# **Woodlands Academy**

# Newsletter No. 3

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### **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.

Attendance at the end of Term 1:

Reception – 94.9%

Year 1 - 95.4%

Year 2 – 94.5%

Year 3 - 94.4%

Year 4 - 95.9%

Year 5 – 97.1%

Year 6 - 94.2%

Whole School – 95.2%



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.

We now have an Attendance Officer working at the school one day a week. Her name is Mrs Trickey. Mrs Trickey will be supporting families to ensure all children in school have good attendance and punctuality. If you are struggling to get your child to school on time every day and would like a bit of support with this please contact the office to make an appointment to meet with Mrs Trickey.

# **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.



School Admissions 2019

# **Reception Applications**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 you will need to apply for a school place for September 2019. This needs to be done through the Bristol City Council admissions website or by clicking the link below. The deadline for application is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions

### **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.

### **Dates for the Term**

### November

8<sup>th</sup> – Reception open day for new parents

14<sup>th</sup> – World Diabetes Day

16th - Children in Need

16<sup>th</sup> – Reception Learning Lunch

16<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 trip to Caerleon Museum

16<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 trip to Steam Museum



### December

6<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 trip to Bristol University

7<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 class assembly 9am

7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Learning Lunch

14<sup>th</sup> – Learning exhibitions (Y1, 2, 3, 4 & 6) 2.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> – KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas performance 2pm at Christ the Servant church

18<sup>th</sup> – KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Christmas performance 2pm at school

19<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Christmas Performance 9.30am

20<sup>th</sup> – Reception Christmas Performance 2pm

21st - Christmas dinner

21st - Break up

### **January**

7<sup>th</sup> – Term starts

10<sup>th</sup> – Jack & the Beanstalk pantomime in school

Please note, class assemblies and learning exhibitions are not suitable for younger children to attend. Younger children are welcome to attend the Christmas performances but we ask you to take them into the reception area if they become too noisy.

### **Charity Events**

Next week it is World Diabetes Day on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. To support both of these charities we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and all donations collected will be split between the 2 charities.

We would also like to thank you for your donations towards the Poppy Appeal. You have been very generous.







# Term Dates & INSET Day 2018/19

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- **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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019



### **PTA**

The PTA will be holding a mini Christmas Fayre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.30pm. Entry is free for children and £1 for adults. Cost of entry includes a raffle ticket and a hot drink.

We are looking for donations of bottles, unopened toiletries, teddies (in good condition) and nail varnish. We will be collecting donations on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

If you would like a stall at the fayre tables will cost £10 plus a raffle contribution.

If you are able to help out with the fayre or want a table please register your interest on the PTA Facebook page.

Welcome back to a busy autumn term. This term is long but finishes with a week of Christmas performances at the end. To celebrate Christmas we will have a Christmas jumper day on the last day of school as this is also Christmas dinner day.

Mrs Morris & the Woodlands Team