



Woodlands Newsletter

September / October 2023

Welcome

Welcome back to the new school year; hope you all had a lovely summer break. It is lovely to see all the children back in school and settling into their new class routines.

A very warm welcome also to all our new children and their families; we have 7 new children joining Woodlands this term.

In addition to our new children and families, we welcome our five new members of staff who are joining the Woodlands team this term. We have Sarah Lewis, our new TA in Rabbits class, Sarah Lane, new TA in Squirrels class, Jennie Edwards who is our new Badgers class teacher, Jenna Warren, new TA in Badgers class and Bianca Marcussi, new Foxes class teacher.

Curriculum Theme

The theme this term is 'My Super Self.' Please look out for the curriculum overview which will be emailed to you next week. In addition to this, your child's class teacher will be sending home a copy of the class weekly schedule so that you are able to discuss with your child what they are doing in school each afternoon.



Skills for Life

We continue to ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per week towards the costs of our life skills curriculum. The money collected covers the cost of snacks (including snack café) and additional costs

related to the class out and about visits.



Swimming

Swimming sessions will continue this term. Foxes and Badgers will swim on Tuesday afternoon, Rabbits, Hedgehogs and Squirrels will swim on Friday afternoon.

A Plea for Painting Aprons

If you have any old adult shirts, rather than throwing them out please could you send them in to school so that we can use them for painting aprons.

Year 5 and 6 Parent information session

I will be running an information session for parents of children in Years 5 and 6. The purpose of this is to share information regarding applications for secondary school places and transition to Year 7. This will take place on Monday 18th September at 9am.

Annual Reviews

We will be setting dates for annual reviews for all the children for the year and you will receive a letter letting you know the date. Please make a note of this and let us know straight away if you need to change the date.

For children currently in **Year 5** we will be holding these early in October and November as EHC Plans will be being updated by the local authority ready for transition to secondary school.

Parents Evening

These will take place on Wednesday 18th October. It will give all parents an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and how well they have settled in so far this term. More details regarding how to book an appointment will be sent home in the coming weeks.

Dates for this term



Monday 11 th September - 9am	Woodlands coffee morning
Monday 18 th September – 9am	Parent information session for Y5 and Y6 parents
Friday 29 th September – 9am	Macmillan coffee morning
Thursday 5 th October	School photographs
Wednesday 18 th October – 3.30 – 6pm	Parents evening
Friday 20 th October	Last day of term
Monday 30 th October	INSET day
Tuesday 31 st October	Start of Term 2

The Woodlands Team

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