



# WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL INFORMATION

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. I hope you settle in quickly to our school and we look forward to getting to know you all!

Thank you for all your patience this week regarding the issues with the road closure in the village. We were very concerned following the chaos of the previous week but with all the measures put in place and your cooperation, the drop off and pick up times have gone smoothly and more importantly have been safe. We have been informed that hopefully the section in front of the village shop will reopen next week which will ease things for us here on Dicky's Lane.

As many of you are aware we have 6 school Christian values and we have decided to extend these to 12. We cover one per half term so this gives us enough for a two year rolling programme. So this half term we will be starting with Thankfulness which fits well with Harvest. We will be collecting again for House of Bread, a charity that supports the homeless and provides food banks for families in need.

The remaining values for this year are compassion, generosity, forgiveness, justice and respect. These values will underpin our collective worship in school as well as being discussed in class. If you would like to join us one morning we have Family Collective worship on Monday September 24th at 9am with Rev Kathryn.

Thank you for all your support.  
Mrs Gallant

## DIARY DATES:

Tues 4 Sept 2018	School opened for Autumn Term
Mon 10 Sept	Airborne Gym Club starts after school.
Wed 12 Sept	Stoke City football AND Impactful Tennis after school clubs start.
Thurs 13 Sept	ROALD DAHL DAY Swimming starts for Years 3,4 and 5.
Thurs 20 Sept	Magic Maths after school club starts.
Mon 24 Sept	Family Collective Worship in the School Hall at 9am.
Fri 28 Sept	Academy Photographer in school for families, siblings and individual photographs.
Mon 15th Oct	Harvest service at Knightley Church at 2.15pm.
Mon 22 Oct	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Fri 26 Oct	Break for HALF TERM
Mon 5 Nov	School starts back after half term.

## 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**. We 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. Our regulations stipulate that we need a minimum of TWO emergency contacts held on record so if you are aware you only have one, we would be grateful if you could provide a second.

## 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.

Letters have been sent out 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 to the School Office. 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.

## BREAK SALES PRICES

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

Toast 25p   Crumpet 35p   Teacake 35p   Milk 25p  
Juice 40p   Milkshake 60p   Judes lollies 60p

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be coming into school on Friday 28th September to take individual, sibling and family photographs of the children.



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### 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—Wednesday afternoon  
Class 2—Swimming on a Thursday.  
Class 3—Monday afternoon—Year 5 Thursday swim

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 13th 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.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

The following after school clubs will run this autumn term:

Monday	-	Gymnastics
Tuesday	-	Basketball (letters out on Tuesday)
Wednesday	-	Football and Tennis
Thursday	-	Magic Maths

Most clubs will start again week commencing 10th September but Basketball and Magic Maths start the week after.

### PROGRESSIVE SPORTS

We are very excited to be working with a new sports provider this new school year—Progressive Sports. They will be organising the class PE lessons on Tuesdays and also providing an after school activity. This term's activity is basketball.

### 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 and have a look.

Our FOWA raised a whopping **£707** towards the end of last term through sale of ice-pops on Ice-Pop Friday, Sports Day and the Leavers Concert Pot of Gold. As always we are incredibly grateful for their support.

### ROALD DAHL DAY

On Thursday 13th September we are joining in the world wide celebrations for Roald Dahl Day. It will be a whole day dedicated to one of the world's greatest story tellers and there will be fun activities at school and the chance to dress up. We are encouraging the children to dress up as their favourite character if they so wish! It is not compulsory and they are able to wear their own clothes if they prefer.



### HARVEST SERVICE:

On Monday 15th October 2018 at 2.15pm the children will attend a special Harvest Service at Knightley 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. We will be collecting food items for the House of Bread the week before the Service. Please bring your items to the School Office.

### AUDIO BOOKS FOR RECEPTION CHILDREN

If you have any audio books (books with accompanying CD) at home that you no longer need then Reception's class teacher Mrs Hopkins would be very grateful to have them. They need to be age appropriate for 4–6 year olds. Many thanks.

### CLASS 3 RESIDENTIAL WEEK

Class 3 will again be able to spend a fun and active week at Standon Bowers next year. A letter will be coming out to inform parents of the date and all details. As with the previous year, parents will be able to make regular payments via their ParentPay account in order to spread the cost.