## **Woodlands Academy**

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# Dinner Money



All dinner money accounts must be kept in credit at all times. Any accounts that contain a debt of more than £10 will be contacted asking for the debt to be paid. You will need to pay the debt off in FULL before a school dinner will be provided so you will need to send your child in with a packed lunch.

Payment plans can be put in place. Please contact the office to discuss this. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact Bristol City Council.

The MAT have changed the policy around Parent Pay. If you pay for an item then do not use it, e.g. for a school trip then do not attend, the money cannot be transferred to another payment. The policy change will come into effect from the start of next term.

## Speech & Language Drop In

There is a speech and language drop in at the Children's Centre tomorrow, 4th April at 9.30am for Nursery children only. The session is from 9.30am to Ilam. There is no need to book, just turn up and wait to see a therapist to discuss any concerns you may have.

## Nursery Places

Do you know of anyone looking for a nursery place for September? We offer a range of sessions and hours, throughout the week. Children are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery education and working parents may be entitled to 30 hours free. Children can start nursery the term after their 3rd birthday. Please pop into the office for an application form.

## Term Dates & INSET Day 2018/19

- 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

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

#### Summer Dinner Menu

The new summer menu starts next term and runs until October. On Tuesday 23rd April, first day back, the menu will be hot dogs or corn dogs and potato wedges. The new menu is attached.

We are also running a competition to design a mascot for the kitchen. Children will bring home a letter tomorrow and the deadline to return entries is 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Dates for the Term

#### April

 $5^{\text{th}}$  – Y3 class assembly 9am, Y4 learning lunch

10.45am, Break up

23<sup>rd</sup> - Term starts

#### May

6th - School closed - Bank Holiday

13th - School age speech & language drop in

13th - Year 6 SATs week

 $24^{th}$  – Y2 class assembly, Learning exhibition,

Break up

Please note, class assemblies and learning exhibitions are not suitable for younger children to attend.

## 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 Schools

## Family Fun Day

A family fun day is happening on Sunday 28th April at Action Indoor Sports in Whitchurch. The event will raise money for one of our families who have a daughter going through cancer treatment at the moment. A poster giving more details is attached.

#### PTA



Instead of an Easter disco, the PTA will be running the Easter egg and bonnet decorating competition.

Children can decorate a hardboiled egg or a bonnet. All entries cost £1 and winners will receive an Easter egg. All entries will receive a small gift as well.

We ask that all entries be handed in by the morning of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April with the £1 entry fee. Entries will then be judged and winners announced at the end of the day.

Good luck everyone!!



#### Tik Tok

We have had reports again of children using Tik Tok to share videos of themselves and receiving negative and/or abusive comments back. You need to be 13 to have a Tik Tok account and any new accounts are automatically public. For more information, please see the link below.

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parentsultimate-guide-to-musically

## Money Raised



Thank you for all of your generous donations in recent weeks. The school raised £146.50 for Comic Relief. The final amount of money raised through sponsorship for the Sports for Schools was an amazing £968.50!! The children loved having the athlete in and were amazed by his skating demonstration. Thank you all.

## Hook Court Camp

All deposits for the Year 4 Hook Court camp must be paid on parent pay by Friday 5th April. Any children's deposits not paid by then will not be able to attend the camp. If you need another letter or parent pay bar code please contact the school office.

## Spotlight on Attendance

We will be having a focus on attendance during April and May. Our school attendance is not yet at target with many children missing school or being late on a regular basis. Any child not in school by 9am is marked as late and after 9.20am marked as unauthorised. Penalty notices can be issued for 8 unauthorised absences in any 10 week period.

Our Attendance Officer is working with our Y6 ambassadors to develop a series of rewards to give out during the next 2 months to celebrate good attendance and punctuality.

## Parking



Please take care when parking on the road at the beginning and end of the school day. We know the road is extremely busy with many children walking or on bikes or scooters. Please help to keep all of our children safe.

## Recycling



Following Year 4's class assembly last term we have had a push on recycling at lunch times.

Children who have packed lunches are able to dispose of any food waste in the school food-recycling bin but we ask for any other recyclable materials to be taken home and be recycled there. We have already reduced the waste the school produces that would normally go into a landfill. We will continue this drive and hope to recycle more and more over the rest of the school year.

We hope you have a lovely Easter holiday and we will see you back on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Next term is a short term with lots going on, especially for Y2 and Y6!

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team





