

Woodhouse Primary School

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Activities for week commencing – 27 Jun 22

Monday	2.20-3.00pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm 5.45pm	Year 1 – Open Door Dance Club – Year 1 & 2 – <i>final session</i> Tennis Club – Year 3 & 4 – <i>final session</i> Rounders Club – Year 5 & 6 – <i>final session</i> Coding Club – Year 6 – <i>final session</i> Lakeside Meeting – Year 5 parents
Tuesday	3.15-4.15pm	Street Dance – Year 5 & 6 – <i>final session</i>
Wednesday	3.15-4.15pm	Year 4 visit to Gurdwara Nature Club – Year 3 & 4 – <i>final session</i>
Thursday	8.20am 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm	Zumba Club – Year 5 & 6 – <i>final session</i> Cricket Club – Year 3 & 4 – <i>final session</i> Invited Netball Club – <i>final session</i>

Reports

Over the coming weeks, parents and carers will receive an update on their child's attendance and academic attainment for the end of the academic year. Attached to the newsletter is more information highlighting the importance of regular attendance at school.



Staffing September 2022

Staffing for September has been finalised and class teachers will be as follows:

YR Miss Mason/ Miss Vine

Y2 Miss Heneghan/Mr Bale

Y4 Miss Scott / Mrs Shaw

Y6 Mrs Ollerenshaw/Mr Triffit

Y1 Miss Hepworth/ Miss Nicholson

Y3 Miss Stephenson/ Miss Parker

Y5 Miss Smith/Miss Wilson



Mrs Rothwell, Mrs Gooseman, Miss Fiddler, Mrs Haigh, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Cripwell and Miss Walker will work alongside year groups providing planning and preparation teaching support.

Sports events

These will take place on the following dates. Parents / Carers are welcome to attend.

Monday 11 July – Year 2 – 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 12 July – Year 3 – 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 12 July – Year 1 – 1.30-2.30pm

Wednesday 13 July – Year 4 – 9.30-10.30am

Wednesday 13 July – YR – 1.30-2.30pm

Thursday 14 July – Year 5 – 9.30-10.30am

Friday 15 July – Year 6 – 9.30-10.30am



For the morning sessions, parents are welcome to wait in the KS1 playground once the children have come in to school.

For the afternoon sessions, the Ashlea Avenue gate will be opened at 1.20pm.

Orders – School Uniform

The next order will be placed with our supplier on Fri 15 July. This will then be distributed to your child the first week back in September. Please can orders be placed via Eduspot by Thu 14 Jul.



****Classroom News****

Year 3 – We kicked off the week in style with a very productive sewing afternoon! We're so pleased with how the puppets are coming along. We are looking forward to writing our own playscripts in English lessons as we work towards performing puppet shows for the Year 1 children. In Maths, we have been completing assessments and times table activities. We started our new 'Rocks and Soils' topic in Science and have been identifying and grouping different rocks according to their properties.

Year 4 - We have been writing our very own balanced arguments thinking about 'Should children have to wear school uniform?'. During our lessons, we have discussed lots of reasons for and against, presenting a very strong argument and held a live debate to present this. In CCL, we have been sketching Roman soldiers and emperors for our History timeline in the hall. We have started our new topic 'Electricity and Night Lights' in Science and DT. This week we looked at the purpose of different types of lights.

Year 5 - We have been writing our own version of Chapter 18 for 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' for our Big Write. We have also been learning about levers, pulleys and gears in Science and were able to relate our learning to some of the things we saw on our trip to Magna. In History, we researched Ancient Greek gods and goddesses and created our own Top Trump cards using this knowledge. We also enjoyed finishing off the games we have created in Computing and tested each other's games during the lesson before evaluating them.

Year 6 - This week, we have had a visitor in school who has delivered a workshop about the transition from primary school to secondary school. It was interesting, reassuring and made us feel excited! We have also been describing a fight scene between Romeo and Tybalt as part of our Shakespeare topic. In DT, we have started making our maquettes.

June 2022

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is crucial to maximising children's learning potential and never more so than at the moment as we continue our recovery post Covid. Every day of absence reduces face to face learning and ultimately impacts negatively on outcomes. Pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 (GCSEs) have higher rates of attendance compared to those with the lowest attainment. Please see the impact of pupil absence on face to face learning time:

Attendance above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Potentially these pupils have a much better chance of attaining well academically and socially and this leads to better prospects for their future. Pupils also form good habits about attending school (and the workplace later in life) regularly.

Attendance above 95%: Less than 10 days absence a year

These pupils are missing almost two weeks of school per year – attending more regularly will ensure that they do not miss out on sequences of learning which are vital to continued progress.

Attendance above 90%: 19 days absence a year

Pupils in this group are missing a month of school each year; inevitably it is difficult for them keep up with work so it is very likely that they will fall behind their peers. The government classes children with attendance below 90% as persistent absentees and parents and carers of pupils in this group could face the possibility of legal action.

Attendance above 85%: 29 days absence a year

Pupils in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be almost impossible for them to keep up with the work so it is inevitable that they will fall behind.

Punctuality is equally as important and a pupil arriving 5 minutes late every days adds up to over 3 days lost learning each year.

We hope to see your support with this and appreciate that many of our pupils have an excellent pattern of attendance. Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly and it is expected that pupils will attend every day unless they are too ill or, in exceptional circumstances, they have been given permission to be absent in advance from school due to extenuating circumstances.