



Woolston Community Primary School NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th January 2018

Woolston Owl Values:

Co-operation

Patience

Headteacher's Column

Welcome back and Happy New Year☺!

Welcome back and I hope you had a good break with your families over the Christmas period. It was lovely seeing the children coming in on Wednesday with big smiles on their faces and keen to see their friends again.

Teaching Assistant Change of Classes

You will be well aware that in September 2017 nearly every teacher moved to a new year group. I was contemplating moving all of the teaching assistants at the same point but felt it would be too disruptive to move everyone at once. From Monday a few of the teaching assistants will be moving year groups so you may see different faces at the class door or playground entrance. The same level of support will remain in place throughout the school but with different members of staff. Over the last three days we have carried out handover sessions to ensure the teaching assistants are up to speed ready for Monday. I just wanted to pre-warn you so that you were not confused on Monday morning or think you had gone to the wrong class☺!

Safeguarding/Attendance and Arriving Late for School

I am a little concerned with a small number of children arriving late to school on a regular basis and the attendance of a small number of children. I know we came back to school particularly early this term and that may have seemed like quite a short Christmas break but good attendance is vital if you want to ensure that your child continues to make good progress and more importantly that they are able to keep up academically with their classmates. Next week I will be asking teachers to speak to the parents concerned to see if there is a good reason for their child being late and how we can work together to stop this happening. Children coming in late to school disrupts the learning of rest of the class and it is not nice for the child concerned to come in and instantly be trying to catch up on what is going on.

We are also concerned that we are struggling to get hold of some parents when their children are not in school. We have a duty of care (and a safeguarding obligation) to find out where children are when they are not in school and ensure that they are safe. Please can you make sure you contact the school if your child is off unwell and/or answer the phone if the school is trying to call you. We only want to check that your child is safe and for older children our worst nightmare is for a child not to turn up at school (for children that walk to school) and their parents think they are at school and we cannot contact parents to ascertain their whereabouts.

Dates for your diary – Spring Term 2018

January	
Thursday 25 th January	Cake sale after school in aid of MIND
February	
Friday 16 th February	Year 2 family assembly at 9am
Friday 16 th February	School closes for half term at 3pm
Monday 26 th February	School re opens at 8.40am

Whole school attendance for the week commencing
18th December 2017.
School attendance target is 95%

1 st	98.81%	Year 6 - Mrs King & Mrs Quansah
2 nd	95.83%	Owlets - Miss Crawford
3 rd	95.56%	Year 2 - Mrs Bentley & Mrs Waton
4 th	93.33%	Reception - Miss Sutherland
5 th	91.11%	Year 1 - Mr Jones
6 th	90.86%	Year 3 - Mrs Buckley
7 th	90.74%	Owls - Miss Parker
8 th	90.56%	Year 4 - Mrs Cooper
9 th	90.32%	Year 5 - Mr Oliver

A fantastic 98.81% attendance by our Year 6 class for the last week before Christmas!