



Times Tables Rock Stars Day - Monday 16th September

Children are invited to come to school wearing their best rock star outfits to support Times Tables Rock Stars day. This is to help promote, and celebrate, knowledge of times tables and number bonds. Children can dress up in jeans, leather jackets, wear tattoo sleeves and/or bring in inflatable instruments.



Woodies' Early Learners & Macmillan Coffee Morning!



Woodies' Early Learners

Where? Woodlands Primary School hall
When? 8:45 to 10:15, every Tuesday, during term time.
Who? Under 5s and their parents and carers.

Friends of Woodlands are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 17th September alongside our Woodies' Early Learners Group - 8.45-10.15am.

If you can, please join Woodlands in raising money for the cause by donating cakes to be sold on the day.

Staff and parents will purchase cakes and coffee during this time.

This is also a great opportunity to find out more about joining our PTA, Friends of Woodlands, as they are very eager to recruit new members.



Miss Smallwood and Mrs Zaki are after your help!



As you know, at Woodlands, we endeavour to foster a love of reading at every opportunity as reading underpins everything we do.

To help us with this, we would like to invite parent/carer volunteers into school to listen to some of our wonderful children read.

Please let Miss Smallwood or Mrs Zaki know, ASAP, if this is something you would be interested in.

Please join us in welcoming our newly appointed staff who have joined us this academic year. They have been so impressed with how fabulous the children and parents are, here at Woodlands.



Miss Webb - Year 2



Miss Leath - EYFS



Mrs Howell - Year 1



Miss Harrison - Year 6



Miss Smith - Year 4



Well done to this week's SOS winners!



Dates for your diary:

Mon 9th Sept	Year 3 swimming starts
Tues 10th Sept	Woodies' Early Learners starts
Mon 16th Sept	Rock Star Dress Up Day!
Tues 17th Sept	Macmillian Coffee Morning
Thurs 19th Sept	Reception Parent Phonics Meeting
Mon 23rd-Fri 27th Sept	EYFS Parent Lunches
Mon 23rd Sept	Year 5 and 6 Football Competition
Fri 27th Sept	EYFS Books with Breakfast
Mon 30th Sept-Fri 4th Oct	Reception Phonics Stay & Learn
Weds 2nd Oct	Cricket Coaching starts
Tues 8th Oct	Y6 Stay & Learn and Parent Lunches
Thurs 17th Oct	School Photos - Individual & Family
Mon 21st Oct	Parents' Evening
Tues 22nd Oct	Parents' Evening
Weds 23rd Oct	Year 1 & 2 Harvest Performance
Fri 24th Oct	EYFS Autumn Stay & Learn and EYFS Dress UP
Fri 25th Oct	YEARS 1 -6 Halloween Dress Up
Fri 25th Oct	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Mon 4th Nov	BACK TO SCHOOL



The winning classes for attendance will be announced next week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who are bringing the children in on time to school.

Please find the whole school letter regarding the new penalty notices on the following page. Woodlands are holding parent workshops on Tuesday 26th September and 3rd October at 9am, at school, to give all parents/carers more information on this matter. More information on this event will follow.



If you have not yet signed up for 'Class Dojo' please speak to your child's teacher. This is a great way to keep in touch with school, have access to important information and keep up to date with your child's learning!

All dates, information and school information is also available on our school website:

<https://www.woodlands-sch.org.uk/>



Healthy School



WOODLANDS
PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Department for Education's new attendance and punctuality regulations

We are writing to inform you of important changes in attendance regulations which are effective from the start of this academic year. Two very important changes include regulations around issuing penalty notices for regular unauthorised absences and punctuality to school. These changes are national and apply to all schools, including Woodlands. It is crucial that you are fully aware of these new policies as they directly impact our children and families.

More information can be found on our website and we are offering parent workshops on Tuesday 26th September and 3rd October in school at 9am.

Unauthorised Absences and Penalty Notices

A penalty notice can be issued once a child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a window of 10 school weeks (a school day contains two sessions, morning and afternoon). This can be any combination of unauthorised absences and can cover different terms or even school years.

Penalty Notice and Legal Intervention

First penalty notices are charged at £160 per parent, per child. This amount is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. Second penalty notices are £180 per parent, per child. A third penalty notice cannot be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within 3 years of the date of the first and therefore alternative action may be taken instead, including legal intervention.

Punctuality and Impact

Our school gates open at 8.40am and children should arrive by 8.50am. If they arrive after this time, they are marked as late. If a child arrives after 9.20am, the register will be marked as an unauthorised absence for the morning session. Therefore, if you bring your child in after 9.20am on a regular basis, this will lead to a penalty notice being issued by the Local Authority, which we do not want for our families. We realise this would very quickly happen for families who regularly bring their children in late.

Finally we understand that these changes may cause concern, but these are national changes from the Department for Education and not by Woodlands or Telford and Wrekin Council. We will continue to work with you to support your child's attendance and punctuality and if you would like any support, please contact me, Mrs Fisher or Mrs Craven.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Y Crilly
Headteacher