



A note from the Headteacher...

I was very proud of our academy during Monday's Open Evening, of the pupils who supported us and the staff who helped to prepare and show off our wonderful school. We had a lot of positive feedback from prospective parents, who were not only impressed with our facilities, but could not praise our pupils highly enough. Whether they were a prefect providing a tour, or assisting in classrooms, parents commented on how polite and friendly the children were and that they were a credit to the academy. It was a wonderful evening, but, please, if you have friends of children who may have missed the event, or would like to view the academy in action, please let them know that they are welcome to book a tour with us at any time!

Please also do not forget our **Parent Evenings on 15th and 24th October**, which will provide you with an opportunity to find out how your children are settling into the new academic year. We look forward to meeting you then.

S Bond

Attendance

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

Attendance for the week 24/09/18 - 28/09/18

Year 5 - 95.1% Year 6 -94.0%
Year 7 - 92.9% Year 8 -94.3%
Whole School – 94.1%
Whole School Target - 95%

Congratulations to 5HD who achieved 97.8% the highest attendance last week and won a Freddo on Friday.

Positives

An amazing 10,168 Positives were awarded last week with Year 7 being the top performing year group with 3,182 positives.

Top form groups:
5CB – 714 Positives
6CP – 533 Positives
7SS – 839 Positives
8JO – 574 Positives

Important Dates

October 2018

8th Oct: Yr.5 Flu Vaccinations
15th Oct: Parent meetings with form tutors (School Hall) 4pm
17th Oct: Tea & Teach (Barclays) School Hall 3.15pm
24th Oct: Parent meetings with form tutors (School Hall) 5pm
29th Oct-2nd Nov – Autumn Half Term



November 2018

- 5th Nov:** Teacher Training Day
- 6th Nov:** Back to School
- 9th Nov:** Yr.5 trip to the National Space Centre
- 14th Nov:** Yr.8 trip to The Houses of Parliament
- 16th Nov:** Children in Need, Non School Uniform (£1)
- 23rd Nov:** Bingo Night 7pm, school hall
- 28th Nov:** Yr.6 trip to Black Country Museum

December 2018

- 6th Dec:** Tea & Teach (Barclays) School Hall 3.15pm
- 7th Dec:** Yr.7 trip to Sea Life Centre
- 12th Dec:** Ice Skating reward trip
- 14th Dec:** Christmas Fair, School Hall 2pm
- 17th-20th Dec:** Yr.7 Malvern Residential Trip
- 21st Dec:** Autumn Term ends
- 24th Dec – 7th Jan 2019:** Holiday

No Drop Offs!



This is a further request that parents in cars **do not use the school drive to drop-off and pick-up pupils.** We have had a number of near-misses on the drive and on the main road, our emergency services access has been blocked and there has been damage caused to parked cars. We request once again: **please park on the roadside** and allow your children to walk the last few metres into the building.

Detentions

Regular two weekly detentions are held on Friday lunchtimes where pupils are consistently late. Pupils are advised in advance and we expect them to attend on time.

Knitting Club

If you have any spare wool or knitting needles that you no longer need or use, please could you send them into school as we would be very grateful to use them in our knitting club. Thank you.

Football



Last Tuesday 25th September we had a football match against St Bedes, we drew 4-4, congratulations to Kelsey, Alfie, Noah and Leighton for scoring the goals.

Year 8's had a match against Birchensale on Wednesday 26th September and won 2-1, congratulations to Liam and Jack for scoring the goals.

Year 8 Trip to

Germany

A reminder to parents/carers that the deposit of £60 is due by Monday 22nd October 2018.

Lunchtime and

Afterschool Clubs

Please remind your child of lunchtime and afterschool clubs, they can check the televisions around the school for any news or updates.

Road Safety

Some pupils were seen yesterday afternoon going up the embankment near school and attempting to cross the highway. This is extremely unsafe behavior, please remind your children about road safety. Thank you.



3G Pitch

It has been noted that some pupils don't not have the appropriate footwear for the new 3G pitch. Attached are photos as guidance. If you need help, please speak to a member of the PE Team. No metal studs, blades or flat trainers will be allowed on the pitch. Thank you for your co-operation.

Studs (Moulded)	Plastic Studs - Screw-in Less than 15mm	Astro Turf Trainers	Blades or boots with metal or metal tipped studs	Flat soled e.g. trainers etc
YES ✓	YES ✓	YES ✓	NO X	NO X
		 Dimpled e.g. Specialist hockey shoes		
		NO X		
Please make sure your boots are clean before going onto the pitch. Anyone with inappropriate / Muddy footwear will be asked to leave the pitch as it damages the playing surface. Thank you.				

Friends of Woodfield

HELP needed!!! Do you want to make the school a better place for your children? We currently do not have a “**Friends of Woodfield**” and feel this is a real shame for our pupils. As a school, staff try to run events such as sponsor afternoon but we need help to do even more! Are you able to spare an hour or 2 every half term? Or even every term? Could you come up with ideas for exciting and fun events? We would love for you to be involved – in fact we want as many parents/carers/grandparents involved as possible!

Please pop along to an informal meeting on Thursday 18th October at 4pm at Woodfield Academy. There will be coffee, tea and maybe even a cake on offer. If you can't make it, just email and we will send you any info.

Let's make the school great!

C Instan – Deputy Head



#Hello Yellow

10th October

Local school says #HelloYellow on World Mental Health Day

Woodfield Academy is taking part in #HelloYellow on World Mental Health Day (10th October) to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

Pupils will wear something yellow and share mental health messages to spread the word that, whatever you're going through, you can talk to someone if you're struggling to cope. They will also raise vital funds for YoungMinds, the children and young people's mental health charity, which has organised the event.

Mental Health is important to our school, which is why we are taking part. Jade Zerkowicz, Community Fundraising Manager for YoungMinds, said: "We know that young people face a huge range of pressures, including exam stress, bullying and concerns about body image. When these pressures become overwhelming, it can be an incredibly isolating experience, and the smallest gesture of support can make a huge difference.

"By wearing a yellow accessory, thousands of children and teachers across the country are showing their support. We're extremely grateful to everyone who's taking part."

To find out more about #HelloYellow or to make a donation, go to

www.youngminds.org.uk

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For further information and pictures please contact press@youngminds.org.uk or call 0203 861 2072.

YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people.

