



Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a fun and relaxing holiday and that your children are excited about the return to school and their new classes.

We are very pleased to welcome Miss Armstrong to our team as Year 3 teacher. She has already worked with us in school so I am sure that she will settle in quickly and our whole school community will help her to feel at home. Mrs Mellor also begins her role as deputy head.

May I also take this opportunity to say hello to all of our new children and their families. Welcome to Woodhouse and we are delighted that you have chosen to join us. We are always happy to answer any questions you may have. Please contact your child's class teacher or Miss Adey in the office for administrative enquiries. I am also always happy to discuss any concerns or queries you may have.

As ever we have a busy term coming up and we look forward to working with you to help your children thrive. *Mrs O'Connor*

Well-Being at Woodhouse

A part of our commitment to health and well-being all children from R-Y6 will complete a 10 week yoga for children programme beginning next week. We have an experienced yoga teacher working with the children and I am sure they will really enjoy their sessions. Had a stressful day? Ask your child to show you their yoga moves!

Parking

Please can I remind all parents to park safely and with consideration for our neighbours. Cars should not be parked on the pavements by the main entrance and children should not be dropped on the zig-zag lines at either entrance. For new parents, Nursery Road usually operates as a voluntary one-way system using the junction closest to Broadway at the start and end of the day.

School Day

We have made some minor changes to the start and end of the school day. The gates to school will now be opened at 8:40 in the morning and 3:20pm (or after assembly has finished) in the afternoon. Please be aware that the playground is only supervised from 8:45am and parents should remain with their children until this time. If you wish your Y6 child to walk to school independently please complete the permission form available from the office.

Please Please Please!

Ensure that all of your child's uniform is named. Lost uniform causes anxiety for parents, pupils and teachers! Clearly named uniform can be easily and swiftly returned to its owner. (Don't forget shoes and trainers)

Parent's Meetings

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher and find out key information for the year on Wednesday 12th September for Year 1—Year 6. Sessions will last about 20 minutes and start at 3:35pm and 5:30pm. Please try to attend.



Holidays

Last year saw a significant increase in requests for holidays in term time and as a result the school's attendance is at its lowest for five years. Request for absence will only be approved in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absence from school for holidays will be referred to the local authority who are likely to issue a fixed-penalty notice. Before booking holidays please check the holiday list. Please be aware that the holiday pattern for next year is slightly unusual, particularly around Easter.

Communication

Sadly, due to technical issues we are unable to continue the class blogs. We are however looking into the best ways of informing you about your child's learning in school. Please look out for further information.

Autumn Dates

Wednesday 12th September Meet your child's new teacher — Years 1-6 - 3:45 or 5:30pm

Friday 28th September School closed for staff training

Friday 19th October Harvest Assembly at 2:00pm and school closes for half-term

Wednesday 7th November and Thursday 8th November
Parents Evenings 4pm—7pm