events

MEET THE GOVERNORS



My name is Candice Dwight and I am the Chair of our school's Governing Board. I am a retired secondary school Headteacher and have spent most of my working life in education. I joined the Governing Board of Woodford Green in 2012 and I have learned a great deal about primary education since then. I also have two of my grandchildren at Woodford Green.

The full Governing Board of 11 meet twice a term and I chair all of these meetings. Details of our membership are on the school website and on the noticeboard in the school reception.

Our main role is to support and challenge the Headteacher and the staff. We help them to set and reach targets and to work hard to achieve excellence in every aspect of school life. We are not involved in the day to day running of the school. This means that we mainly recommend and support change, but not implement ideas.

In between our meetings, I meet the Headteacher regularly to discuss the school's priorities. I also attend Governor committee meetings.

We have two committees – the Progress and Policy Committee and the Finance and Premises Committee. These committees meet half termly and carry out more detailed scrutiny of what the school is doing, monitoring progress on the school's priorities.

I continue to work with the Local Authorities (Redbridge and Waltham Forest) to improve the flow of traffic around the school at the beginning and end of the school day. This is complicated by the fact that, although we are a Waltham Forest school, the road outside is in Redbridge! It is very difficult to get the two boroughs to speak to each other. Currently, more children come to school by car at Woodford Green Primary than any other school in the Borough so we have a long way to go!



Tutoring

Ages 4 to 8 years.

For example, support for R children in developing reading skills, Y1 building confidence in phonics and Y2 help in preparing for SATS.

Sessions offered in your own home (if local) or after school at WGPS.

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