

WOODLAND NEWS - September

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Dear friends and families,

A warm welcome back to the start of the new school year! It has been lovely seeing the children's smiling faces back in the building today.

A special welcome to our new starters in EYFS and across the school. We are very pleased that you have chosen to join us.

The staff have lots of great learning activities planned for the coming year which I know the children will really enjoy.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Our new class names

This year, we have named each class after a woodland animal. Children will complete some beautiful artwork to represent their class animal for a new display around school.

Our class animals are:

- FS1 Caterpillars
- FS2 Butterflies
- Year 1 Hedgehogs
- Year 2 Squirrels
- Year 3 Otters
- Year 4 Foxes
- Year 5 Bees
- Year 6 Owls



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 4 th September	Children return to school
Monday 9 th September	Welcome meetings for Y5 & 6
Tuesday 10 th September	Welcome meetings for EYFS
Wednesday 11 th September	Welcome meetings for Y3 & 4
Thursday 12 th September	Welcome meetings for Y1 & 2
Friday 13 th September	Parents' Coffee Morning
Wednesday 23 rd October	EYFS & KS1 Halloween Disco
Thursday 24 th October	KS2 Halloween Disco
Friday 25 th October	Break up for half term holiday
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school

Term dates for this school year and the next can be found on our school website: woodlandprimary.org.uk

School Uniform

The children looked very smart in their school uniforms today! Please do keep up this high standard of presentation as the year progresses, as we believe that wearing a school uniform helps to give children a sense of belonging and promotes equality amongst all.

If anyone has any unwanted items of school uniform that their child has outgrown, we are always happy to accept donations at the school office. We can then pass them on to anyone in need.

Welcome Meetings

We are holding a series of short meetings for parents to come along to meet their child's new class teacher and find out more about what the year ahead holds in your child's class. All meetings will be held at 2.45pm on the days specified in the 'dates for your diary' table.

Attendance

You may remember from my letter towards the end of last term that the government's drive to improve school attendance continues. Although our attendance last year was almost in line with national averages, we are keen to make it even better this year.

Regular attendance at school dramatically improves the life chances of children and young people and plays a vital role in raising educational attainment and tackling under achievement. Children who have good attendance tend to be the ones who make the most progress in school.

We have lots of rewards and incentives to promote good attendance both at class and individual levels including extra playtime, non-uniform days, certificates and prizes.

Please support your child's attendance by making sure they come to school every day. If you think your child may be too ill to attend school, then please call the school office for advice as soon after 8am as possible. Children may still attend school with many childhood ailments such as coughs and colds.



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