



A note from the Headteacher...

Many thanks to those parents of Year 6 pupils, who braved the cold on Wednesday to find out more about preparations for the forthcoming SAT examinations in May. We hope you found the evening informative. It is always encouraging to meet and speak with you on such matters; we all want the very best outcomes for your children and your support is most welcome! As promised, the information from the evening will be supplied to all Year 6 parents, as will ordering details for the various revision guides.

Thank you also to parents who supported the wonderful Arts Evening last night. This was a lovely, informal affair, the direction of which was largely guided by the pupils themselves and the feedback from staff and parents has been overwhelmingly positive. Thank you also to Miss Davies, Miss Philpotts, Mrs Dowling and Miss Williams for supporting pupils in presenting material from all areas of the Arts!

Please do not forget our **Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 6th and Monday 11th February**, when you will have the opportunity to speak to subject teachers about your children's progress. Bookings are filling up fast!

Finally, good luck to Year 5 pupils, who will be embarking on their first residential next week! Enjoy yourselves!

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 21/01/19 – 25/01/19

Year 5 – 94.7% Year 6 – 94.2%

Year 7 – 92.5% Year 8 – 92.6%

Year to date whole School – 93.5%

Whole School Target – 95%

Congratulations to 8JB who achieved 96.3% the highest attendance last week and won a Freddo on Friday.

Positives

Just over 10,500 Positives were awarded this week with Year 5 being the top performing year group with 3,173 Positives.

Top performing groups:

5EK – 872 Positives

6SB – 622 Positives

7DD – 735 Positives

8JO – 511 Positives

PUPIL ABSENCE

Please let us know by ParentMail, e-mail or voicemail if your child is absent from school. A note for absence upon return to school is REQUIRED. A reason in your child's planner is acceptable.

When contacting the school to leave a message on the pupil absence line please ensure you speak clearly, and the message should include your name, pupil's name, class and the reason for their absence. Thank you.



KS3 Playground

Please note that in adverse weather conditions, the KS3 playground is not to be used. Pupils in KS3 should use the KS2 bottom playground. Thank you.

School Uniform

A reminder to parents that pupils should not be wearing nose or eyebrow piercings to school, our policy states to wear no more than a watch and one pair of stud earrings.

Important Dates

February 2019

- 4th-6th Feb** – Yr.5 Manor Adventure
- 6th Feb** – Parent Meetings with subject teachers 4pm-7pm Hall
- 10th Feb** – Yr. 7 & 8 trip to Sky Dome Arena, Coventry
- 11th Feb** – Parent Meetings with subject teachers 5pm-8pm Hall
- 13th Feb** – KS3 Chef of the year
- 14th Feb** – Yr.7 Careers/finance Day
- 18th-22nd Feb** – Spring Half Term
- 25th Feb** – Back to school
- 26th Feb** – Author Event at Kings School, Worcester
- 27th Feb** – Yr.6 NCMP (height and weight measuring)

March 2019

- 4th-8th Mar** – Yr.5 & Yr.7 Assessment Week
- 12th Mar** – KS2 Author Visit – Tom Palmer
- 13th Mar** – Yr.8 trip to Worcestershire Skills Show, Chateau Impney
- 14th Mar** – Science Fair
- 15th Mar** – Yr.8 trip to NEC, Big Bang
- 15th Mar** – Red Nose Day – Non-uniform day £1

- 15th Mar** – JASS Silver Activity Day
- 18th-21st** – Yr.6 Mock SATS week
- 22nd Mar** – JASS Silver Activity Day
- 26th Mar** – Yr. 5 & 6 trip to Buzzy Bee Challenge, Worcester
- 28th Mar** – Grease performance 7pm
- 29th Mar** – JASS Silver Activity Day
- 29th Mar** – Grease performance 7pm
- 30th Mar** – Grease performance 3pm

Job Vacancy

Lunchtime Supervisor

- 8.33 hours per week (Monday to Friday – 11:45am to 1:25pm, Term Time Only)
- £3,075 per year
 - To start as soon as possible
 - Location: Woodfield Academy, Redditch
 - Contract type: Part Time (Term Time Only)
 - Contract term: Permanent
 - Applications close at noon, Friday 8 February 2019
 - To request an application form please ask at Reception, call 01527 527081 or email recruitment@woodfield.worcs.sch.uk (No CV's will be accepted).

No Drop Offs!

This is a further request that parents/carers 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. **Online**





Payments for School meals and trips

PARENTPAY

The school will be ending its contract with ParentPay on 31st March 2019. Parents will need to withdraw any credit balances held on their ParentPay Parent Account if they do not have any other children with accounts at other schools by 31st March 2019.

PARENTMAIL – SCHOOL MEALS/TRIPS/TIES etc

The school will be switching to ParentMail for the online payment of school meals during the half term holiday. As from 25th February parents will need to pay for school meals via ParentMail. All future trips and payments will also be made via ParentMail.

Holocaust Memorial Day Event

Last Friday 25th January, Woodfield Academy welcomed a guest speaker to our annual Holocaust Remembrance Assembly. With this year's HMD theme is 'Torn Away from Home', Mrs Parry introduced Ahmad Nawaz, an 18 year old young man from Pakistan, who in 2014 was the victim of a Taliban terrorist attack on his school in Peshawar, Pakistan. This attack killed 141 pupils and teachers, amongst them Ahmad's younger brother, Haris.

Having been flown to the UK for treatment to his wounds, Ahmad has begun visiting schools and colleges to spread his message that we can challenge extremism with education, not violence, to create a more peaceful world. His work has become so important, that he has recently received both a Point of Light Award, and an Honorary Citizen's medal, which he allowed Mrs Parry to show to the pupils.

Mrs Parry said, 'It is very important that pupils meet inspirational people like Ahmad, who has overcome adversity and turned it into a positive force for change.' The event was sound recorded by Radio 5 Live for future broadcast, and six lucky students were filmed being interviewed by Ahmad for the BBC.

We will let everybody know when these clips will be broadcast!!



Arts Evening

Thank you to parents, carers and family who were able to attend the Arts Evening on Thursday 31st January. This is the first time Woodfield has hosted this evening, which saw an array of performances from Drama, Music and Dance club. A group of year 8 pupils also had the opportunity to showcase a variety of artwork.

A huge congratulations to all pupils involved; it is always a pleasure to work with pupils who are so dedicated and passionate for the arts.

Many thanks,

Miss L Davies



Science Fair Project

Before Christmas, pupils in all years were given a Science Fair project to do. The chosen theme was Journeys. The project needed to include information to scientific questions and answers and showing some research and a practical element. They were asked to present their work either as a model, 2D or 3D poster. Some ideas were:

- Does water travel up some plants faster than others?
- Can you teach worms to complete a simple maze?
- How does a plastic bag get to the ocean?
- How can we reduce pollution?

Posters were then judged on creativity, how well it fit the theme and how well the poster was made or drawn.

The deadline was Friday 25th January and we received some amazing projects. Pupils worked so hard, we received projects on how a rainbow is formed, Charles Darwin's journey to the Galapagos Islands, does water travel up some plants faster than others?, what is the water cycle?, a salmon's journey; just to name a few.

We would like to thank all pupils in taking part in this project, it has been hard in choosing which ones are to be entered into our Science Fair.

