



Autumn Term 2023

Dear parents and carers

We are coming to the end of our first half-term and are pleased with how well your children have settled into their new classes. Thanks to all of those who came to our Open Classrooms, I hope it was helpful to say hello to your child's new teacher and see their learning environment.

We are very pleased to introduce our new French language assistant Margaux Briche who is developing the children's French language skills across school.

School photographs are available to book online, please do this before Friday for free delivery.

Thanks to those of you who have asked about the wellbeing of Mr Stafford. After a long period of illness Mr Stafford has decided that the time is right to begin his very-well deserved retirement after 19 years at Woodhouse. We are having a small staff event to mark this milestone next week but would be very happy to pass on any well wishes you might like to send us.

School Sport

Our school football team has already been in action with some great results from their matches so far. We have also been so proud of their great sporting behaviour, living our school values outside of the building. The netball team will start the defense of their title next week. Good luck to all! Could I also express my huge thanks to the staff who give up their own time to run these clubs. For small schools it can be difficult to find enough staff able to commit to after school sport, but ours go above and beyond to ensure our children can play in local competitions.

Following on from the success of England's Women's football team in the World Cup we are engaging in the 'Let Girls Play' programme. On Monday, girls from year 3 and 4 will be able to attend a special training session after school at Flixton Girls school.

We have also been delighted to see the take up of our after school gymnastics clubs.

Coming up next term Year 4 will be attending a multiskills event and Year 3 are making great progress with their swimming.

We are always looking for ways to enhance our provision and have just booked fencing for the summer term!

Wrap Around Care

Thank you for your support for our school led wrap around care and the new procedures. Just a quick reminder to please book sessions a week in advance wherever possible to allow us to plan provision and staffing. Please can I also ask that parents do not park in the school car park before school as this is blocking access for staff to park and that you drive and park considerately and safely. If you are interested in before or after school care please contact Miss Adey in the office.

Bikes and Scooters - We are very pleased that so many children bike or scoot to school. However please can we ensure that once in the grounds vehicles are dismounted and pushed to ensure everyone's safety!

Lates - If you arrive to school after the whistle please can you bring your child to the office to ensure that that we know they have arrived and that their attendance is recorded accurately.

PTA - a huge thanks to the PTA for their excellent efforts to help raise funds for school. We would like to devote our latest fundraising to improving the outdoor spaces in school. We sent lots of bags of clothes this morning and raised £150.40 I can already see that many of you have already signed up to our Easy Fundraising page. If you haven't managed to do this yet the link is here <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/woodhouse-primary-school/> We will be sending more information about our 50/50 club soon.

Autumn Sing-a-long - We are very much looking forward to our Autumn Sing-a-Long next Friday at 2pm. Whilst we are absolutely delighted that so many of you want to support our events, please can we ask that we limit attendance to 2 people per family. Those that attended last year will know how busy the hall became.

The festive season will be fast upon us and I've included the dates for the majority of our Christmas events. We look forward to seeing you over the coming weeks. As ever, your support is greatly appreciated.

Mrs O'Connor and the Woodhouse Team

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Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

Monday 16th October	'Let Girls Play' Football for Year 3 and 4 girls Flixton GS 4pm
Friday 20th October	Autumn-Sing-A-Long 2pm School closes for Half-term
Monday 30th October	School re-opens
30th October—2nd November	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7th November	Y4 Multi-skills Stretford Leisure centre
Monday 13th November	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 15th November	Y6 Visit to Quarry Bank Mill
14th and 15th November	Parent's Evenings
Friday 17th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Evening 6-8pm
Friday 1st December	Own clothes day for Christmas Fair donations 4:00– 5:30pm PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 11th December	2:00pm Reception—Year 6 Christmas Performance (Christmas Jumpers)
Tuesday 12th December	10:30am Nursery Nativity
Wednesday 13th December	2:00pm and 6:00pm Reception—Year 6 Christmas Performance (Christmas Jumpers)
Thursday 14th December	Reception visit to the Lowry
Monday 18th December	Reception and KS1 Christmas Party
Tuesday 19th December	KS2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 20th December	Toy day and Christmas Jumpers School closes for Christmas holidays 1:30pm