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Improvement Plans for the Year

Attached to this newsletter are the school improvement priorities for this year. Our focus areas this year are:

- Strategic Leadership
- Academic Achievement & Progress
- Excellent Teaching & Learning
- Maximise the Impact of the Pupil Premium Grant
- Behaviour, Culture & Community
- Attendance

Throughout the year, you will receive updates on the progress we are making to achieve the targets we have set ourselves

Year 3 and free school meals

Please be reminded that the Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement has now ended for your child, as they have entered KS2. Meals are £2.30 and dinner money accounts are to be topped up via ParentMail. If you believe you may be entitled to the benefits-based free school meals, please make an application to the Bristol City Council via this website

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning/early-years/free-school-meals>



Uniform

Earlier this week, we sent out a form on ParentMail regarding free school uniform. Woodlands Academy are providing every child from Reception to Year 6, with one set of school uniform, completely free of charge. This uniform includes one pair of trousers/one skirt, one jumper/one cardigan and a polo shirt. The form asks for parents to indicate which sizes they would like for their child and, which items they need out of the jumper/cardigan and trousers/skirt. Please ensure you have completed this form by 10am, Monday 12th September.

Some parents have said they don't want or need the uniform. I would encourage all parents to order uniform and donate it back to school.



This year we will be holding a uniform swap shop each month. Parents/Carers will be able to swap uniform or purchase second hand uniform for a small charge of 50p per item. More information will follow later this term.



Attendance

Well done to all the children who have made a good kick start to the new school year by making it in on time every day!

We'd like to make you aware that the Government's focus for schools this year is attendance. The pandemic has had such a massive effect on children across the country, and them being in school consistently is what is needed to help continue to bring them back to where they need to be.

Our whole-school attendance target is 97%. At the end of term 6, our whole-school attendance was 90.2%. We know we can improve on this figure this year, as long as parents continue to work with us as best they can.

Please remember that if children are late and arrive after 9.20am, this goes down as an unauthorised absence for their morning registration. If children (over the age of 5) have 8 unauthorised absences (each day equates to two sessions meaning 8 sessions is 4 days) within a 10-week period, parents will be referred to receive a penalty notice. The penalty notice is £60, per parent, per child which rises to £120 if you don't pay within 21 days. If you don't pay the fine after 28 days, you may be prosecuted (under Section 444 of the Education Act) for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.



As always, if you do ever feel as though you're struggling a little and you need some help, Mrs Sheldon is around to offer a helping hand.

Reception and Secondary applications for September 2023

Reception

The window for applying for Reception 2023 places opens on Monday 12th September 2022, and closes on Sunday 15th January 2023. We will be holding an open day for all prospective parents on Monday 7th November (more info to follow). 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 also opens on Monday 12th September 2022, however the window closes on 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.



Contact Details

Please can you make sure we have up to date contact details for you. If we need to ring you for any reason and cannot get hold of you, we will contact the other contacts we have on file. You must make sure we have a main contact and 2 others.



Your
Contact
Details

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



Values

The value we will be focussing on during September is 'Challenge'. Everyone faces challenges of all kinds in their day-to-day lives. They could be ones that have unwillingly comes across, or ones we have set ourselves. How we deal with them though, is what matters, and we should always be proud of ourselves when we conquer those difficult challenges that may have headed our way!

Parent Coffee Mornings

This academic year, we are introducing a new way for parents to have the opportunity to help shape what we do in school and to share support services in the community for families.



Once a month we will be holding a coffee morning, which will have a different theme each session. They will start from 9:15am and will go on for around 30 minutes. Our first one will be taking place on Tuesday 27th September, and we will be sharing our development focus for this year and asking for any suggestions you may have to help us achieve our goals. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

It has been lovely welcoming back the children this week. They all seem to have grown so much! The children have come back with great, positive attitudes which is brilliant to see.







I am still waiting for the final Ofsted report to be published. I am hoping it will be ready soon so I can share it with the staff and families.

We are all looking forward to having a great first term back at Woodlands

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team



Outline plans WOODLANDS ACADEMY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022 - 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">Strategic Leadership (Aim 2 - Strategic Objective 1 & 2)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Academic Achievement & Progress (Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 1 & 2)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Excellent Teaching & Learning (Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 1)</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear subject expectations across the curriculum – including non-negotiables • Detailed & effective subject improvement plans • CPD linked to school priorities & staff need • New initiatives strategically launched and monitored • Regular & effective monitoring by leaders at all levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision enables all learners to close attainment gaps • Learning objectives and success criteria are effective • Marking and feedback is simple and effective • Simple and concise knowledge organisers support independent learning • All learners have appropriate provision – differentiation, EAL, SEND across the curriculum • Vocabulary and language rich environments (inc. SSLiC & Primary Talk) that are planned for and well-articulated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA support has maximum effect on learning (DELTA) • Further embed quality first teaching • Coaching and sharing best practice support development of excellent teaching
<p style="text-align: center;">Maximise the Impact of Pupil Premium Grant (Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 1)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Behaviour, Culture & Community (Aim 3 - Strategic Objective 5)</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Attendance (Aim 1 - Strategic Objective 1)</p> 
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Team well established and effective • Suite of pastoral interventions support pupil's emotional wellbeing • Primary Talk embedded across the school • Supporting Spoken Language in the Classroom (SSLiC) improves communication and learning outcomes • Raise the attainment of PP children in core subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear definition of Woodlands intent • Citizen learning behaviours introduced throughout the school • Consistent, high behaviour expectations for all • PSHE curriculum matches the needs of the community • Redevelop opportunities for parental engagement with school • Further develop parents understanding of expected pupil outcomes • Further develop community links – community council & Y6 ambassadors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target – 97% • Robust attendance data monitoring to support early intervention • Embed the new attendance policy and communicated clearly to parents • Attendance Team well established and effective • Improved attendance and lateness of PP and FSM learners