

# WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I would like to warmly welcome both new and existing parents to our new school year at Woodseaves CE Academy. The children have had a very positive start back, including our new Reception children who have settled in really quickly.

We have a busy and exciting time in the weeks ahead. As you can see from this newsletter there is a great deal of information that we need to share with you, so please do take the time to read and update your own calendars with all the diary dates.

Our school value this half term is responsibility. Responsibility means doing what needs to be done to take care of yourself, your family, your friends, and the greater community. Being responsible means that others can rely on you and that you follow through on your promises. Supporting our Harvest Charity, Macmillan Coffee morning and Operation Christmas Child are great ways to demonstrate this.

Finally we are having a whole school focus on handwriting over the first couple of weeks back so all our KS1 and KS2 children have this as their homework this weekend.

Spellings and normal homework routines will resume next week.

Mrs Gallant

## SCHOOL NEWS

### INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

We would just like to remind parents that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are legally entitled to a 'Universal free school meal'. If your child wishes to order a school meal, please make sure they ask for a 'dinner' when the register is taken.

### PARENT PAY ACCOUNT:

As most of you are aware we are trying our utmost to go cashless (except for break sales). This means that all school trips, music tuition as well as meals can be paid for via your parent pay account. Therefore, ALL PARENTS will need a Parent Pay account.

We will be sending out letters next week to all parents in Reception, Class 1 and Year 3 with your parent pay login details.

If you experience any problems logging on or setting up your account, please feel free to pop in and see me. If you currently have an account for an older sibling, then you can just add your younger child onto the same account.

It would also be helpful if everyone could ensure that their mobile number and email address are included on their profile as a **communication preference** so that we can text or email you if necessary.

### ACCESS TO SCHOOL:

May we remind parents that access to the school via the main school gates **IS NOT PERMITTED**. We appreciate that the smaller gate is difficult to access for push chairs, but it is far safer. Nor should parents use the main entrance to drop off and collect their children. Please respect these rules which have been put in place to protect all our children.

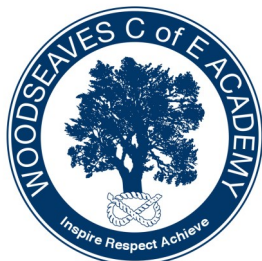
### SCHOOL START ARRANGMENTS:

Children should arrive between 8.40- 8.50. The bell will ring at 8.45 to signify the doors are open (no need to line up, just come straight in), and again at 8.55 to signify the start of registration. Children arriving after 8.55 will be late.

If you need to drop your child off any earlier than 8.40am, then you will have to arrange to book your child into the 'Before School Club', run by Woodseaves Pre-School. Their mobile number is 07891 328631.

## DIARY DATES:

Mon 12th Sept	Launch Golden Mile with children
Thur 22nd Sept	Service at Gnosall St Lawrence Church at 7pm
Fri 23rd Sept	School Photographer in - Individual, Family & Sibling Photo's
Fri 23rd Sept	Book Fair @ 3.30pm in school hall
Mon 26th Sept	Book Fair @ 3.30pm in school hall
Fri 30th Sept	Coffee Morning @ 9am
Mon 3rd Oct	Parents Evening (Class 2 Only) - from 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Mon 10th Oct	Harvest Festival @ 2.15pm
Mon 17th Oct	Parents Evening from 3.30pm to 6.30pm - All Classes
24th - 28th Oct	HALF TERM
Mon 31st Oct	Parents Evening from 5pm to 7pm - excluding Class 2
Tues 8th Nov	Open Day for new prospective parents.



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### PUPIL PREMIUM:

Pupil premium, also known as 'Free School Meals' is an additional benefit that ALL parents can apply for if they are on low income. The advantage of applying for this benefit is that the school can receive additional funding which we can use to pay for school trips, music tuition, school clubs etc.

We are particularly reaching out to those families with children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** who may be eligible but have not applied because their child already receives a universal free school meal. This is something completely separate.

If you think you could be eligible, then please register online with Stafford County Council for 'free school meals'. Not only are you helping your child, you are also helping the school!

### HARVEST SERVICE:

On Monday, 10th October 2016 the children will attend a special Harvest Service at Knightly Church, organised by Reverend Kathryn Hammond.

Unfortunately, we are unable to invite parents on this occasion as the church is limited on space.

### PE KITS:

PE is taught whole school every Tuesday and an additional lesson takes place as follows:

Class 1 - Monday afternoon

Class 2 - Thursday afternoon

Class 3 - Friday afternoon

All children will need to ensure that they have both indoor and outdoor PE kit's in school on PE days.

Ear rings must be removed.

### THE GOLDEN MILE:

Each day the children will be walking/running the equivalent of a mile around the school playground. Although the children will not be required to change into their PE kits, we would recommend that they wear trainers. Therefore, it would be useful if trainers could remain at school at all times.

### ROALD DAHL DAY!

On the 16th September, we will be celebrating the birth of Roald Dahl 100 year's ago. Each class has chosen to study one of his books and there will be lots of fun activities for the children to participate in.

### TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

To promote and encourage reading, we have organised a book fair in the school hall on Friday, 23rd September and Monday, 26th September, starting at 3.20pm, courtesy of Travelling Books.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be coming into School on Friday 23rd September to take individual, sibling and family photographs of the children.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

As part of our Thanksgiving celebration, we have decided once again to reach out and support one of our local charities in Stafford, namely The House of Bread. The House of Bread do a fantastic job by supporting homeless people in Stafford.

Like last year, we would like to ask parents to donate non perishable packets of food i.e. tins, jars etc or a small box of toiletries to include soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc. We will be collecting these items from Monday 10th to Friday 14th October. All donations will be collected and delivered to the House of Bread on our behalf.

### CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL:

Once again we will be taking part in the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. This appeal enables disadvantaged children living in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia to receive a present at Christmas, wrapped in a box. We will be sending out leaflets a bit nearer the time detailing precisely what it involves and how you can help.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

The after school clubs will start again week commencing 12th September beginning with Ultimate Frisbee on Tuesday, Football on Wednesday and Tri Golf on Thursday. Unfortunately due to lack of Gym Coaches we will be unable to offer Gymnastics this half term.

### CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS:

If you are aware of any changes to your contact details including address, mobile number and home telephone number, can you please let me know immediately. It is vitally important that we retain the correct information should we need to contact you during the day.

## JANE'S THEME DINNERS

Monday 10th October

Harvest Lunch

Mince Beef & Onion Pie  
Harvest Vegetable Pie