

NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th September 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy first full week in school for the children; they have settled well into their new learning environments with their class teachers and Teaching Assistants. As I have visited classrooms the children have been fully engaged in their lessons and the new topics that they are exploring.

Our new Reception children have started life at our school extremely well; their new teachers have settled them into school life and welcomed them into the Woodcock Hill way.

In July, our Governors met with our senior leadership team to set the strategic direction of the school for this academic year. Our priorities for the year ahead are set out in this newsletter.

Finally, this newsletter contains all the key dates, from our PTA, for the year ahead so please keep it safe.

With very best wishes

Mr Higgins

A Polite Reminder

I would like to respectfully remind all parents that smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere in the school grounds. This is a policy of Birmingham City Council for all of its sites including schools.

I would also respectfully ask you not to smoke or vape around the school entrance as children have complained to teachers about the smell of cigarette smoke and having to walk through it.

Birmingham City Council also prohibits dogs from school sites and they will issue a **£65 fixed penalty notice** to anyone who brings a dog onto our school site.



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DIARY

2nd October

Year Six Parent Workshop

9th October

Year One Parent Workshop

16th October

Parents' Evening

21st – 24th October

Harvest Food Collection

25th October

MacMillan Coffee Morning

28th October – 1st November

Half Term Week

4th November

Teacher Training Day

5th November

Autumn Term² starts for children

11th – 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week

13th November

Reception Parents' Workshop

15th November

Children in Need

What will Mr Higgins have to do this year?

22nd November

Bottle Donation Day for the
Christmas Fair

25th – 29th November

Arts' Week

27th November

Year Two Parent Workshop

PTA Events 2024 -25

Non Uniform Fridays

27th September
25th October
24th January
14th March
9th May
27th June

12th November

Toy and Book Sale

6th December

Christmas Craft Fair

3rd December

Refreshment sales at
KS1 Christmas Movie Night

4th December

Refreshment sales at
KS2 Christmas Movie Night

11th February

Valentines Disco

10th April

Refreshment sales at
KS1 Easter Bonnet Assembly

12th June

Summer Fair

3rd July

Refreshment sales at
Sports' Day and Family Picnic

11th July

Year Six Prom

Raffle Ticket Sales for hampers at
Autumn, Christmas,
Easter, and Summer

Mothers' Day Hamper Sales

Uniform Clothes Bank

The Copper Challenge!

Friends of Woodcock Hill Primary School

Our PTA organise a huge number of events throughout the school year as well as supporting families with a uniform swap shop. This invaluable work is undertaken by a small number of our parents. If you would like to get involved, please contact our PTA via the school office.

Vision, Ethos and Strategic Direction

In July, our Governors met with our senior leadership team to set the strategic direction of the school for this academic year ahead. They also reviewed and set our overall vision, values and ethos which we call The Woodcock Way!

Our priorities for the year ahead are:

Key Issue One: Further strengthen the schools' strategies of working with pupils and families, to identify and address barriers, in order to improve pupils' attendance and punctuality.

Key Issue Two: To further develop the quality of the schools' assessment procedures in order that the progress of all learners is accelerated.

Key Issue Three: Strengthen teaching and learning through improved curriculum provision especially in reading and mathematics.

Key Issue Four: Strengthen governance in order that the board provides confident leadership in ethos, clarity of vision and the strategic direction of the school.

The Woodcock Way

VISION

Woodcock Hill Primary School will create a happy and nurturing environment where ambitions are unlimited.

VALUES

We are
RESPECTFUL
AMBITIOUS
CREATIVE
INCLUSIVE
INDEPENDENT
and we
PERSEVERE.

MISSION

Together we
EDUCATE and
MOTIVATE
each other to
ACHIEVE,
regardless of
background, in a
modern, diverse
United Kingdom.

EXPECTATIONS

Here
Everyday
Ready,
On time and
Engaged to
Strive for Success.



Our School Values: *We are respectful, ambitious, creative, inclusive, independent and we persevere.*



Cash Pot for Schools from ASDA

If you have the ASDA rewards app, please nominate our school to receive additional donations whenever you shop. It does not take any money away from your own 'pot' but rather donates to our school in addition to the rewards you receive. It is a great way of supporting our school – **Thank you!**

Celebration Assembly

Today in our assembly we celebrated the achievements of:



Year One

Kaileb and Tia

Year Two

Mollie and Luciano

Year Three

Larna and Chloe

Year Four

Aidan and Lewis

Year Five

Elliott and Niamh

Year Six

Ryan^W and Taya-Loren

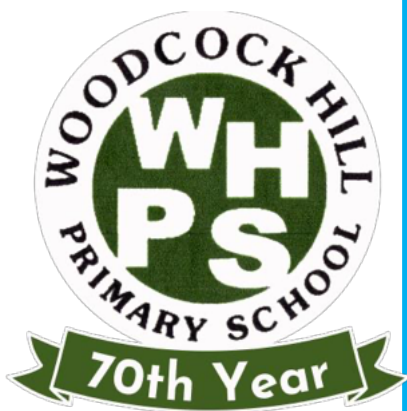
Important Information for Year Six Parents

Applications open on 1 September 2024 for secondary school places for entry in September 2025. **The closing date is 31 October 2024 at 11:59pm.**

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. **Applications received after the 31 October 2024 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 3 March 2025.**

Remember to list six different secondary schools. To make your online application go to:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Parking

Please be extremely considerate and courteous to one another and to our school neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children. I have, unfortunately, received complaints beginning with, "parents from your school...". We ask that all our school community follow our school values one of which is, **"we are respectful."**

Any vehicles seen parking across the school entrance to drop off or collect children will be reported via the school's community support officer at West Midlands Police.

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