

Friday 20th May 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been National Walk to School Week – did you manage to walk to school? Just once?



Every child that travelled in an active way, collected a footprint sticker for their class poster for each day. Road safety was our theme for the controversial question and continued into assembly when Adebare, Ryan and Bracken from Y3 taught the whole school how to cross a road safely. Y4 have been learning about bike maintenance and Y6 have literally taken to their bikes... but they did come back.

Other events this week include a very quiet Y6 - Sponsored silence in Y6 was on Wednesday – it was beautifully silent, such a lovely place to be. Y2 officially finished their SATs – hurray! Y2 have been brilliant and tried their absolute best. Very well done to Y2! There was a cake sale which meant I have eaten far too many cakes and am now in need of...

Health and Fitness Week is next week.

The theme is Olympics and everyone can wear sports clothes all week. (Note to self – go shopping and buy some!) We shall hopefully wear your children out with various forms of exercise: scooting, dancing, rugby, karate and of course 'Sport Afternoons'. Learning will also focus on healthy lifestyles, healthy food and positive mental health through relaxation strategies.

Walk to School Event is on Thursday

Meet at Coltham Road Car park for 8:05. High visibility vests for all children walking and then best foot forward at 8:15. Walk along Coltham Road to the One Stop, cross at the zebra crossing and down Bloxwich Road North and into school for a piece of toast. I am aware some children will have scooters, if they are joining us on the walk can they please not scoot! It would be great if you could join us, rain or shine.

Disco – Dance Yourself Fit!

Thursday evening for Y1 – Y6, 4:30 – 5:45. Don't forget the pennies for the slush puppies and sweets. Reception and Nursery have a drink and some sweets included in their ticket price, and their disco is during the school day, beginning at 2:15.

It is going to be a fabulous finish to a busy half term. I suspect we shall all need a break by next Friday.

Mrs Newton



Thank you from Riley.

Riley Pullinger is currently in Disney World but hasn't forgotten the people that made his once in a lifetime trip possible. Riley's family have emailed pictures from their holiday to share with his Woodlands Family.

Dates to Share

23.5.16 NHS workshop with Y5

24.5.16 **1:30 EYFS Sports**

25.5.16 9:15 New Reception Parents Meeting / **1:30 KS1 Sports**

26.5.16 8:05 Walk to School Event for all families who wish to join us

26.5.16 **1:45 Y3 and Y4 Sports / Disco 4:30 - 5:45**

27.5.16 R visit to Tamworth Castle / **1:45 Y5 and Y6 Sports**

27.5.16 School closes for half term

28.5.16 Bag packing by Y6 at Asda for Prom Funds

6.6.16 School opens and transition begins

7.6.16 Rocks Star Day

8.6.16 Loudmouth theatre group in Y6

10.6.16 Celebrating The Queen's Birthday (Dress in red, white and blue - ready for a party)

17.6.16 Father's Day Bring and Buy Sale

30.6.16 9:15 New Nursery Children Parent Meeting

5.7.16 / 6.7.16 3:30 - 4:30 Parent Drop Ins (Not Y6)

7.7.16 Transition Ends

8.7.16 Y6 Prom

12.7.16 Romans Invade Y4

14.7.16 Summer Sizzler

18.7.16 Y6 Parent Drop In 3:30 - 4:30

19.7.16 9:30 Y6 Leavers Performance

20.7.16 School Closes for the Summer



Woodland's Uniform

Woodlands Academy of learning strongly promotes school uniform to foster a sense of pride and a sense of belonging. We are very proud of our uniform that is in our school colours of grey and green. We dress for learning at Woodlands!

As we enter into warmer weather we have noticed that the uniform has slipped for some children. Therefore I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the need for the correct uniform. Attached to this newsletter is the correct uniform list and a summary is also on the website.

PE Uniform

Also, there are changes to the PE uniform. We aim to increase the status of house points in school and utilise these teams more in our PE lessons. Every child, and their siblings, have been put into the same house and we ask that from September, they wear the coloured t shirt of their house. In order to get us all started with this new venture **every child will be presented with a gift of their house t shirt in September**. As a result, we shall also change the colour of the shorts to black, rather than the current bottle green. However, this will be a gradual change as children grow out of their current green shorts and then there is a need to purchase new shorts.

We also aim to increase the use of our wonderful outdoor space during our PE lessons, particularly during the Autumn and Spring terms. So we ask that parents ensure their children have navy blue jogging bottoms and a matching navy blue sweatshirt in their PE kits ready for September.

All these items of uniform can be ordered and purchased from the school office. All items should be clearly marked with your child's name. (Label Planet Stickins are great name stickers for clothing - no sewing needed)



Mum... Dad... Can you fix my bike?

The answer is now no from our Y4 parents. This week, Y4 have had two instructors teaching our children how to take care of their bikes, it was really informative and practical for the children. The instructors taught the children the M check which the children should undertake every time they ride their bike to check that it is safe. The instructors were extremely pleased with the children saying they were extremely well behaved, polite and asked great questions. The Y4 staff said they are very proud!

And the children said:

Antony Highfield- I found out that you use an Allen key to undo bike wheels and handle bars.

Katie Atkins- I learnt that if the wheel is loose and doesn't bounce then you need to go and get it repaired.

Harry Gledhill- I learnt what spokes are on a bike.

Emily Carter- I learnt how the pedals work.

Jack Statham- it taught me how to fix a puncture using the right equipment instead of just buying a new one.

Ruby Dunn- I learnt that the rubber on the brakes can't be on the tyre or else it will burst.

Ryan Griffiths- I've learnt to check my wheels before you go riding.

James Harris- I think it was a good experience because if I have a puncture in the future I will be able to fix it.



