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### Attendance & Lateness

Our whole school target this year is **95%**. Please make sure your child is in school as often as they can and on time. Any child coming into the classroom after 9am is given a late mark and after 9.20am is given an unauthorised absence.

Current attendance from September 2016:

Reception – 94.4%

Year 1 – 91.2%

**Year 2 – 95.4%**

Year 3 – 93.5%

Year 4 – 90.5%

**Year 5 – 96.1%**

Year 6 – 94.3%

Whole School – 93.4%

Number of lates this term:

Reception – 5

Year 1 – 15

Year 2 – 7

Year 3 – 4

Year 4 – 22

Year 5 – 6

Year 6 – 4

This is a total of 65 late from 38 children which equates to 1,128 minutes or over 3 days of lost learning. This is slightly better than last time but not as good as we need it to be.

### 30 hours Nursery Funding

The Government is introducing 30 free hours of childcare for under 5s to eligible families from September 2017. The application process for this will be completed online by parents, however you need a 'Government Gateway' ID to do this. If you are interested in the 30 free hours then please apply using the following website link:

<http://www.gateway.gov.uk/>

There is also an online calculator that helps you work out how much you can claim. Visit this website for more information:

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcarecalculator/children/number>.

### Goodbyes

We have two members of staff leaving us this term. Mrs Lyons was due to go on maternity leave at the end of last week but actually had her baby girl last Tuesday! Mr Collins joined us this week. He will be covering for Mrs Lyons for the rest of the year.

Miss Gittings is also leaving us to explore the world at the end of this term. We are very grateful for all she has done at the school and wish her well for the future. Mrs Ridgway will be the Year 1 teacher for the rest of the year.

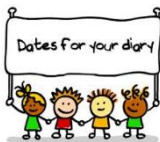
Mrs Blundell will be leaving after Easter to go on maternity leave and Mrs Scott will be working in Nursery until the end of the year.



### Challenge Partners

Last week our school had its first Challenge Partner review when teaching and learning and school systems were scrutinised by two senior leaders from other schools in England and a registered OFSTED inspector. The team decided that Woodlands is now a **GOOD** school. The reasons for this are identified in the written report, a copy of which will be emailed to parents before the end of term.





## Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Y5 visit to cathedral & mosque

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - class photos

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – Break Up

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Term 5 starts

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Bank Holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATs week

### Term dates

- **Term 4** Monday 20 February to Friday 7 April 2017
- **Term 5** Monday 24 April to Friday 26 May 2017  
*closed on 1 May 2017 for Early May Bank Holiday*
- **Term 6** Monday 5 June to Friday 21 July 2017

### 2016/17 Inset Dates

Monday 5th June 2017

Friday 14th July 2017



## Mother's Day Lunch

It was wonderful to see so many mothers, grandmothers and carers in school having lunch with their child/ren last week. It was so popular that we had to do it over 2 days this year. We hope all those that attended enjoyed their special dinner.



## Musical.ly

This very popular app used by children of all ages, has been in the local news lately following reports of online grooming involving graphic messages with a pupil in a Bristol school. We urge parents to discuss the safety rules around using apps such as musical.ly and YouTube etc. with your children and make sure they are clear of the action that needs to be taken if they are concerned or unsure about something.

## Term Dates & INSET Day 2017/18

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- **Term 1** Monday 4 September to Friday 20 October 2017
- **Term 2** Monday 30 October to Friday 15 December 2017
- **Term 3** Tuesday 2 January to Friday 9 February 2018
- **Term 4** Monday 19 February to Friday 23 March 2018
- **Term 5** Monday 9 April to Friday 25 May 2018  
(Monday 7 May is a bank holiday)
- **Term 6** Monday 4 June to Tuesday 24 July 2018

### INSET days for 2017/18

Monday 30th October 2017

Friday 15th December 2017

Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Friday 13th July 2018

## Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations for Comic Relief last Friday. The school raised over £150 to be given to this charity.



Friday 24 March

## Adult Behaviour in the Playground

As a school we do not want our children to witness rude, aggressive or offensive behaviour from adults in the school playground. Any adults behaving this way are spoken to by the school and if necessary these adults will have restricted access to the school site. Let's all work together to keep the children of Woodlands safe at the end of the school day.

We are nearly at the end of another busy term, with hopefully some better weather on the way!

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team

## Easter Competition

Don't forget to bring in you decorated Easter egg or bonnet. All entries are £1 and must be in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Good Luck!

