



WOODFIELD ACADEMY

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A note from the Headteacher...

Many thanks to parents for attending our parents' evenings put on during this fortnight. It was great to see you and for class teachers and form tutors to be able to update you on the 'settling in' period at the start of a new academic year. It was lovely to see lots of smiles from parents and pupils on the way out! I hope that the feedback was reflective of the diligence our pupils have been exhibiting so far this year.

A real highlight of this half term has been the overwhelmingly positive response to the new Behaviour Policy. This seems to be working out extremely well and pupils are keen to earn positive points and the kudos and rewards that are associated with them. It was great for Mrs Instan to be able to take the 'top earners' to Imagination Street yesterday and a great time was had by all.

As many of you are aware, building commences on our new artificial pitch over half term and so our fields and Key Stage 3 gate are completely out-of-bounds to all of us. Please can I ask that parents pay heed to the additional information provided regarding parking, and also entry and exit arrangements for the pupils at the start and end of the school day.

Sponsor Afternoon takes place today and it is a lovely way to end a busy half-term, with children participating in a wide range of fund-raising activities across the academy. This brings us to the start of a well-earned break and I wish everyone an enjoyable half-term.

S Bond

A statement from the Governors

It has come to our attention that there have been some negative comments about our school and staff on social media regarding bullying.

The safeguarding of our children is of the utmost importance. All allegations of bullying are taken seriously and we operate a zero tolerance policy towards bullying.

If any parent/carer has any concerns regarding the safety of their child, then please contact the school directly for an appointment with a member of our senior leadership team.

The governors fully support Mr Bond and all staff at Woodfield and thank them for their continued commitment. We encourage our parents new and existing to raise any concerns directly and read our recent Ofsted report that supports the changes we have made and will continue to make to ensure our children learn to be the best they can be in a happy, successful, safe environment.

Ofsted March 2017 – "Safeguarding is effective.

You have ensured that all safeguarding arrangements are secure and thorough. Your recruitment procedures are effective and meet statutory guidance. You make sure that staff are aware of their duties and know what might indicate a pupil is at risk of harm. Staff say they understand what to do if they have concerns about safeguarding and to whom they should refer disclosures. You work well with other agencies to keep pupils safe, communicating regularly and efficiently. Pupils say they know how to keep themselves safe and how to help others stay safe. You have created a culture where safeguarding is a top priority for staff and pupils." "Improving learning and pupils' welfare are obvious priorities for the school."

For further information

<http://www.woodfield.worcs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Behaviour-Policy-Jul-2017-1.pdf>

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/becybersmart>

www.bullying.co.uk

We would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Attendance

Attendance is very important to ensure pupils reach their full potential and is something that Woodfield monitors very closely.

Attendance for the week 09/10/17 - 13/10/17

Year 5 - 95.7% Year 6 - 92.7%

Year 7 - 93.9% Year 8 - 94.2%

Whole School - 94.0%

Whole School Target - 93.3%

Congratulations to 8BW who achieved 99.5% the highest attendance this week.

Positives

Top performing classes:

5DD-881 positives

6JB-809 positives

7LD-638 positives

8DA-620 positives

Year 5 have just pipped Year 6 to the post by one point-year 5 have 2961 positive points and are the top scoring Year group. Over 11,000 positives were awarded last week.



Important Dates

23rd-27th Oct Half Term

31st Oct Halloween Disco

10th Nov Y6 Trip to The Black Country Museum

24th Nov Y5 Trip to The Space Centre

24th Nov Friends of Woodfield Bingo

8th Dec Christmas Fayre

11th-14th Dec Y7 Trip to Malvern

14-15th Dec Panto 'Cinderella'



Save the Date

Halloween Disco (whole school)

Tuesday 31st October, 4:00-5:30pm

Prizes for the best costumes

Bingo Night

Friday 24th November, 7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Christmas Fayre and Barclays Community Event

Friday 8th December

Panto

Thursday and Friday 14th and 15th December, 6:30-9:00pm



School Ties

School ties will be on sale in school after half term for £4.

Football

The Year 8 football team made it to the semi-finals but were beat 4-0 by Ipsley. Year 7 boys made it to the semi-finals against Walkwood, who eventually won the competition.

Black Country Museum

A reminder that the payment of £17 for the Black Country Museum is due Friday 3rd november 2017. Please make your payment on ParentPay. Thank you.

Mars Lander

Pupils have had the opportunity to add their names to the next Mars lander. The lander will be launching in May 2018 and will carrying a plaque with peoples names engraved onto it. Our pupils have added their names to the other 840,000 people so will soon have their names among the stars! If people at home would like to do the same they can visit the NASA website before November 1st 2017.

Construction of our new 3G Artificial Turf Pitch

Start Date: Monday 23rd October

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to announce the start of our new building project: the 3G Artificial Turf Pitch that will be situated on part of our playing fields. Work commences on Monday 23rd October and, due to health and safety and the size of the project, the whole of our fields are being given over to the contractors.

As a result of this, the Key Stage 3 gates at the far end of the academy site will be locked and access will be denied to everyone, other than contractors. These gates will become the main access to the site for the building contractors and will be under their control.

There will be multiple deliveries to the site via these gates. We therefore ask parents to refrain from parking in the blocked out areas on the map above, so that lorries are able to turn and gain access. There will be lorries arriving and leaving regularly and they will need room to manoeuvre, plus you will obviously want to protect your own vehicles.

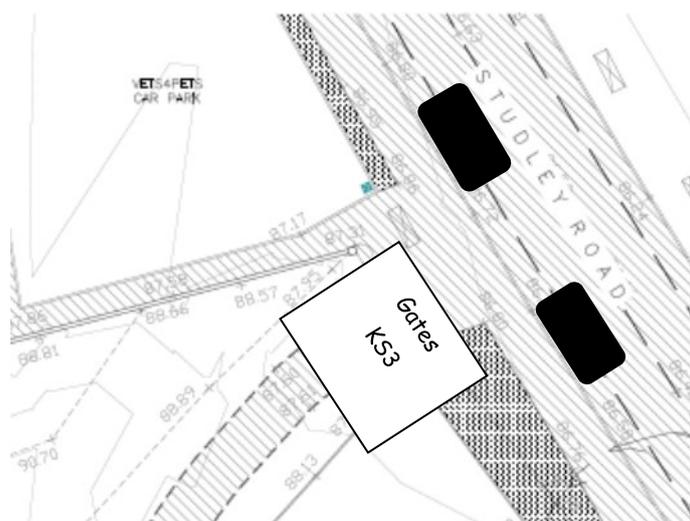
After half-term, children in Years 6, 7 and 8 will arrive in the morning and leave in the afternoon via the Key Stage 2 entrance. Year 5 pupils will arrive and depart via the academy hall near to the front entrance. There will be staff on duty in these areas, as per the norm. Year 5 pupils will be required to line up in the Design Technology quad (outside, behind reception) at the start of each day, instead of on the Key Stage 2 playground. We understand that these are significant changes, but we want to try to make our children feel as safe as possible.

One final note is that the school fields will be completely out-of-bounds. Anything beyond our internal school fence will be a building site. Pupils will not be permitted to retrieve balls, should they be kicked over the fence, nor will staff be able to collect them. We ask that pupils and parents are mindful of this.

We appreciate that this is going to cause some inconvenience to all, but it is 'short term pain for a long term gain'. Please bear with us and we hope to provide regular updates on the progress of the build, via our newsletter and website.

Yours sincerely

Mr. S. Bond
Headteacher



Author Michael Grant Event

We were fortunate to be able to take a group of Year 8 pupils to King's School Worcester this week to meet and listen to visiting American author Michael Grant, "the evil genius of Young Adult fiction".

He entertained a packed audience of youngsters from all over Worcestershire with anecdotes of a misspent youth before a series of superhero books and TV series encouraged him to take up writing.

His popular "Gone" series of books are available to borrow from our library, but expect a waiting list!

<http://www.michaelgrantbooks.co.uk/>

