



# WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our new academic year at Woodseaves, I hope you all had a wonderful Summer break. I would like to warmly welcome all our new parents and children to our school community. We hope you settle in quickly to our school and look forward to getting to know you all!

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting start back to term. The children have been settling in this week but it is business as usual next week with homework resuming and learning continuing apace! We have been talking to the children about 'Growth Mindset' which encourages them to be resilient learners, willing to have a go and have a positive mindset to challenges and independent working. These are all useful skills for now and in the future.

During the summer holidays, the path and paving have been laid in the Reflection Garden in our school grounds. We now need a final push to get it finished and so we are having a **Community Afternoon on Sunday 17th September at 2pm**. Please, if you are available for a couple of hours and feeling strong we need help wheelbarrowing in the rubber chippings and soil, as well as any green fingered volunteers to tidy up and plant up the raised beds in the garden and around the school. We want to give the grounds a general tidy up so all help will be gratefully accepted. On Sept 25th we have the Bishop of Stafford coming to officially open the garden so we look forward to that!

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Gallant

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Well done and thank you to all the children who completed the challenge. Certificates have been given out in our celebration assembly today.

### SCHOOL START

We would like to remind parents that in the morning the school gate onto the playground opens at 8.35. If you need to arrive earlier than this then please use our before school club facility run by Woodseaves Pre-school. (Their mobile number is 07891 328631.) The school bell rings at 8.45am to indicate the doors are open and pupils come straight in. All our KS1 and KS2 classes have quick maths activities to complete during this time so it is useful for children to arrive as close to 8.45 as possible. A second bell will ring at 8.55am to signify the start of registration. Children arriving after 8.55am will be late.

### ACCESS TO SCHOOL:

For health and safety reasons, access to the school via the main school gates **IS NOT PERMITTED**. I appreciate that the smaller gate is difficult to access for push chairs, but it is far safer. Parents must not use the main entrance either to drop off and collect their children. Dogs should not be brought on to school premises either unless permission has been granted.

Please respect these rules which have been put in place to protect all our children.

### CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS:

Please can you notify the School Office immediately of any changes to your contact details including address and mobile or home telephone numbers. It is imperative that we retain the correct information should we need to contact you during the day.

### PARENT PAY ACCOUNT:

As most of you are aware we have introduced Parent Pay in order to go cashless within school (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. **ALL PARENTS** will need a Parent Pay account.

I will be sending out letters next week to all our new Families with their new 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.

## DIARY DATES:

Wed 6 Sept 2017	School opened for Autumn Term
Thurs 14 Sept	Years 3, 4 and 5 start weekly swimming lessons.
Thurs 21 Sept	Class 3 trip to Wroxeter Roman Town
Mon 25 Sept	Official opening of the Reflection Garden.
Tues 26 Sept	Class 2 visiting Tatton Park.
Fri 29 Sept	Academy Photographer in school. MacMillan Coffee & Cake Fundraiser 2.15-3.15pm
Mon 9th Oct	Harvest service at Knightley Church
Fri 20 Oct	Break for HALF TERM
Mon 30 Oct	School starts back after half term.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be coming into school on Friday 29th September to take individual, sibling and family photographs of the children.



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Could we please ask any parents on low income to register online with Stafford County Council for 'free school meals'. In particular, we are 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.

The advantage of applying for 'Free School Meals' is that the school can receive additional funding which we can use to pay for your school trips, music tuition, schools clubs etc. and also generally to raise achievement levels within the school.

So if you think you may be eligible, then please apply online as soon as possible. Not only are you helping your child, you are also helping the school!

### INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

I 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.

### PE KITS:

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

Class 1—Friday afternoon

Class 2— Wednesday afternoon

Class 3—Thursday afternoon

All children will need to ensure that they have both **indoor and outdoor** PE kits in school **EVERY** day.

An indoor kit consists of: white t-shirt, black/navy blue shorts and black pumps.

An outdoor kit consists of: navy blue/ black tracksuit, white t-shirt and trainers.

Please ensure that children have a pair of trainers in school **AT ALL TIMES** as they need them everyday for the Daily Mile.

Earrings must be removed.

### SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons commence on Thursday 14 September at Stafford Leisure Centre for Years 3, 4 and 5. A letter has already gone out with details. Pupils must ensure they bring their swim kit every Thursday.

### HARVEST SERVICE:

On Monday 9th October 2016 the children will attend a special Harvest Service at Knightly Church, led by Reverend Kathryn Hammond. We are able to offer limited room (about 20 places) for parents. Please let the office know if you wish to attend. (1 place per family)

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

The following after school clubs will run this autumn term:

Monday - Gymnastics

Tuesday - Fencing

Wednesday - Football

Thursday - Multi Skills

Friday - Cheerleading

They will start again week commencing 11 September.

### BREAK SALES PRICES

The following food and drink items are available at break time from Jane for Year 1 and above:

Toast 20p    Crumpet 30p    Teacake 30p

Juice 30p    Milkshake 50p

Jubblys (until October half term) 40p

### ASSISTANCE REQUIRED IN CLASS 3

We are always looking for volunteers who have some time on their hands and would be willing to come in, preferably on a Thursday and hear readers. All volunteers will be required to comply with our Safeguarding policy and complete a DBS in advance. If you are interested then please speak to Mrs Clarke or Mrs Yates directly. Thank you.

### FRIENDS OF WOODSEAVES ACADEMY (FOWA)

If you are interested in supporting the School in a variety of fun and creative ways then please consider supporting the FRIENDS OF WOODSEAVES ACADEMY. It is through their fundraising ideas that the pupils are able to be involved in extra curricular activities and subsidised events. FOWA has a Facebook page which is a closed group and happy to accept new members. Please log on or see Mrs Merry at the school gate who will be more than happy to chat to you.

### BOOK SWAP SALE

Please keep hold of any books you may wish to donate to our successful 'Book Swap Sale' that will be happening later in the autumn Term. We will let you know when to begin bringing books into school.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

On Tuesday 26th September, Class 2 will be visiting Tatton Park and on Thursday, 21st September Class 3 will be visiting Wroxeter Roman Town. Details to follow.

### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Before and After School Club have a vacancy for an Assistant. Please see the advertisement on the front door of the school or enquire within.