



# NEWSLETTER

## 27 September 2019

### A message from the Deputy Headteacher

This week has seen our first school council meeting. The council members are from year 1 to 6. They had some great ideas as to what their job was going to be. Their first task was to gather feedback about the new school dinners, what good and what meals are not so popular. Future tasks and competitions run by them will be posted on the newsletter. I am looking forward to working with them throughout the year to help improve our school.

### Parents Evening

Letters are coming home today about the upcoming parents evening. The dates are Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm - 5.00pm, and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm - 7.00 pm. Please return your slips to school as quickly as you can to enable the teachers to give you an appointment and ensure siblings appointments are spaced at convenient times.

### Harvest time



This year we will be having Harvest assemblies at St Nicholas Church, Bradwell, led by Reverend Sue Upton. Last year, we were unable to go to the church for the Harvest celebration so we are very happy that we are able to go this year and once again enjoy this wonderful building.

The services will be on the morning of Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. We are inviting the children to bring in any food donations over the next few weeks. We will collect all of the food together and then arrange, through the church, to have it distributed to members of the local community, in need of help.

We thank you, as always, for your support of the school in helping those in need.

### Attendance

At Woodlands Primary Academy we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling. Although we aim for 100% attendance, each year we set ourselves a target for attendance which is used to compare us to other schools. Our current target is 97% attendance.

Attendance for the week ending 20 September was:

RA: 100%	RB: 95.8%
1A: 97.5%	1B: 97%
2A: 96.7%	2B: 98.8%
3A: 99.2%	3B: 99.2%
4A: 96%	4B: 99.5%
5A: 91.7%	5B: 97.5%
6A: 99.2%	6B: 88%



## SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2020

The new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2019, for parents/carers of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019. Applications can be made online via

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/transfer-to->

## School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 1st October to take individual photographs and sibling groups if a form has been returned, so please make sure your child is looking smart in their full school uniform, including a cardigan or jumper.

## PTA

The first PTA meeting of the year is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8.45 am. The PTA is an important part of the school community, they work hard through the year to raise funds and put on events for the children. If you would like to join the PTA or just come along to see what is happening this year, please join us for a coffee.

## Working together - Operation Encompass

Our school will be continuing to take part in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school, it is called Operation Encompass. Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic abuse & violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school will receive a confidential phone call from Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service before 9am or as soon as possible thereafter on the morning after any domestic incident which Norfolk Police have recorded where a child at their school has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence. The school has designated Miss Julia Howes and Miss Vicky Simmons as Key Adults.

Our Key Adults have received training from Norfolk County Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared to make sure that the right support is available for children and their families who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact one of the above Key Adults and we will be happy to discuss this further.



## Communication with the school

Just to remind parents of the ways you are able to communicate with the school:

- Speak to the class teacher or Learning Support Assistant and the start and the end of the day
- Email the school office ([enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk))
- Write a note in the home school reading record
- Send a letter/note with your child

## Flu immunisation

We are approaching that time of year again where there are lots of coughs, colds and flus around. The school-based nasal flu vaccination programme helps protect your child against flu. Flu can be a dangerous illness and sometimes causes serious complications. The flu immunisation will be happening in school on 17<sup>th</sup> October for all children in Reception through to year 6. You would have been emailed a letter explaining how you can consent or decline this immunisation. You can do this by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/yy2gklzb>.

## School dinners

The week commencing Monday 30 September will be Week 2 menu. We would appreciate any feed back regarding the new menu from you.

## Scooters and bikes

It is great that so many of our children come to school on their scooters and bikes. As there are a lot of children of all ages walking to and from the classes in the morning and after school, please can we ask that your child does not ride their scooters or bikes once inside the school gates. Thank you.

## Sports news

Good luck to the years 3 and 4 football teams who have a tournament at Wroughton on Monday.





# Calendar

Monday 30th October	Year 3/4 football tournament - Wroughton
Tuesday 1st October	Individual photographs
Tuesday 8th October	Year 5/6 girls football competition - Cliff Park
Wednesday 9th October	Year 3/4 girls football competition - Cliff Park
Monday 14th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16th October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 17th October	Flu immunisation
Saturday 19th October	Norfolk Sportshall Athletics League - UEA
Monday 21st - Friday 25th October	Half term break
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Yr5 basketball competition against Wroughton - Woodlands
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Class 4A swimming starts
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Class 4B swimming starts
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir rehearsal for RAH event at St Andrews Hall - Norwich
Friday 8th November	KS2 Choir rehearsal for Festival of Carols - Pavilion Theatre
Sunday 10th November	Choir rehearsal for RAH event at Langley School
Monday 11th November	Remembrance Event
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Choir perform at The Royal Albert Hall
Saturday 16th November	Norfolk Sportshall Athletics League - Kings Lynn
Tuesday 26th November	KS1 Choir perform at Sounds4Christmas - Great Yarmouth Minster
Thursday 28th November	KS2 Choir rehearsal for Festival of Carols - location TBC
Saturday 30th November	Norfolk Sportshall Athletics League - UEA
Tuesday 3rd December	KS2 Choir dress rehearsal for Festival of Carols - Great Yarmouth Minster
Tuesday 3rd December	Festival of Carols Performance - Great Yarmouth Minster (evening)

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Wednesday 4th December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Performance (AM and PM)
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Friday 6th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Performance (AM and PM)
Monday 9th December	Nursery Christmas Performance (AM and PM)
Tuesday 10th December	Reception Christmas Performance (AM and PM)
Thursday 12th December	Year 2 Christmas Performance (AM and PM)
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Performance (AM and PM) Christmas Carol Concert - Gt. Yarmouth Minster
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Staff training day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school