# **Woodlands Academy**

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## Dinner Money



Parent Pay dinner accounts MUST be in credit at all times. Dinners are charged at £2.30.

If you have a debt of over £10 your child will not be able to have a school dinner and you will be asked to bring in a packed lunch.

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

## Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 97%. Children are expected to be in school and on time every day unless they are too ill to come to school or have medical appointments. If your child has a medical appointment please bring the letter to the office so the absence can be authorised.

This week's attendance for the term is:



If you are struggling to get your child into school, please make an appointment with our Family Link Worker, Mrs Sheldon, to see how we can help.

## Dates for 2019/20

- Term 1 Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October 2019
- Term 2 Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2019
- Term 3 Monday 6th January 2020 to Friday 14th February 2020
- Term 4 Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April 2020
- Term 5 Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May 2020
- Term 6 Monday 1st June to Monday 20th July 2020

### **INSET DAYS**

Monday 2nd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Friday  $17^{th}$  July

Monday 20th July

## Attendance Rewards

Mrs Sheldon, our Family Link Worker, has been working with the school council to devise a set of rewards for good attendance and punctuality. These include new certificates and prizes. These will be launched with the children next term and an attendance newsletter sent out.





## Dates for the Term

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - Parents evening

24th Oct - Parents evening

25th Oct - INSET day - school closed

8th Nov - Year I Learning Lunch

15th Nov - Children in Need

22<sup>nd</sup> Nov - Reception Learning Lunch

27th Nov - Early Years Open Day - New parents only

6th Dec - Y5 class assembly - 9am

9th Dec - Learning Exhibition

13th Dec - KS2 (Y3,4,5&6) Christmas Performance

16th Dec - KSI (YI&2) Christmas Performance

17th Dec - Reception Christmas Performance

18th Dec - Nursery Christmas Performance

20th Dec - Christmas dinner

20th Dec - Break up

# School Council

## School Council

The new winter menu is attached to this newsletter. This will start after half term.

The school council met with the MAT catering manager to look at the menu and get their feedback before it was sent home to families. Feedback was positive. School Council were in favour of removing the 'Salad Bar' option from the menu and replacing it with a 'Jacket Potato Bar' instead as this would mean that everybody had the option of having a hot meal in the winter months. One member of School Council who normally has packed lunches said the new menu would definitely tempt her to try school meals on some days.

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## Applying for Secondary Places

If your child is currently in Year 6 you must apply for a secondary school place for them by 31st.

October. You can apply online at the Bristol City.

Council admissions website. The application window is 12th September - 31st October.

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



## Values

This month's focus value was equality. The children have been talking about equality in their PSHE and RE lessons. We also talk about equality in general conversations around the school. Next month's focus value is diversity. We will launch this in assembly at the beginning of next term.

## Recent Sickness

It has been brought to my attention that some parents have been questioning whether the school has been cleaned following the recent sickness bug. I would like to reassure you that the school is thoroughly cleaned daily and any areas where children have been ill have been additionally cleaned, along with all other areas in the school. We are following Public Health England protocols and are not the only school in the area where children have been poorly.

## School Website

We have updated the school website to reflect what currently happens in school. We are increasingly using this to post news about what is happening in school and this is where you can find information about the curriculum and expectations.

https://www.woodlandsacademybristol.com



## Thank you

I would like to say thank you for your support in ensuring that the children do not ride their bikes and scooters on the school site on the way in and out of school. This makes our school site safer for adults and children at the beginning and end of the day.

# Year 3 Poetry Event

Well done to Year 3 who took part in a poetry event last week at West Town Lane. Holymead Primary, West Town Lane and Woodlands Year 3 children all wrote poems and these were displayed around the site.

The children enjoyed looking at the different work and were proud of their poems.





## Smoking at the Gate

I have had a number of parents concerned by the amount of smoking taking place outside the school gate. They are upset that their children have to walk through smoke and the smell associated with this. For the sake of our children's health, if you feel the need to smoke before entering the school premises please do this away from the gate that the children use.

Just to remind you that the children break up on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

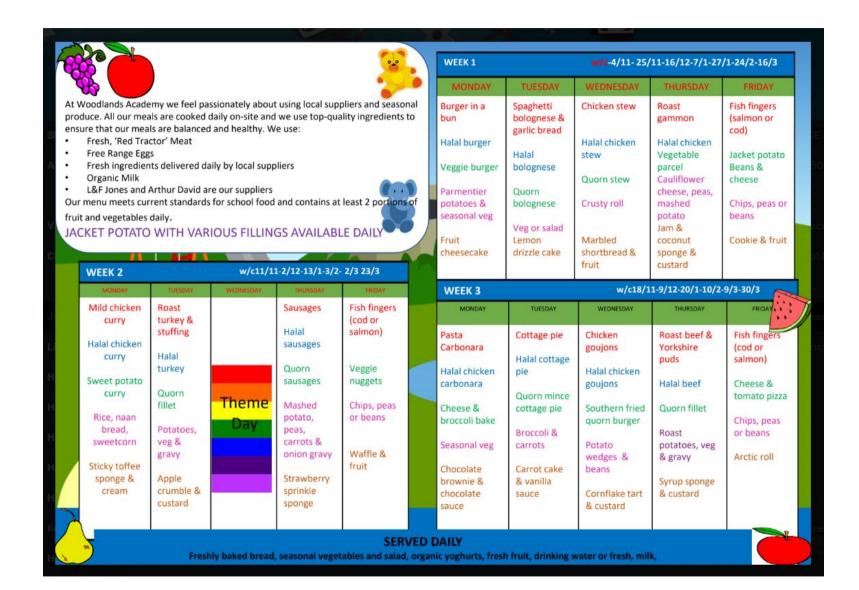
There is an inset day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>.

Term 2 starts at 8.40am on Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

November.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term break.

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team





# Please join us for the following

## MESSY CHURCHES

at Christ the Servant Church Stockwood

3.45 p.m. - 5.45 p.m.

21st Oct - MESSY Shoeboxes

25th Nov - MESSY Lost Sheep

16<sup>th</sup> Dec - MESSY Christmas

20th Jan - MESSY Church

All welcome, children need to be accompanied by an adult Activity is FREE Tea Provided

## Pumpkin Party - 31 October - 3.30 to 6.30pm

If you are after a wholesome alternative to "Trick-or-treat", then do come along to our Pumpkin Party at the Free Church in Ladman Road. We will have food, games, craft and a short film.