



### Attendance & Lateness

Our whole school target this year is **95%**. Attendance will be a focus for our school this year. Our attendance is below what is expected of us by the government and poor attendance also has a huge effect on your child's learning.

Please make sure your child is in school and on time. Any child coming into the classroom after 9am is given a late mark and after 9.20am is given an unauthorised absence. The school gates open at 8.40am for the children to enter school.



### Library Books

The library will be open for children to borrow books from 25<sup>th</sup> September. If you have books at home that need returning please give them to the class teachers.

### New Entrances

There are now 3 different ways that children can come into school or leave at the end of the day. There is the original pathway, the new ramp or families can enter using the front gates, cross the zebra crossing then walk along the side of the school and in through the gate on the playground.

The purpose of the new entrances was so that no child had to cross a vehicle gate on their way to school. Please make full use of all of the entrances and if you are not sure just ask a member of staff.



### Circus

The Happy Circus is coming to Woodlands on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. This is a first for our school and hopefully something everyone will enjoy.

Tickets are on sale in school. Just send in the payment in an envelope with your child's name and how many tickets you would like. We will then give you the tickets before the 20<sup>th</sup>. Prices are:

Family tickets £27 – 2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children

Adult tickets - £9

Child tickets - £6

To celebrate the event we will also be having a non-uniform day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. For £1 donation the children can dress up in bright clothes for the day. They may wear funny wigs but NO masks please. We look forward to a bright and colourful Friday.

### Uniform & Water Bottles

It is lovely to see all of the children coming back in uniform. Please make sure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name. We have 2 bags of lost property from last term, none of which has any children's names in.

Children need to have PE kits in school from Year 1 upwards. Reception children will need to bring in a PE kit from Term 2 onwards.

Children may bring in a water bottle from home to drink from while they are working. This must have their child's name on and be filled with water or very weak sugar free squash.

## Phonics and SATS Results

We have recently found out how our Y6 children did during the SATs tests they took in May. Our Y1 children also took a phonics test in early June. We are very pleased to see our results have improved again this year and at Y6 we are getting closer to the national average. This year each child in Y6 represented 5%.



Y1	2014	2015	2016	2017
% achieving standard	28%	41%	72%	81%
Y6	2016	2017	2017 National	
Reading	57%	63%	71%	
SPAG	65%	68%	77%	
Writing	26%	58%	76%	
Maths	65%	68%	75%	

## Clubs

A list of clubs will be going home this week for children to sign up to clubs until the end of Term 1. Please complete the form and send it back into school. You will have a text message to say if your child has been successful in obtaining a place at a club. If any club is oversubscribed we will have a waiting list in case a space becomes available.

## Roads around the school



Last week I had some complaints from very concerned local residents about the roads around the school during drop off and pick up times. They were concerned about parents driving on the pavements while children were walking on them and the speed at which people are driving down the road. We know that parking is an issue but please drive carefully down Whittock Road and don't drive on the pavement, especially when children are walking.

I will be working with the school council this year to try to come up with solutions to help ensure all children are safe on their way into and out of school.

Thank you in advance for your support in keeping all of our children safe.

## Term Dates & INSET Day 2017/18

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- **Term 1** Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October 2017
- **Term 2** Monday 30 October to Friday 15 December 2017
- **Term 3** Tuesday 2 January to Friday 9 February 2018
- **Term 4** Monday 19 February to Friday 23 March 2018
- **Term 5** Monday 9 April to Friday 25 May 2018 (Monday 7 May is a bank holiday)
- **Term 6** Monday 4 June to Tuesday 24 July 2018

### INSET days for 2017/18

Monday 4th September 2017  
 Monday 30th October 2017  
 Friday 15th December 2017  
 Friday 9th February 2018  
 Monday 4th June 2018  
 Friday 13th July 2018



## Breakfast Club



All children are welcome at breakfast club from Reception onwards. You do not need to book in advance and children do not need to be accompanied by an adult. Although we do not charge for breakfast club we do expect all children to have something to eat. Any child who is entitled to free school meals currently or in the last 6 years will receive up to 50p worth of breakfast. This will buy them a bowl of cereal or some toast and a drink. If you have any questions please contact the school office for more information.

I would like to welcome all of our new families to Woodlands. It is lovely to have you and your children in our school. We are looking forward to an interesting first term after a successful Year 6 camp. If you have any questions the office or your child's class teacher are the people to speak to.

*Mrs Morris & the Woodlands Team*