



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Another full week here at Woodford School so please see below a range of updates and information for you. I understand that some of the letters have not been delivered to some of you and for this I am truly sorry. On behalf of the school can I assure you that we are working hard to rectify this matter as urgently as possible. We have started to use a new method of communication and there are further updates required. Can I also ask that you check your junk or clutter boxes in your emails because I have been made aware that some of our communication has been directed to these areas. Again, I sincerely apologise and hopefully we will have this all working properly soon.

### **St Mary's Church**

We were lucky enough to have a visit from Father John this week on behalf of St Mary's Church. It was such a lovely opportunity for us to meet and share our exciting plans for the future. We also took some time to walk the school and have a look at all the wonderful work the children were doing. Our partnership with our Church community is something we value greatly, so to have this opportunity was fantastic and we excited to see what the future holds.

### **Baptist Church**

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children had the most wonderful opportunity to visit Woodford Baptist Chapel. Many of our children were in awe of the visit and they really enjoyed seeing and learning about the Baptistry. We had time to look around the wonderful building and its grounds, whilst also having a chance to hear the wonderful pipe organ being played. We are so lucky to be able to have this wonderful partnership and we are looking forward to working closely in the future, so that more of our children can be part of this enriching opportunity.

### **Collective Community Partnership**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October saw our first ever Collective Community Partnership (CCP) meeting take place. We as a school have formed this as an opportunity for our community to better connect with us. It allows us a chance to share our ideas, our plans and to update. It also allows a great forum for all Parents, Carers and Guardians, to share any issues or questions they may have. It was a very productive meeting and we are very thankful for everyone who took time to come along. If you would like to attend these meetings, there are 5 more through the year and the next date is December 8<sup>th</sup> at 18.00pm. We aim to have the meeting finished in 45 minutes but if this needs to be extended, I am happy to support this also. Our next meeting will begin to look at the curriculum and specifically what you would like to feature. This will then enable our children here at Woodford to flourish further and excel in the world.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)**

As a school we have signed all of our children up to a website called [Times Tables Rock Stars](#). Each child has their own login and password specific to them and it is a wonderful way for our children to work on and rehearse their multiplications. If any of the children need access to their accounts, they can do this online using their normal login details. If you require these details to support your child with their multiplications, please speak with their class teacher and they will be happy to help. We will also be launching [Times Tables Rock Stars](#) with a bang on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November with our children. We will use this as a chance to spend time looking only at Maths in lessons and we are also going to have a mufiti day that day. The dress theme for the day would be rock stars, but I must stress this is entirely optional. We would look to use the dress theme for the day to raise anticipation amongst our children and we would then use the day to embed [Times Tables Rock Stars](#) and to also focus solely upon Maths. There will be more information coming soon.



### **End of term disco**

We are currently in the process of agreeing and finalising our end of half term disco for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Our Parents of Woodford group (see below) would like to invite all children from Reception up to year 6 to attend an end of half term disco. Fancy dress is encouraged, but again it is optional, and there will be drinks and sweets for the children to buy on the evening. The timings for the disco are 16.15pm – 18.15pm and entry to the disco will be £2.00. Children who are attending after school club will be automatically allowed to attend the disco too as part of their after-school club activities. If you require further information, do not hesitate to contact our Parents of Woodford group directly: [POW-parents\\_of\\_woodford@outlook.com](mailto:POW-parents_of_woodford@outlook.com)

### **Parents of Woodford Primary PTA**

I had a wonderful opportunity to meet our Parents of Woodford group. It was certainly a whirlwind, but it is so exciting to hear about all the plans they have for this academic year. Some dates for your diary are below and these dates will be added to our school calendar which is going live as soon as possible. If you would also like to join our Parents of Woodford group, they are always looking for new members and welcome anyone to join. If you would like to join, please contact them directly and they will help as best they can: [POW-parents\\_of\\_woodford@outlook.com](mailto:POW-parents_of_woodford@outlook.com)

- 21/10/21 - End of term celebration disco
- 19/11/21 - Children in Need
- 01/12/21 – Christmas wreath making
- 02/12/21 – Mufti day
- 04/12/21 - Christmas fete
- 16/12/21 - Christmas raffle AND end of term celebration disco
- 10/02/22 – End of term celebration disco
- 03/03/22 - World Book Day
- 18/03/22 - Comic Relief
- 31/03/22 - Easter raffle AND end of term celebration disco
- 08/07/22 - Sports day
- 16/07/22 - End of year summer festival

Please do not that all dates stated above are correct at time of print. If we need to amend any of these dates we will ensure you are notified about this as soon as possible to avoid any confusion.

### **Aim Group**

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget, we have several **Free online Level 2 Accredited Courses** available to Parents, Carers and Guardians to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing their own careers.

If you have any questions, call **Stacey Taylor-Hinds on 0203 900 3091 extension 226** or send her an email at [stacey.taylorhinds@theaimgroup.co.uk](mailto:stacey.taylorhinds@theaimgroup.co.uk)- She will be your main point of contact.

### **Online Safety**

If you're worried about your child's safety online and think something is not quite right, it is best to be on the safe side and find out more.

This week's free online safety guide focuses on parental controls to protect privacy. The privacy settings on your child's smartphone give you control over how the information stored on it can be used. The guide takes a look at a range of tips such as managing app permissions, managing location settings and controlling access for third-party apps and sites.

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[More information about android devices can be found by clicking here](#)

[More information about iPhone devices can be found by clicking here](#)

There are also a range of home activity packs that contain simple 15-minute activities you can do to support online safety at home

[More information from CEOP can be found by clicking here](#)

This concludes our newsletter for this week and can I as always thank you all for your support. We feel lucky to have the support of our community in so many and we are extremely excited to see what our future holds here at Woodford School. I wish you all a very restful weekend and do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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