Woodlands Academy

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Christmas

Due to the current restrictions put in place by the Government, unfortunately there aren't going to be any Christmas performances this year. However, on the last day of term, classes will be having their own parties and we will still serve Christmas dinner. The last week of term will also be full of Christmas activities to try and still make it special for the children. To coincide with this, children aren't allowed to bring in Christmas cards for their friends, however they're welcome to bring in a single card for the whole class.

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



Children in Need

On Friday 13th November it is Children in Need day. This year we are very limited in what we can do.

For a donation of £1 children can wear nonuniform for this day. There will be collection buckets at each entrance.

Contact Details

Have you changed your mobile number lately or moved house? If so 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 number we have on file.

You must make sure we have a main contact and 2 others.

Dates for 2020/21

Term 1 - 1st September 2020 - 23rd October 2020

Term 2 – 2^{nd} November 2020 – 18^{th} December 2020

Term 3 - 4th January 2021 - 12th February 2021

Term 4 - 22nd February 2021 - 1st April 2021

Term 5 - 19th April 2021 - 28th May 2021

Term 6 - 7th June 2021 - 21st July 2021

Inset Days

1st September 2020

23rd October 2020

4th January 2021

28th May 2021

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Flu Vaccinations

Children from Reception to Year 6 who have been given permission to have their flu vaccinations, will be doing so on Friday 20th

November.

School Values

Our value that children will be focussing on throughout November is Diversity. We want our pupils to understand that each individual is unique and that our differences are what makes us special.

Child Absences

Please be reminded that if your child is unwell, you will need to telephone the office or leave a message on the absence line with the reason for the absence every morning.

Although it may be the same reason as the previous day, it is also a safeguarding reason to check that you and your family are safe and well.

Social Distancing

Please be reminded to adhere to the social distancing guidelines - both children and adults. We need to ensure everyone on the school site remains safe, and your support with this would be appreciated.

Crisis Loan

Reminder that Bristol City Council are awarding emergency payments, to families who are eligible, to purchase school uniform and food.

If you feel this is something you would benefit from there are further details at the end of this newsletter.

Please apply directly to the council.

Drop off and Pick Up Times and Places

You will need to drop off and pick up your child in the same place.

Nursery - Children's Centre gate - Drop off 8.45am Pick up 3.15pm

Reception - Back pedestrian entrance - Drop off 8.45am Pick up 3.15pm

Year I - Back pedestrian entrance - Drop off 8.40am Pick up 3pm

Year 2 - Front pedestrian entrance - Drop off 8.40am Pick up 3pm

Year 3 - Front pedestrian entrance - Drop off 8.50am Pick up 3.10pm

Year 4 - Back pedestrian entrance - Drop off 8.50am Pick up 3.10pm

Year 5 - Back pedestrian entrance - Drop off 9.00am Pick up 3.20pm

Year 6 - Front pedestrian entrance - Drop off 9.00am Pick up 3.20pm

While you are waiting to drop your child off or pick them up please remember to social distance from each other and keep 2m apart.



School Places

If your child is due to start in Reception the deadline for applications is 15^{th} January 2021. You will need to apply online.

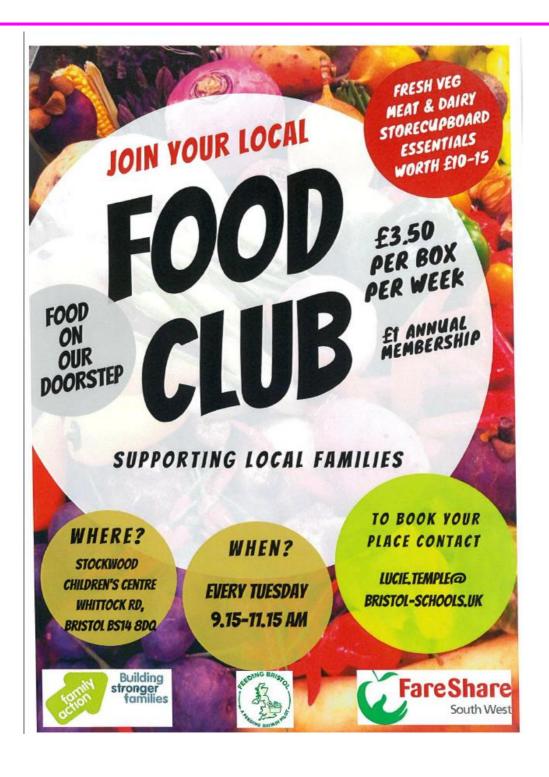
https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-apply

We are not able to hold an open day this year for prospective Nursery and Reception parents but will post information on the website.

Welcome back to another unusual term. I hope you all had a restful half term - however far away that may seem now!

Stay safe

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team





Local crisis and prevention fund: emergency payments or household goods

Apply for an emergency payment

What an emergency payment is, who is eligible and how to apply

School Uniforms

Applications for help with school uniform are taken online only.

Help will be in the form of Tesco vouchers for use on school uniform

We'll make a decision on your claim within 10 working days and if you are successful your award will be posted to you

Emergency payments:

We are unable to support with bulk buying food.

If you can't pay your gas or electricity bill because of Coronavirus (COVID-19), contact your energy supplier to ask for a payment break before you contact us.

Emergency payments

Emergency payments are one off awards of supermarket vouchers that can be used to buy food or clothing and top up prepaid gas and electricity meters.

You won't have to pay anything back.

You can apply if you:

- live within the Bristol City Council area
- have a one off financial crisis, such as your benefits not being paid or losing your
 job, that means you have no money for basic needs like food, gas or
 electricity, British Gas customers can't claim for fuel payments
- · have no other means of support through family, friends or donations

You can apply for one emergency payment a year. We may consider a second payment in exceptional circumstances. If you make repeat applications, we'll refer you to other services such as money or debt advice.

Whether we make a payment depends on the information you give us in your application, so make sure you answer all questions and give as much detail as possible.

We don't:

- make cash payments
- · cover moving costs, travel expenses or rent

Local crisis prevention fund policy (pdf, 225KB) (opens new window)

British Gas customers

We can't offer gas and electric top ups for British Gas customers. This is because British Gas has changed its top up support.

If you're a British Gas customer you can still apply for food or household goods.

How to apply

Apply for an emergency payment

This form will not work on tablets or Android devices.

You will need to switch off pop up blocker on your device to use.

You may need to give evidence of your situation. We'll check details of your claim with the Department of Work and Pensions and other council departments.

What happens next

If we get your application by 12noon we'll call, text or email by 5pm the same working day to tell you your application result.

You'll be able to collect your payment from the Citizen Service Point at 100 Temple Street the next working day. You'll need to bring ID.

Privacy statement

Read our privacy statement and our Local Crisis and Prevention Fund privacy notice (pdf, 100KB) (opens new window) to see what we do with your personal information.

- Local crisis prevention fund: emergency payments and household goods
- Apply for an emergency payment
- Apply for household goods
- Contact the local crisis and prevention fund team