

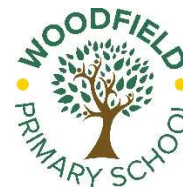


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Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A further half term whereby children have continued to please us with their remarkable hard-working attitudes and keenness and enthusiasm for learning. They are a credit to our school, and we thank you for your continuing support. It has been a busy 7 weeks and within this time, we have celebrated and participated in a number of events including Eid-ul-Fitr, Vaisakhi and educational visits to places of interest have taken place. There have also been opportunities for participation in coffee mornings, book and biscuit events, cake sales and curriculum workshops. For your support and attendance, we thank you and building upon the success of these events, we are looking forward to planning further curriculum workshops and events next school year.

Arts Week

An event we are looking forward to within school is our special and celebratory 'Arts Week', beginning Monday 17th June. During this special week, children will be studying the work of an artist, carefully selected by your children's class teachers. The artist's style and use of techniques such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture will be explored, and I am excited to see the children's creativity come to life. In addition to studying the selected artist and learning of their biographical life story, children will be either replicating artwork or creating their own interpretation of it.

The week will culminate in an invitation for you to visit school and to see and marvel at the range of artwork produced. This will take place on Friday 21st June; there will be timed slots throughout the day for you to tour our school's gallery, guided by the publication of children's biographical writing and explanation of their year group's chosen art and representation. We do look forward to welcoming you into school for this celebration. More information will follow after half term.

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 24th May 2024

If your child opted to wear their own clothes today, we thank you your voluntary donation. Previous cake sales have afforded Mrs Bayliss the opportunity to order new goal posts for our football team and lunchtime play and today's donations will enable us to replenish our lunchtime play equipment. THANK YOU.

Attendance Updates

Attendance across all schools is of paramount importance for children's learning and progress and we thank you if your child attends school every day.

In order to address poor attendance, the Government has issued new guidance entitled: 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance'. It details new strategies and expectations such as:



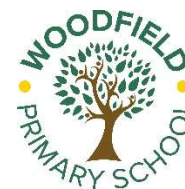


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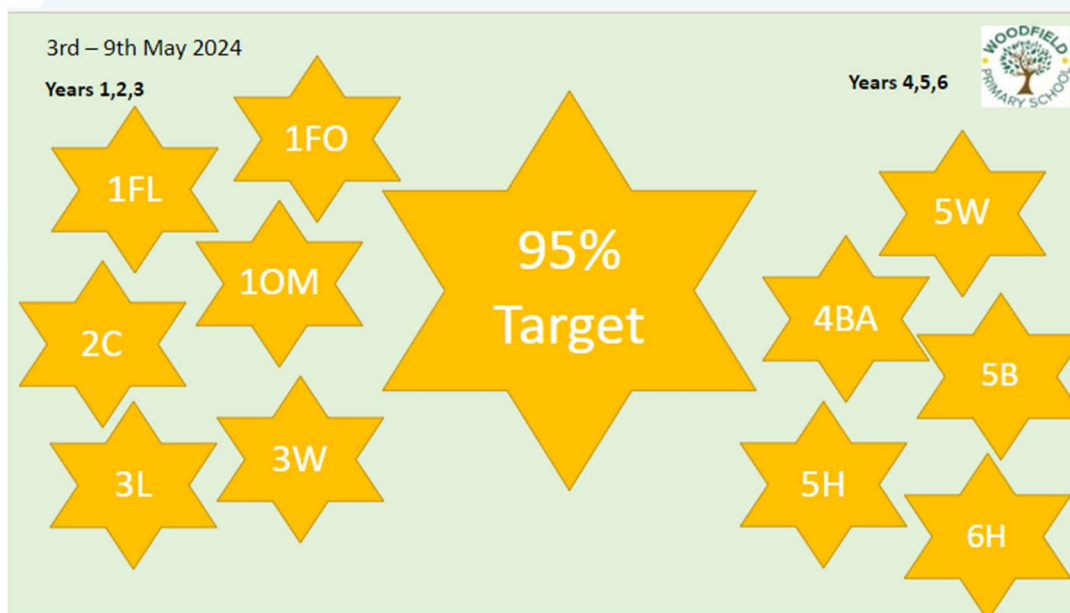


- Increasing absence fines from £60 to £80, or £160 if not paid within 21 days.
- Allowing only two fines to be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year period. Any second notice will automatically be charged at £160.
- Considering issuing fines if a pupil misses 10 sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. The threshold for a fine can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence. For example, four sessions in term time plus 6 instances of arriving late. The period of 10 weeks can also span 'different terms or school years'.
- Schools to be mindful of pupils absent from school due to mental or physical ill health. The guidance acknowledges that 'many children will experience normal but difficult emotions that make them nervous about attending school, such as worries about friendships, schoolwork, examinations or variable moods'. But it is 'important to note that these pupils are still expected to attend school regularly'. Doing so 'may serve to help with the underlying issue'.

I have recently attended Local Authority meetings and I have been advised that more information about the guidance will follow before the end of the school year, which I will share with you.

In the meantime, we continue to share our school's attendance within our celebration assemblies each week. It is a pleasure seeing the children's joy and excitement when seeing their class name and attendance on the star leader board.

This half term, the following classes have reached the percentage target and feature on our star leader board:



Supporting our meeting of the Government's 95% expectation, we welcome a new Attendance and Medical Officer to our Woodfield team: Mrs Nina Kalsi.



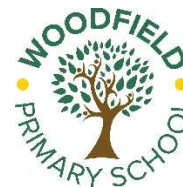


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Invacuation

Whilst practising our evacuation procedures each term to ensure a safe exiting of the building and orderly assembly at a safe, designated area, we will be undertaking a whole school invacuation next half term. As part our emergency procedures, an invacuation may occur and be required if there is a security risk on the school premises due to such things as the proximity of a dangerous dog on the premises or an attempted access to the building by an unauthorised person.

The invacuation will be carried out in a calm and non-concerning manner without causing undue worry for your child/ren. When the invacuation occurs, your child may come home and share the procedure with you and so I wanted to inform you of our plans before practising the procedure.

Recycling

Thank you to everyone who sends in plastic bottle tops to support our recycling efforts. We have collected an incredible number and we wish to continue collecting to support our recycling efforts. We will also collect batteries so do send your used batteries into the school's entrance area. Thank you.



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Public Health Agency have issued advice in an easy-to-read format for determining if children need to be kept off school. Can I please draw your attention to the information 'Diarrhoea and Vomiting'. It is only when both ailments are present that a child should remain at home. In instances of your child being sick, they do not need to be off school for 48 hours. Thank you.

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		





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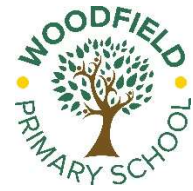
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Calendar Dates

To conclude, I have attached the remaining calendar dates for next half term. Can I please draw your attention to the dates of Year 1's statutory phonic screening checks and Year 4's multiplication times table checks and each year group's sport morning/ afternoon. We look forward to welcoming you to enthusiastically cheer your child in their sporting and physical endeavours.

On behalf of all staff, we wish you a relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Tuesday 4th June (school is closed on Monday 3rd June for staff training).

Yours sincerely

S Arnold
Executive Headteacher



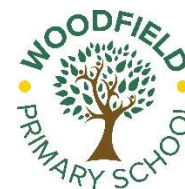


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Summer Term Calendar of Events 2024

Week	Date	Calendar Events
	WB: Mon 27th May	Half Term School closed Monday 27th – Friday 31st
1	WB: Mon 3rd Jun	Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check - all week 3 rd – INSET Day (School closed to children) 3 rd - 5 th Year 6 Residential visit to Conway Centre, Anglesey 5 th World Environmental Day 6 th Local Governing Board Meeting (4:30pm)
2	WB: Mon 10th Jun	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week 10 th Year 5 Black Country Museum visit 11 th Year 4 PSHE assembly led by School Nurses 12 th Year 4 Girls – School Nurse Talk 13 th Year 4 visit to Walsall Art Gallery 13 th Tag Rugby competition (3:30pm) 14 th Parent Coffee Morning - all welcome (9.45a.m.) 16 th Father's Day
3	WB: Mon 17th Jun	Woodfield Arts Week 17 th - 21 st June (a whole school themed-week celebrating the arts) Year 1 Phonics Screening Catch-up Window 18 th Year 3 and 4 Percussion Music Workshops 18 th Year 5 PSHE lesson with School Nurses 18 th Parent and Child Book and Biscuit event 3.20p.m. – all welcome (an opportunity for you to visit school to read with your child) 19 th Year 6 transition workshop 21 st World Music Day
4	WB: Mon 24th Jun	24 th - 26 th Year 2 Residential Visit: Frank Chapman Centre 25 th Year 6 PSHE lesson with School Nurses 26 th Nursery Sports Morning (10.00a.m.) and Afternoon (2.00p.m.) - Parents welcome 27 th Reception, Years 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon (1.30p.m.) - Parents welcome 28 th Years 3 & 4 Sports Morning (9.00a.m.) - Parents welcome 28 th Years 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon (1.30p.m.) - Parents welcome
5	WB: Mon 1st Jul	1 st – 5 th Reception to Year 5 Assessment Week 1 st – 5 th Year 6 Transition Week (TBC by respective Secondary Schools) 1 st – Year 1 Visit to Dudley Zoo
6	WB: Mon 8th Jul	11 th Year 3 Visit to Botanical Gardens, Birmingham 12 th Parent Coffee morning (9:45am) - all welcome to attend 12 th End of Year Reports – for sharing with parents and carers
7	WB: Mon 15th Jul	15 th Transition morning – an opportunity for children to meet their new teachers 15 th Year 1 Assembly 15 th Parents' Open Afternoon (an opportunity to visit school to meet informally with class teachers to look at your child's books, discuss your child's progress and to meet your child's new teacher) 17 th Year 6 Leaver's Performance (2pm) - parents welcome 18 th Year 6 Leaver's Performance (9am) - parents welcome 18 th Parent and Child Book and Biscuit event 2.00p.m. – all welcome (an opportunity for you to visit school to read with your child) 19 th School breaks up for Summer Holidays





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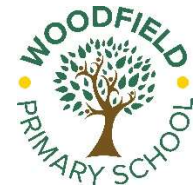
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8	WB: Mon 22nd Jul	22 nd INSET Day (School closed to children)
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