



Newsletter 1

Friday 1st September 2023

We hope that you had an enjoyable summer holiday. We know, from emails and telephone calls, following on from a successful and enjoyable 'Bump Up Day', that you and your children are looking forward to a new School Year.

Please find below a reminder of some of our School procedures, to provide clarity for everyone of the key things to remember for the start of a new academic year.

As ever, if there is anything that we need to know, or anything about which we can provide reassurance or clarity, please don't hesitate to get into contact by using the details at the top of this letter.

Start of Term

We look forward to welcoming you back to School on **Monday 4th September (Oaktree Nursery & Reception/EYFS2 children start on Tuesday 5th September)**. As usual **classroom doors will open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am**. When children are dropped off at School, they should go straight into class. This provides a calm start to the day, and avoids any gathering of groups. There are always adults on the Playground, and adults by the classroom doors, so if you have a message to pass onto the teachers, please let one of them know.

Pick Up

Pick up will be at 3.00pm, using the same doors as drop off. Please try to be prompt to collect your child(ren). If you are picking up more than one child, please collect the youngest sibling first, whilst your other child/ren waits with their class teacher/s.

If you are running late, your child/ren will be taken to the Office. When you arrive, please go directly to the Office.

Playground Equipment / Safety – Bike / Scooter Safety

Also a reminder that children (and pre-school children) should not be on or using any of the school playground equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. In addition to this children should not be riding on bikes or scooters when on the school playground. Please can you remind your child to dismount and then walk their bike/scooter in safely into school. **We would also ask that you make sure that your child/ren do not bring in their own balls or any other outdoor equipment to use during playtimes.**

Walking home Independently Year 5 and Year 6:

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 you should send an email to the school Office address (admin@woodlands.wilts.sch.uk) with the title "**Walking Home Permission**" along with your child's name, Year Group and Class in the subject line.

Within the email you should state:

- that you give your permission for your child to Walk or Cycle home at the end of the day;
- which days you give your permission for your child to Walk or Cycle home at the end of the day;
- whether they are to travel alone or with other children.

Please note this is an annual update, so for Year 6 children even if you gave permission last year you will need to do so again for the new school year.

Mobile Phones:

Those children that do walk home independently are permitted to bring a mobile phone into school which they can use on their journey to and from school. Children hand their phones into their Class Teacher. There are no circumstances where it is acceptable for a child to have their mobile phone with them during the school Day.

The children must switch their phones off on arrival at the school gate and they can be switched back on again once they have left the school premises at the end of the day.





Being picked up by other adults:

To allow your child to be picked up by an adult other than one with parental responsibility, (including when they might be having a playdate) you should send an email to the school Office address with 'Going Home' in the subject box. Within the email you should state:

- that you give your permission for your child to be collected at the end of the day;
- the names and contact details of the adults to whom you are permitting the school to release your child/ren to at the end of the day;
- which days you give your permission for your child to be collected at the end of the day.

Uniform:

It is important that all children wear the correct school uniform, and they should wear their school uniform with pride – it is part of our identity as a school, and children should be encouraged to be proud of themselves and their school at all times. We have high expectations of how children present themselves and we will be ensuring in September that the children wear the correct uniform.

The Woodlands Primary School PE hoodie should be worn on PE days. New pupils will be given a voucher to enable you to buy a new PE hoodie.

Boys: Grey trousers or shorts, white shirt/blouse/polo shirt, school sweatshirt/cardigan, grey socks, black shoes.

Girls: Grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers, white blouse/polo shirt, school sweatshirt/cardigan, grey or black tights, black shoes. Blue gingham summer dress

Plain black shoes or plain black sandals with heel straps. High heel shoes, boots and shoes above ankle height are not permitted.



PE T-SHIRTS (one of 4 house colours – no logo) - not needed until Y1 and above. For Acorn class (YR) please provide any colour or design of t-shirt. Please ensure shorts/leggings/joggers are black or blue.

Just to remind you that **school uniform can be bought from Kids Klobber** on Endless Street in the town centre. They stock embroidered jumpers and polo shirts, embroidered cardigans, PE t-shirts, trousers, skirts, pinafores, shorts and summer gingham dresses. They even sell socks and shoes! We have today spoken to Kids Klobber and they are having a 2 family entry only into the shop at present. If you wish to check they have the right size in stock before you head down there please call Tracey on 01722 321200.

Can I remind all parents that **children should not come to school wearing jewellery**. This is for important Health and Safety reasons and also because valuable items can easily be lost and the school is not liable/responsible for any loss. If your child has pierced ears please be aware these will need to be removed for PE lessons or if they are new or unable to be removed please supply a micropore type tape that can be used to cover them. Only stud earrings are allowed not hooped earrings.



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For safeguarding reasons, smart watches that have the facility to message, record and/or video must not be worn in School.

Please also note that nail varnish, temporary tattoos and dyed hair are not part of our school uniform. If your child come into school wearing nail varnish, we will ask for this to be removed by the next day. In addition to this hair that is below the shoulders should be tied up – this is for health and safety reasons and to prevent the spread of head lice.

Finally, it is vital that all clothing items (particularly cardigans, sweatshirts and coats) are clearly (and permanently) named. We cannot easily return un-named items to the correct pupil. All un-named lost property will be held for a week and then put out for general distribution or passed to a charity shop.

PE Days

Following positive pupil feedback, allowing children to have a longer PE session as a result of not having to get changed, children should again this year come in to School in PE Kit on days on which they have PE. Days are as follows:

EYFS2	Acorn	Monday
Year 1	Ash	Friday (am)
Year 2	Cedar	Wednesday
Year 3	Hazel	Friday
Year 4	Willow	Monday
Year 5	Beech	Tuesday
Year 6	Maple	Thursday

Lunches:

Please remember that the Government's Universal Free School Meal scheme does not extend into Key Stage 2 – so, if your child is moving up to Year 3, you will not automatically be entitled to Free School Meals or a free snack at break time. If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals, please apply using the link: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>
Even if you don't want your child to have meals every day, or at all, there are benefits to you and the School if you successfully apply for Free School Meals.
Children, who are not having a School Lunch, should take their lunchboxes to their classrooms at the





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beginning of the School Day.

When preparing School Packed Lunches, please remember we are a nut and nut-product free School PLEASE CHECK THE LABELLING OF ALL PRODUCTS YOU SEND IN VERY CAREFULLY Healthy Snacks:

We encourage all pupils from Year 3 and above to bring in to School a *healthy, naturally produced snack*, Suggestions include: fresh or dried fruit or vegetables, cheese and plain breads (crackers/ bread sticks). As mentioned above, please remember we are a nut and nut-product-free School. Year 3 children, now that they are in Key Stage 2, no longer receive a free snack during the day.

Attendance:

The Government continues to state that it is the duty of Schools to report all absences to the Education Welfare Service, which will follow its normal processes (including fining persistent absentees). Don't forget: Should your child be unwell or unable to come to School please let the School Office know, by telephone or email communication, by 9.00 am each day. Those children that arrive after 9.00am will be marked as arriving into School late "L" but before the register is completed and those children that arrive after 9.20am will be marked as "U" which is late after the register has been taken and will affect their attendance. Please ensure you leave plenty of time in the mornings for your child/children to arrive into School on time.

Medicines:

You will need to complete a new permission form, if there is any medicine that your child needs to receive – whether that is medicine we already hold for you, or a new prescription. Asthma Cards also need to be sent in/completed on the first day of term. A copy of the Administration of Medicine Form and Asthma Card is attached herewith and if you need a printed copy please come to the school office.

Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Martindale has been appointed as Deputy Headteacher. She will bring many years of outstanding teaching and leadership to the role and will be able to cover in the absence of the Headteacher.

Welcome to Mrs Morris and Mr Wakeman / Staffing Deployment / Who's Who

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Morris our new Finance Officer and Mr Wakeman who will be teaching Year 4 (Willow Class). I hope that they will enjoy their new roles at Woodlands.

Most of your child/ren will have had the opportunity to meet their class teacher on Bump Up Day. As a reminder the Teachers and Class names for next year are:

Year Group	Class	Teacher(s)
EYFS1	Oak Tree Nursery	Mrs H Hollands
EYFS2	Acorn	Mrs K Scott
Year 1	Ash	Miss R King





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Year 2	Cedar	Mrs M Turnbull Mrs K Wright
Year 3	Hazel	Ms A Garton
Year 4	Willow	Mr C Wakeman
Year 5	Beech	Miss L James
Year 6	Maple	Mrs J Martindale

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming the children back and getting to know all our new children - each Year Group has engaging and exciting topics prepared for September; there is much to look forward to.

As ever, we thank you for your continued support and if there is anything that we need to know, or anything we can do to help you and your family prepare for September, please contact us.

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th September and Tuesday 5th September for Nursery and Reception Pupils.

Kind regards

Mr M Kitley
Headteacher

