

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Welcome to Spring Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. It is lovely to see the children back today and hearing about their adventures during the holidays.

Curriculum

This week you will receive a link to the school website which will take you to the Learning Web for Spring 1, for your child. In this document, it outlines the curriculum areas that will be taught this half term. I hope you find this useful. You can also speak to the class teacher if you have any questions.

Further information on the school's curriculum can be found on the website. Please follow this link <https://www.woodpeckerhallacademy.org.uk/curriculum> .

Late Drop Off

We had a large number of parents who dropped off their children late this morning. This means that children have to come through the office and be signed in by the office team.

Unfortunately, a couple of parents felt that it was ok to shout at the staff this morning and demanded that the children are just "let through". Firstly, this is not possible and secondly this behaviour is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

The school gates are open from 8:45 to 8:55am for children in Reception to year 6. All children should be in school before the gates close. If you arrive after 8:55am you must bring your child to the school office. Here we will take your child's name and ask parents why the child is late. After this has happened the child can go to their classroom.

I understand that from time to time you may be late due to traffic or other unforeseen circumstances. However, in a Primary School, it is the parent's responsibility to get the children into school on time.

Covid-19 Guidance

There seems to be some confusion around the guidance for self-isolating. Parents, who have tested positive, have received an NHS text to state that everyone in the household needs to isolate due to one positive Covid-19 case. I have looked at some of the texts that have been sent from the NHS and they are a little unclear so I contacted Public Health Enfield today for clarification.

If someone in your household has tested positive for Covid-19 the rest of the household are strongly advised:

- If you are double jabbed and have no symptoms take an LFT for 7 days. So long as the results are negative you **DO NOT** need to self-isolate.
- If you are a child under, under the age of 18 years and 6 months, you need take an LFT for 7 days. So long as the results are negative you **DO NOT** need to self-isolate.
- If you are an adult and you are not double jabbed, and you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, **you are legally required to stay at home and self-isolate.**

School Uniform Expectations

Just a reminder that the 'new' Woodpecker School uniform is compulsory as from today. I have spoken to all classes today about uniform expectations. Please see the uniform lists below. School uniform can be bought from the uniform shop on the Hertford Road.

Please see below for the list of school uniform:

White shirt (long or short sleeved)

School tie

V-neck purple jumper or cardigan (school logo)

Grey skirt/ trousers (School trousers and skirts must be grey)

Grey pinafore

White, grey or black socks

White, grey or black tights

Purple gingham dress/ grey shorts (Summer)

Black shoes

PE Kits

Indoor PE:

Navy shorts

White T-shirt

Black plimsolls

Outdoor PE:

Navy jogging bottoms

Navy zip up jumper

White T-shirt,

Trainers

Jewellery

Just a reminder that the school has a **NO** jewellery policy unless it is of a religious significance.

- No jewellery can be worn in PE lessons.

The only earrings allowed in school are small stud earrings and children must be able to take these out and put them back in by themselves on PE days.

We have a small number of free jumpers in the school office, mainly large sizes, if you require them.

Nearly New - School Uniform Shop

As part of our school commitment to sustainability and affordability we are looking at setting up a 'Nearly New' uniform shop. The idea behind this is that we will be selling good quality second hand uniform for a small cost. This ensures that good quality uniform isn't thrown away when it can be used and loved by someone else in our community.

We will run the shop on a Wednesday morning from 8:45-9:15am each week from the Upper School Hall. You can access this through the main office gates at Woodpecker.

To help us make this a success we need your support. We need donations of good quality unwanted school uniform. All donations of clothing need to be washed and of good quality.

Donations:

School jumpers

School cardigans

Grey trousers, skirts, pinafores

White shirts

Navy blue PE kit

Coats

Jackets

Black shoes or trainers

Please leave donations of school clothes, in a bag, outside the school office from **Monday 17th January to Friday 21st January.**

We will write to you in the coming weeks to confirm the launch date of our Nearly New School Clothes shop.

Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day- Friday 21st January

As we had to close the school early, in the final week of the Autumn Term, the children missed out on Christmas Jumper Day and their Christmas dinner.

I have arranged for this to now take place on Friday 21st January. All children who were due to have a school Christmas dinner will now have this, on this day. Please also let your child wear their Christmas jumper and bring in £1 for Save the Children charity. If you do not have a Christmas jumper, please just wear any jumper to take part in the event.

The children will have a class party in the afternoon and there will be a surprise delivered to each class in the afternoon.

Kind regards,



Nicky Ross

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