



Autumn Term 2019

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to the new school year. It has been lovely to see how much your children have grown over the summer and to hear about all of their fun experiences in the holidays. They are all settling well into their new classes.

May I also take this opportunity to say hello to all of our new children and their families. Welcome to Woodhouse! We are delighted that you have chosen to join us.

As ever, 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. I am usually on the playground in the morning and after school, or come to the office, appointments are not usually necessary and most issues can be resolved quickly if we work together.

The autumn term is already flying by and we have lots of plans for exciting learning opportunities. We look forward to working in partnership to ensure your children thrive in their primary school years.

Mrs O'Connor

New Building News

We are very excited about the arrival of our two new classrooms which should be ready by the end of October half-term. To ensure that we can have them in place swiftly we have worked with Trafford to design a modular build which is currently being assembled in Beverley! The old mobile classroom will be demolished next week and the ground prepared to receive the new building. The building will arrive in 4 sections on the 1st October. This means that there will be no parking on Laburnum Road or Nursery Road on that day. Trafford highways are writing to our neighbours to give them warning.

On the 1st October all children will need to enter school by the Woodhouse Road entrance, this includes children being dropped off at KidsMix.

We are working very hard to ensure that our new building arrives quickly and safely and that there is minimum disruption to the life of the school. However, we have had to make some adaptations. As you may be aware KidsMix is now operating from the main school building. Parents should use the car park side of the main school entrance to pick up and drop off. As there is going to be considerable additional usage of our school car park in the next few weeks please can I ask that **parents using KidsMix do not use the school car park**. This is to ensure safety whilst we have contractors on site.

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. This is particularly important during our building work.

Here are some photos of our new classrooms being built. We can't wait for them to arrive and know that a small amount of flexibility this half-term will be well worth it!



Parent's Meetings

Thanks to all who were able to attend parent's meetings this week. If you were unable to attend, your child's class teacher will be able to provide you with the information discussed.

Harvest

We know that there is going to be extra pressure on our classrooms, library and hall this half-term.



As a result we have decided that we will not be able to organise a Harvest performance this year. I know this is disappointing but we would hate to prepare and then have to cancel at the last minute. We will be having a food collection as usual and we will make sure that there are other occasions to see your children perform throughout the year. See diary dates for Christmas performances.

Music Lessons

This week we were very pleased to welcome tutors from Trafford Music Service who performed for us and taught us about the instruments they play. Your child should have brought a flyer home about musical tuition and you can find out more at: www.traffordmusicservice.co.uk We are very lucky to have this provision in our borough and it would be great to see more of our children learning to play an instrument.

PTA

A huge thanks to those who managed to attend the last PTA meeting before the holidays. It was fabulous to see so many parents willing to give their time to support our school and the future of the PTA now looks considerably healthier. The PTA have decided to alternate between day and evening meetings to allow as many parents as possible to attend. The next meeting is on Tuesday 17th September at 7pm at the Bent Brook.

Holidays

I am delighted to report that requests for holidays in term time dramatically reduced last year. Before booking holidays please check the holiday list carefully as unauthorised absence from school will be referred to the local authority who are likely to issue a fixed-penalty notice.

School will be closed for staff training days on the 27th September AND 15th November. The holiday dates for 2020/21 will be published as soon as possible after approval by our governors.

Please Please Please!

Can you 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, trainers, water bottles and lunch boxes too)

Aldi Stickers

This term Aldi are running a promotion for schools to win sports equipment. Please send any stickers into school and maybe ask your wider family and friends if they can help us too.

Year 6 Leaders

Last week our amazing Year 6 pupils gave persuasive speeches to their peers with the aim of being chosen as Head Boy and Girl. They really impressed Mrs Mellor, Mr Southern and I with their care for our school and its values and I know the children found it very difficult to choose who to vote for. After a very close vote Jack and Anna were elected head boy and girl and Alfie and Paige their deputies. Congratulations. As so many children made such brilliant speeches we decided that we needed to use their skills and so they were made prefects to help with tasks that help our school to run more smoothly. Well done!

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 17 th September	PTA Meeting at 7pm in the Bent Brook
Friday 27 th September	School Closed – INSET Day
Tuesday 1 st October	New School Building being delivered
Wednesday 9 th October	School Individual Photographs
Wednesday 9 th October	Yr 6 Peak District Meeting at 5:30pm
Friday 18 th October	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 28 th October	School Reopens at 08:55am
Tuesday 5 th November	Reception—Yr 5 Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 6 th November & Thursday 7 th November	Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
Thursday 7 th November	Year 6 Visit to Quarry Bank Mill
Friday 15 th November	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 18 th - Thursday 21 st November	Book Fair
Friday 22 nd November	Yr 1 Class Assembly at 2:45pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Reception visit to Waterside Theatre – Mr Popper's Penguin at 10:00am
Friday 6 th December	Yr 6 Visit to The Lowry
Tuesday 10 th December	Nursery Nativity Performance at 10:00am
Wednesday 11 th December	Whole School Christmas Singalong at 2:00pm
Thursday 12 th December	Whole School Christmas Singalong at 6:00pm
Tuesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	Nursery, Reception & KS1 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th December	Reception—Year 6 Pantomime - Aladdin
Friday 20 th December	School Closes at 1:30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January	School Reopens at 08:55am