

How to contact the school

Just a quick reminder of the ways you can communicate with the school:

- ✓ Speak to the class teacher or learning support assistant at the start and end of the school day
- ✓ Email the office at enquiries@woodlandsprimaryacademy.org.uk
- ✓ Leave a message on EduLink
- ✓ Leave a message using Class Dojo
- ✓ Send a letter in with your child
- ✓ Speak to Ms Humphreys or Miss Jermy in the office.
- ✓ Leave a message on the answerphone if there is nobody available.

Attendance

At Woodlands Primary Academy we know that good attendance is the key to successful schooling.

Attending school every day will help give your child the best possible start in life. Going to school every day means:

- learning new skills
- making friends
- having lots of fun
- building lasting relationships
- taking part in exciting activities.

School Dinners

The week commencing Monday 21st September will be Week 1 of the menu.



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Newsletter

18th September 2020

We have got to the end of the second week back, it feels almost as if we have never been away! The children have very quickly got used to their new classes, new teachers and the bubbles, they have all settled to the new term with positivity and enthusiasm. I am looking forward to discovering what the mysterious eggs that year 4 have found are going to hatch into.

Working together

The children are doing a great job in school to ensure they stay in their bubbles. I would also like to thank the majority of the parents who are coming in and leaving through the right gates, not being here too early and trying to stay socially distanced while on site. I know there are rumours that we have had positive tests in school, let me assure you that these are just rumours and as far as we are aware, none of our children, their immediate families or staff members have tested positive. We check guidelines daily to ensure we are compliant and as safe as we possibly can be, if anything changes, we will let you know as soon as we can.

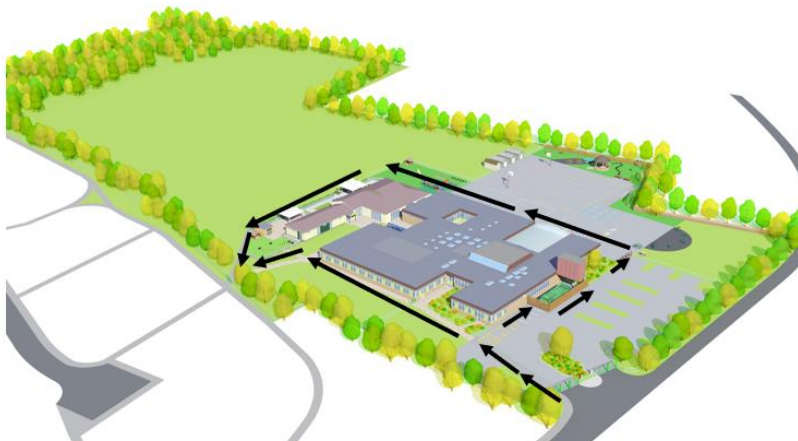


PE Days

There has been some confusion around PE days and after school clubs. For most year groups the after school clubs are run on the same day as they have PE - this has been deliberately planned so your child does not need to get changed before they go to their club. Government guidelines suggest children do not get changed in school, therefore they will be wearing PE kits for their clubs. We are aware that some children have PE two days in a row, we are happy for them to wear plain white T-shirts so they have a change of top for the second day. If they have a club on a day that is different to their PE day, we ask that they wear their PE kit for that day too - we don't want to see children in school in football kits.

Dropping off and collecting your children from school

In light of the current COVID-19 guidelines, we have put in place a one-way system around the school (see map below). We would ask that all visitors to the school follow this one-way system in order to keep our school community safe.



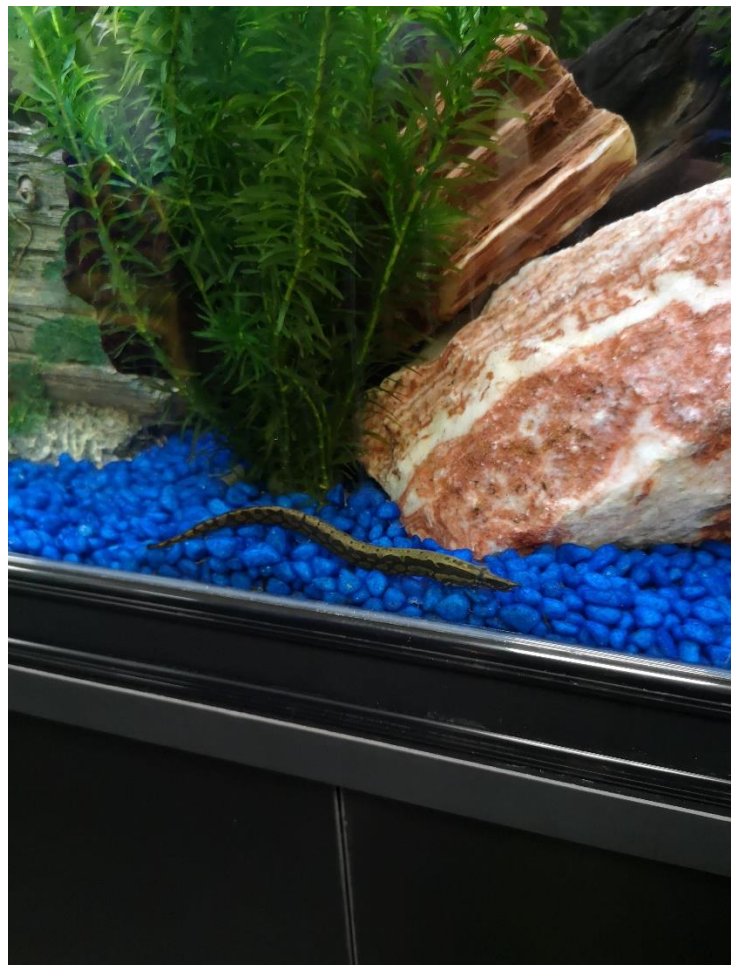


Considerate Parking

We are very aware that parking in the morning can be difficult. Thankfully the roadworks have been completed on Lords Lane, and the staggered starts mean not all families are trying to get parked at the same time. Please remember that you are able to drive into the carpark in the morning and drop off your children, in the drop off box, Mr Cooper and a member of staff are there to ensure they get into school ok. We have had a few neighbours asking parents to not park on the pavements as they have been unable to get their prams and mobility scooters up the paths, they have had to go into the road to go round the cars. Can I also ask that you do not park on the double yellow lines around the school entrance, thank you.

Thank You PTA

Toothless has become a much loved member of the Woodlands family, he is there for children who are struggling to talk to, he is always calm and brings a smile back to upset faces. We now have a fish tank too. It is situated in the corridor outside the office and has been giving the children lining up for lunch something to look at and talk about. Fish, like Toothless, can support children's learning about types of animals and different habitats, but they are also very calming and can support children who need time out or who are upset. I would like to thank the PTA for their kind donation that enabled us to purchase some beautiful fish - including Eric the eel. Eric is usually difficult to spot but he came out today for a photo!





Homework

Homework will start coming home in the week beginning Monday 28th September. We are going to be changing the way homework is set, there will be English, maths and topic work to be completed over a longer length of time. In the meantime please ensure you are reading with your child every day and practicing addition / subtraction facts, times tables and division facts.

What's been happening this week...



On Monday, Year 4 began an investigation into an amazing discovery which was found just outside their classrooms. They believe them to be eggs of some kind, however they are like nothing they have ever seen before. They will continue to investigate these throughout our topic lessons.





Year 2 have been investigating the absorbency of different materials. They worked in small groups, with their own water and a range of materials. They then ordered the materials depending on their level of absorbency. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and found the investigations a lot of fun!

