Woodlands Academy

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Attendance & Lateness

As a school our attendance is not as good as we would like or need it to be. 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 - 94.3%

Year 1 - 91.1%

Year 2 - 95.1%

Year 3 - 93.2%

Year 4 - 89.2%

Year 5 - 95.3%

Year 6 - 94%

Whole School - 93.1%

Number of lates since January 2017:

Reception - 6

Year 1 - 54

Year 2 - 6

Year 3 - 21

Year 4 - 37

Year 5 - 5

Year 6 - 10

This is a total of 135 late from 41 children which equates to 2143 minutes or 51/2 days of lost learning.



Parking

May I politely remind you that parents are not to use the school car park. I also ask that parents are very careful when dropping children off at school and are not parking or driving on the pavements. Many parents have expressed their concerns about the safety of their children on the pavement outside school.





SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality) is a community-oriented agency that provides support and advice to victims of hate, and promotes equality and good relations between people with protected characteristics as defined by law. They work with a variety of people including schools. On Thursday 2nd March they will be coming into school to deliver an assembly for KS2 children then an age appropriate session with Year 5 & 6 children. This is an interactive session using activities to provoke thought around racism, cultural and social stereotypes and facilitating discussions around diversity.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment. We will put it out on Friday after school for people to look through and take any items that belong to them.



Open Day

On Tuesday 28th February there is a chance for parents and carers to come and look round the school, view our displays and see the children at work. We will have two sessions; the first between 9.15am and 11.50am. The second will be between 1.30pm and 3pm. Please note, that unfortunately we cannot accommodate younger siblings on this date.



Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 21st February – Parents evening (Y1-Y6)

Wednesday 22nd February - Parents evening (Y1-Y6)

Tuesday 28th February - Open Day
Wednesday 1st March – Parent Forum
Friday 3rd March – Y3 Learning Lunch
Wednesday 22nd March – Mothers Day Lunch
Friday 24th March – Red Nose Day
Wednesday 5th April – class photos
Friday 7th April – Break Up

Term dates

- **Term 3** Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2017
- 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

BLP Competition Winners

I am pleased to announce the winners of the competition to design our new BLP mascots.

Well done to Lauren Y4, Lewis Y4, Saphron Y1, Kelsey Y4.

These will be displayed in the hall and appear on all BLP displays around the school.







A timetable of planned events mas been put together for the rest of the year:

Mothers Day Surprise – Friday 24th March

Easter Egg & Bonnet Competition – Friday 7th April

May Disco – Friday 19th May

Fathers Day Surprise - Friday 16th June

Summer Fayre/Car Boot Sale – Saturday 8th July

More details about the events will follow closer to the time. If you are able to help out at any of these events please let the school know.

Don't forget the closing date to design the new PT logo is tomorrow – Friday 24th

February.

World Book Day

Next Thursday, 2nd March, is World Book Day. To celebrate this day the children (and staff) are able to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. At the end of the day all children will receive a book token to exchange for a free World Book Day book. They can be redeemed from participating books shops and supermarkets. Check out our schools blogs following this day to see which characters we came dressed as!

We are looking forward to a busy term, the start of spring and hopefully some better weather!

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team

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