Woodlands Academy

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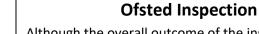
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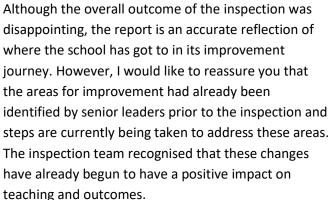
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We will be focussing on making the required improvements, however, I believe it is also important to recognise the many positives in the report. It is especially pleasing to see the good behaviour of our children recognised, along with the improvements in writing, the progress of our pupils with additional needs and the relationship the school has with parents and carers.

I can assure you that all staff are determined to deliver the highest standard of education for all our pupils and that we will use this report to improve the education we provide and steer us on our journey to becoming 'Good'.

Garden Opening

Our new garden is almost finished. We will be having the official opening on Friday 19th October. During our learning exhibition that afternoon or after school, please pop into the garden and take a look.

Contact Details

Please make sure we have at least 2 emergency contact numbers. The emergency contact will only be used if we cannot get hold of the main contact.

Also, if any of your details have changed please let the office know. We **must** have a current working number for each child.

Attendance & Lateness

Our whole school target this year is **97%.**Attendance will continue to be a focus as it is still below government expectations and poor attendance has a detrimental effect on children's learning.

If you need to request time off school you must fill in a Leave of Absence Request form. These are available from the office. You could still receive a penalty notice for absence even if you haven't filled out a form.

Please make sure you ring the school if your child is ill. If we don't hear from you your child's absence will be marked as unauthorised.



Reading Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to come into school to hear children read. If this is something you would like to do, or know of someone who would like to do this, please pop in for an application form. All volunteers need to have references and have a DBS check done. It would be great to have volunteers in school regularly.

Free School Meal & Pupil Premium

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals you can apply on the Bristol City Council's website. https://efsm.bristol.gov.uk

If you are eligible for free school meals you will receive them until March 2023.

The school gets additional pupil premium funding for pupils who currently are entitled to free school meals or have been in the last 6 years.

If you need any help applying please contact the office. **Free**





Nits

We have a number of children in a number of classes who are coming to school with nits. We will send a text out to all families when we are informed that nits are present in a class. Please make sure you check your child's hair and treat if nits or eggs are found. We have combs in school if you need one. Head lice are common in schools but if they are treated when found we can try to minimise the number of children affected.

Thank you to those families who tell us and treat head lice as soon as they are found.

Y6 Ambassadors & School Council

We are pleased to announce our Y6 ambassadors and newly elected school council.

Head Girl – Lauren **Deputy** – Evie **Head Boy** – Lewis **Deputy** – Tyler

House Captains

Chris, Iwo, Michaela & Frankie-Mai

School Councillors

Lilly-Mae Blake Kamira Poppy W

Ava Tait

Rhylie Evie

Sonny Max

Summer Arika

Libby Dominic

Congratulations to you all. You are going to be busy and will have a direct input into some things that happen in our school.

AMBASSADOR

Class Assemblies & Exhibitions

This year we will be starting class assemblies and learning exhibitions. Each term one class will hold an assembly to share their learning. This will start at 9am. Families of these children are welcome to watch.

The rest of the classes will have a learning exhibition on the same day. This will be a chance for you to look at what your child has been learning throughout the term. You are also welcome to visit other classes to see what they have been learning. The exhibitions will start at 2.30pm and last for 30 minutes.

The first class assembly is Year 6 on Friday 19th
October and the learning exhibition is at 2.30pm
that day for all other classes – Reception to Year 6.

Term Dates & INSET Day 2018/19

- Term 1 Monday 3 September to Friday 26 October 2018
- Term 2 Monday 5 November to Friday 21 December 2018
- **Term 3** Monday 7 January to Friday 15 February 2019
- Term 4 Monday 25 February to Friday 5 April 2019
- Term 5 Tuesday 23 April to Friday 24 May 2019 closed on 6 May 2019 for the Early May Bank Holiday
- Term 6 Monday 3 June to Tuesday 23 July 2019

INSET DAYS

Friday 26th October 2018 Friday 15th February 2019 Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019



Breakfast Club

All children are welcome at breakfast club from Reception onwards. You do not need to book in advance and all food is free. Breakfast club is developing into a learning club. Children can do their reading, homework or use the computers to practise key learning skills. Different learning opportunities will be offered over the year. Adults are welcome to stay as well.



Midday Supervisor Post

We are looking for a midday supervisor (SMSA) to join our lunchtime team. If you are interested in the post, or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office for details and an application form.

I would like to thank all parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaire or spoke to the inspectors while they were here. Your feedback is appreciated.

Mrs Morris & the Woodlands Team

