

12th July 2021

Amalgamation and Classes for 2021-2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Amalgamation

As you are aware Cuckoo Hall Academy and Woodpecker Hall Academy are officially amalgamating to create one school from September 2021. The school will be known as **Woodpecker Hall Academy** and will be located in the Cuckoo Hall buildings.

Everyone Under One Roof

Everyone has done a fantastic job since the two schools came together under a single, joint leadership team this year but there are some drawbacks trying to work from two separate buildings.

This is why from September everyone will be taught in Cuckoo Hall, so we are able to operate as a single school under one roof.

Working from one building will save time and resources, improve communication, help to create a single school culture, and ensure everyone can concentrate 100% with a laser like focus on education and learning.

We all know that as we emerge from the pandemic we need to do everything we can to get the children to where they need to be academically.

Building New School Facilities

Unlike most other school Trusts, we own the majority of the land the two schools sit on, we also have the chance to do something special on a large site where only a single school is now needed.

So we decided to combine the amalgamation with ambitious plans to explore the exciting opportunity to develop the whole of the site with new school buildings with modern teaching and learning facilities.

These buildings would be added to the existing ones at Woodpecker Hall, with Cuckoo Hall eventually being demolished, as part of a bigger regeneration project.

We are now far advanced in talks with the local authority, developers and the Department for Education (DFE) on hopefully agreeing a way forward for this project, which would be funded by the release of land for much needed local housing.

This is another reason for everyone to be taught from Cuckoo from September, as it will enable us to do what we need to start the project without any disruption to the children and their learning.

Knowing that we would be looking to develop the Woodpecker Hall site was also the reason we chose to keep its name and not Cuckoo's even though we will be temporarily using the Cuckoo Hall buildings.

To support the move into the Cuckoo Hall buildings, we have built in time for all Woodpecker children to visit and explore the classrooms, playgrounds and the environment over the next couple of weeks. We have also attached a map, for your use, which shows the layout of the school site. During the summer break, you will receive a helpful video and letter showing you around the buildings and explaining the routine and times for drop off and pick up.

Goodbye and Good luck

We would like to wish the members of staff that are moving on the very best of luck for the future, either in their new job, travels or retirement. We thank them for their hard work in supporting children and their families over their time at either Cuckoo Hall or Woodpecker Hall.

A special mention must be made to the following staff for their length of service and their significant contribution to our schools.

Kim Hornsey

Kim has worked for the schools for 27 years and in that time has supported hundreds of children and their families. Kim has seen many changes, worked with a variety of different headteachers and been a constant support for the children and families. She will be greatly missed but we wish her the very best of luck as she moves into her retirement.

Michelle Griffin

Our lovely Deputy Headteacher is moving onto a new school after three years with the Trust. Michelle has established excellent relationships with children, teachers and families and has helped the schools improve the quality of education for all. We will miss her bubbly personality and commitment to our schools. However, we know that she will be brilliant in her new job.

Gill Pady

Gill has worked with the school for 11 years as a school Play Therapist. She has supported many children to manage complex situations, emotions and challenges and has provided invaluable support to children's wellbeing. We wish Gill the very best of luck in her new adventures.

Staffing and Classes 2021-2022

Specialist Teachers

Over this academic year we have continued to improve the education that we offer our children and have appointed specialist teachers in Music, Spanish and Special Educational Needs. Their expertise helps us ensure that our children have the highest quality teaching and learning in lessons and amazing after school opportunities.

Welcome to:

- Nii Okine- Music specialist
- Stefania Rilievo- Music and Spanish specialist
- Charlotte Six-Rais- Special Educational Needs and Disability teacher

Woodpecker Hall Leadership Team

The Senior Leadership Team remain committed to the leadership and development of Woodpecker Hall Academy. We will work tirelessly to ensure that the school offers the highest quality of education and that we nurture and develop our wonderful children. We continue to work in partnership with our community to build a strong, effective school..

<u>Woodpecker and Cuckoo Hall Academy Leadership Team</u>	
Leadership Position	Name
Headteacher and North Star Trust Leader of Primary Education	Nicky Ross
Associate Headteacher	Gemma Vincent
Deputy Headteacher / SEND Leader	Rosanna Ojosipe
Deputy Headteacher	Timothy Friend
Assistant Headteacher	Justyna Powrie
Assistant Headteacher	Amy Donovan (Maternity Leave)
Assistant Headteacher	Paola Quebrada

Cuckoo Hall Academy

As part of the amalgamation, Cuckoo Hall Academy, will no longer exist in name after 73 years as a Primary School. However, the spirit and culture of the school will continue on as the two schools become one.

It has been my privilege to work as the Headteacher of Cuckoo Hall Academy for the past three years. The school, the pupils, staff and community are inspirational and one of the best teams I've had the pleasure of working with.

In order to celebrate Cuckoo Hall Academy, the children will be involved in releasing 100 red

balloons at 10:30am on the last day of school, Wednesday 21st July. Look to the sky at this time to see our celebration float into the sky.

September Start

As restrictions begin to lift, we will continue to be guided by the Government guidelines on how to open Woodpecker Hall safely in September. We will contact you during the summer holidays with a clear outline on the routines for drop off and pick up times. This information will be sent to you and you will also be able to access this information through the schools' website.

School reopens for all children on Monday 6th September for children in Y1 – Y6. Nursery and Reception children have already been given their start dates. It's important that all children return to school on the first day. Please note that normal attendance procedures resume from September and you may receive penalty notices if your child doesn't attend.

Summer Fun Challenges

Over the summer break it would be great for the children to keep up with some learning. We have devised some challenges to keep children engaged and further develop a love of reading.

Enfield Library Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual reading event aimed at children aged 4-11 to encourage reading over the summer holidays, and to teach children the joy of reading for pleasure. This year's theme is Wild World Heroes.

The Reading Challenge begins officially from July 10th and children can participate by visiting their local Enfield Library, joining the challenge, and reading six books over the summer that they record and rate in their Reading Records. For every book read each child will receive a sticker, and for every two books they read, each child will get a prize. Each completer will receive a medal and certificate for reading all six books.

To keep with the spirit of the challenge, we ask that children read books at their current reading level, or above if they feel like challenging themselves, and should enjoy the books they pick rather than rushing through just to get the prizes.

Keep an eye out for, in-person and online events and competitions that Enfield libraries will be running for the duration of the challenge, where participants will be in with a chance to win some fantastic prizes. To keep up to date with what's happening in Enfield Libraries follow their Social Media pages: www.linktr.ee/enfieldlibrarie

Early Reading- Phonics Yr-Y2

Please read with your child and give them opportunities to read to you. The more they read

and talk with you, the better their vocabulary and reading skills are. Read Write Ink have made their resources free for parents over the summer break. Please access your child's DB Primary page for the free videos.

The Summer Challenge

How many of the activities listed below can you achieve this Summer?

Activity	✓
Roll down a really big hill	
Fly a kite	
Make friends with a bug	
Help a plant grow	
Climb over rocks	
Watch the sunset	
Build a den	
Made a mud creation	
Go cloud watching	
Make a home for wildlife	

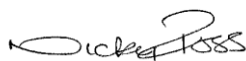
End of Term

Just a reminder that both schools close for children on **Wednesday 21st July** at normal school time.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over this very challenging year. Together we have learned, developed and grown as individuals and a community. We are certainly 'STRONGER TOGETHER'.

I wish you all a very happy and healthy summer break and the staff and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind Regards,



Nicky Ross

Headteacher Woodpecker and Cuckoo Hall Academy
NSCT Leader of Primary of Education

Please see the attached list of new classes for September 2021

Last Year	2021-2022 Classes	Class Teacher	Additional Adults and Interventions
	Finches 3-4 years	Stacy Crow	Alida Culaj/Saima Ahmed
	Blue Jays 3-4 years	Lindsey Field	Sharon Johnson/Afshan Hussain
	Puffins 2 year olds		Shelley- Anne Smith
	Willow	Ozlem Aslam	Becky Cooper
	Hazel	Lydia Gibson	Kirsty Daines
	Holly	Kayley Putz	Fahmida Haque
Willow	1O	Yasmin Jerome	Helin Hayrili
Hazel	1B	Chardelle Willer	Jacky Allan
Holly	1E	Danielle Abrokwah	Shardia Bennett
1O	2O	Fartun Abdi	Julie Woolmer
1B	2B	Francesca Savage	Siobhan Kane
Daisy	2E	Seniz Hamza	Seral Besler
Daffodil	2M	Emma Mehmet	Demi Venis
Bluebell	3M	Paolo Delfini	Kellie Lockyer
Buttercup	3O	Georgiana Ioannou	Lina Fiore
2B	3B	Robin Parker	Tara Muschett
2O	3E	Clementine Wright	Joanne Osman
3C	4B	Melissa McEachen	Fatma Hussein
3D	4O	Melissa Ellis	
3B	4E	Yasemin Zorba	
3O	4M	Ghafran Haque	Gio Diprima
4E	5O	Andrea Sofroniou	
4DB	5S	Sarah Dhuny	
4O	5B	Sam Sam Warsame	Rob Hartnell
4W	5E	Beth Hiley	
4B	5M	Anna Cacioppo	
			Yeliz Korucam

