

## A note from the Head's...

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K. Harney

### Computer-less!

Life in school has been technology free for a few days due to major server repairs but computers are up and running and normal service has resumed. We would like to say a big thank you to all pupils and staff for their patience especially in ICT lessons without ICT! The whole episode has made us think about our reliance, especially where research is concerned....so we are thinking about having computer-less days from time to time! Maybe dust off the encyclopaedias!!



### Coffee Morning

It was lovely to see so many of you last week. Thank you to all those that came, it was lovely to meet you and show you around school. The morning was a huge success and we received some lovely comments about school, with quite a few saying how proud and pleased you are that your child attends Woodfield. That in turn makes us proud. Thank you.



### Privacy Notices

Year 5 pupils and any new pupil to Woodfield have received a privacy notice to take home. These need to be signed and returned to school as soon as possible please. A reminder to all other parents that the privacy notices can be viewed on our school website.



### Celebration Assemblies

We would like to remind parents and carers that you are welcome to attend our celebration assemblies. These are held every fortnight at 8.50am in the school hall.

Here are the dates of the next few assemblies:

KS2	Tuesday 8th October
	Tuesday 22nd October
KS3	Thursday 10th October
	Thursday 24th October

# Strike Action

As you are aware the national strike action by two of the biggest teaching unions takes place on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

This action is not against Woodfield itself but part of the national action organised by the unions.

After carrying out a risk assessment we are able to operate 80% of our lessons on the day of the strike action and therefore we have decided upon a **partial closure**. This means that certain classes will be instructed to stay at home and some groups will arrive later or leave earlier. All pupils affected have received a letter with individual instructions, otherwise it is school as normal.

### Free School Meals

The Government is giving money to all schools to help pupils from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called 'Pupil Premium'. We now receive this additional funding for each pupil on our roll registered as eligible for free school meals (FSM).

We therefore strongly encourage eligible parents/carers to apply for this status. No one will know who has registered and it will not affect any other benefits being claimed.

If you require further information please contact the school office on 01527 527081.

## Attendance

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

### Attendance for the week beginning 8th July

Year 5 - 96.5%      Year 6 - 96.2%

Year 7 - 92.4%      Year 8 - 94.5%

Whole School - 94.9%

Whole School Target - 94.2%



Congratulations to 5WT who achieved 98.3%, the highest attendance this week.

## REMINDER...

As part of their essential kit, all children should be bringing a reading book to school, to read at the beginning of some lessons, and during registration times.



During their English lessons all children will be given the chance to visit the school library – Key Stage 2 weekly, and Key Stage 3 fortnightly – but this may not have happened yet, and may take a while.

Reading is a golden ticket to another world – and one that we'd like **all** of our children to explore.

## Parents' Evenings

Letters will soon be sent home for our upcoming parents' evenings.

These will be held on:

Tuesday 22nd October - 4pm until 7pm  
and

Monday 4th November - 1pm until 4pm

## Orders for Photographs

If you wish to order copies of your child's school photograph please return the envelope to school by **Friday 4th October**.

Photographers will be contacted on this date to collect all orders from school.

Thank you

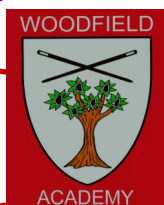


## Open Evenings in Redditch



Monday 30th September  
6:00pm until 8.30pm

Monday 7th October  
5:00pm until 7:00pm



## Uniform and Lost Property

Please remember to label all items of your child's school uniform as it makes it easier for us to return it to the correct pupil should it need to be.

Thank you.

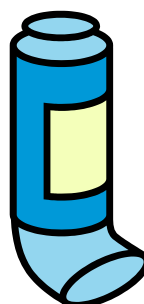
## High School Applications

I would like to remind parents of all Year 8 pupils that applications for High School need to be in by **31st October** and no later.

These can be sent by post or completed online.

Thank you

Miss Anslow



## Inhalers

If your child uses an asthma inhaler please ensure that they have one in school which is labelled with their name.

Thank you.



## Used Postage Stamps

Used postage stamps are still being collected for Leukaemia Research.

They are sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital where many children with leukaemia go for treatment.

Your help is appreciated.

## Important Dates

24th October	End of Term
25th October	TED Day
4th November	TED Day
5th November	Return to School