

Attendance

Class attendance since September 2022:

Reception: **98.1%**

Year 1: **99.3%**

Year 2: **92.1%**

Year 3: **92.1%**

Year 4: **92%**

Year 5: **90%**

Year 6: **96.7%**

Whole school attendance: **94.4%**



Early Years Open Day

We will be holding this year's Open Day on Monday 7th November. This is for prospective parents who are looking around schools for Reception and Nursery places in 2023. We have four 30-minute slots, 9.30am-10am, 11am-11.30am, 1pm-1.30pm and 2pm-2.30pm. These slots are by appointment only, so please call/email us if you would like to book. Please also feel free to let family and friends know if they are looking for places for next year. Thank you.



Ofsted

As we shared last week, the outcome of the Ofsted inspection we had in July, judged Woodlands Academy to be 'good' in all areas.

As a school we are very proud of this outcome. We have worked hard to improve our school and will continue to do so. 7 years ago, our school was judged to be inadequate. We have come a long way in this time and have made great improvements. The last time our school was judged to be good was 15 years ago!

I hope the families and community are also proud of the school. Feel free to share the news while we continue to work hard to make our school even better.



Bikes and scooters

Towards the end of last year, a child was badly injured due to an accident with another child and their scooter on the playground at the end of the day. To prevent incidents like this from happening again, please can you make sure that your child is not riding their bike or scooter whilst on school grounds. I appreciate all parents and carers cooperation with this.



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27th September - Parent coffee morning

Wednesday 28th September - Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 5th-Friday 7th October - Y4 Hooke Court

Friday 14th October - Y2 trip to SS Great Britain

Friday 21st October - last day of term

Term dates 2022/23

Term 1 - 1st September 2022 - 21st October 2022

Term 2 - 31st October 2022 - 16th December 2022

Term 3 - 3rd January 2023 - 10th February 2023

Term 4 - 20th February 2023 - 31st March 2023

Term 5 - 17th April 2023 - 26th May 2023

Term 6 - 5th June 2023 - 21st July 2023

Inset Days

31st October 2022

3rd January 2023

20th February 2023

26th May 2023

21st July 2023



Parent Coffee Morning

This year we will be holding parent coffee mornings once a month. This is a chance to find out what is happening in school and make any suggestions. We are also hoping to run the uniform swap shop on this day too.

Our first coffee morning is next week, Tuesday 27th at 9.15am, for about 30 minutes. I will be sharing what we are doing in school this year and would value parent's ideas on what they would like their children to be like when they leave Woodlands in Year 6.



Living and Learn

Reception and Secondary applications for September 2023

Reception

The window for applying for Reception 2023 places is now open, and all applications must be submitted by midnight of Sunday 15th January 2023. We are holding an open day for all prospective parents on Monday 7th November. If you are aware of any friends or family who are looking for reception places, please feel free to make them aware of this date. Applications for reception places can be made here:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-apply>



Secondary

The window for applying for secondary 2023 places is now open, and all applications must be submitted by midnight of Sunday 31st October 2022. You can make your application here:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

If you require a paper application but you don't have access to a printer, please speak to the school office and they will be happy to print one for you.

Chartwells School Meals

After the October half term, the MAT will no longer be running the kitchens in-house. We will now be using a company called Chartwells. The cost of a school meal will still be £2.30, and there will only be slight differences to the menu. Once we have received the menu for the next couple of terms, we will circulate it to parents and add it to ParentMail.



Census Meals

The Autumn Census Day is on Thursday October 6th. If your child is in Reception/Year 1/Year 2, they are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM). The funding we receive next year is based on the number of meals ordered that day. If the level of funding drops is limits what we can do as a school. With this in mind, please can you encourage your child to order a school meal. We would really appreciate you support with this. Thank you.



Wellbeing Apps

Children's wellbeing is a fundamental part of their emotional, mental, social, physical, environmental and spiritual development. Below is a link to a website which has lots of videos for children and parents to watch, including:



- Help improve mindfulness for sleep
- Help children learn to manage stress and anxiety
- Help children understand their emotions
- And many more!

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/wellbeing-apps-guide-for-kids/>

As the weather is now changing and autumn has begun, please can you make sure your child brings a coat to school each day.

Please could you also make sure your child's name is in their jumpers, cardigans and coats. We already have lots of lost property, all of it unnamed.

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team

PE Kits

Children are to no longer wear their PE kits into school. Please can you ensure they are bringing their kits to school with them, in order for them to get changed before their lessons. Children are welcome to leave their kits in school, and they will be sent home at the end of term or if they get dirty.

Also, a lot of children's clothing items do not have names in them. If the items get lost, we have no way of finding them if they do not have names on the labels. Please can you ensure that all of your child's school items have their names on them.



Homework Expectations

From next week, children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be receiving weekly homework. The standard expectations for homework for all children are:

- Reading x3 a week
- Practicing spellings to be tested on Fridays
- TT Rockstars (Y2-6)
- Numbots (Rec/Y1/2)
- Some weeks another sheet of homework - Maths/English/Science/Topic

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

