



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ March 2021

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Welcome back

With pupils returning to school on March 8th, it feels as though we have now taken a positive step forward towards 'normality'. We know that there is still a way to go but the potential lifting of restrictions plus the numbers of people who have already received their initial vaccination (over 340,000 in Leicestershire and Rutland by the end of February) brings hope that better times are just around the corner. The returning pupils have already settled back into life at school. Seeing friends and catching up on everything that's happened since January (everyone is looking a little taller!) has been top of everyone's agenda which has been lovely to see. With the end of term around the corner, it does feel as though a lot has happened in the last few months. Restrictions around school remain in place and we continue to thank families for following school guidance.

We wish everyone a restful Easter break. Stay safe and see you on Monday 12th April!

Parents' Evenings & Reports

Mr Hayles has recently written to all families regarding parents evenings and reports for the end of year.

Having taken the time to assess the children thoroughly on their return in March, we will issue a report to parents in May - our thinking being that this will still give time for us and parents to work on the targets we identify.

Following the reports we are aiming for a face to face (though likely still socially distanced) parents' evening towards the end of term. If this is not possible we will still meet with parents 'virtually' either over MS Teams or a phone call. Details on dates and timings will be sent home in due course. At the parents' evening we can update you with your child's assessed levels and suggest more things to work on over the summer in readiness for next year. *We will be continuing with our COVID catch up during the summer term. There is additional staffing in each year group to allow for catch up work and enhanced feedback.*

**We must
keep on protecting
each other.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

With all children returning to school we are reminding parents and carers of the following measures:

- **Please remember to wear a mask when on the school site**
- **Remember to be socially distant at all times**
- **Follow the one way system at drop off and pick up times**
- **Make sure that you stick to the staggered start and end times**

All things FOWG



A reminder that this year the main, ongoing fundraiser for the Friends of Woodland Grange is the Schools Lottery. To sign up, click [here](#). Remember, the more tickets we sell, the more money we raise for school. The friends would also like to say thank you to everyone that took part in the World Book Day Character Trail (see right). Although the competition raised a small amount, it will help their fundraising efforts for the year.

Staffing

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to a few staff members at the end of term. Mrs Bailey and Mrs Thakrar, who both work in Year 4, are moving on to new opportunities. They have been a key part of the Year 4 team this year, supporting individual children and groups within the year group and will be greatly missed after the Easter holidays.

We would also like to wish Miss Rose GOOD LUCK as she leaves us to begin her maternity leave following the holidays. We will share further news of her new arrival, as well as letting everyone know about new staff members in our next newsletter.



World Book Day

A HUGE thank you to everyone that supported our World Book Day character trail. There were some brilliant entries dotted around the local area and families had obviously spent time and energy creating their character displays, models, pictures and clues. Thank you to everyone that walked around finding the characters to enter the competition too. We had lots of entries come back into school. **Congratulations to Aadhya who was picked as our winner, enjoy your prize!**

Although we couldn't celebrate WBD in the usual way this year, it felt lovely to make the link between school and the local area by organising the trail. It also helped to raise a modest (but important) amount for FOWG.



Funny is Power

Thank you to everyone for supporting Comic Relief this year. On Friday 19th March the children came to school in their brightest, most colourful clothes with their donations for this special charity day. This year it felt more important than ever to support the work. With many projects supporting families in the UK to get through the COVID pandemic, it is crucial that we do everything we can. During the morning there was a special Red Nose assembly where children shared their favourite jokes, great fun was had by all. Once all the donations have been counted, we will notify you of our overall total. Thank you once again for your support, every penny will make a difference.



A sample of our RND jokes:

Knock knock
Whos' there?
Broken pencil
Broken pencil who?

**Oh forget it,
it's pointless!**

E-safety

During lock down children have been spending more time in front of screens and technology has become a staple part of all our lives. Visit our e-safety page on the school website. Click [here](#) for advice and links.

Remote education

Don't forget that we have a dedicated page to remote learning available from our website homepage. Click [here](#) to access the page which includes an updated guide, protocols on live lessons and an overview of our remote education offer as well as sample weekly plans.

Although all children have now returned to school, it is still a good idea to remind your child how to access MS Teams (check that your user details are correct). If you are new to Woodland Grange ask your child's class teacher to set up their account. Some year groups may choose to continue to use Teams for homework and other purposes.

Help! What shall I read next?

Do you love adventure stories or books that make you laugh out loud? Do you need information for a school topic or just for fact reading fun? There are so many books to choose from in your local library and we can put a collection together for you through our [Click and Collect](#) service at the libraries below. And remember – it's free to join the library and free to borrow books! Click and Collect is available at many local libraries including Oadby and Wigston.

We are very lucky to have such an amazing library, let's make sure we all use it.

Click [here](#) to join the library.

Parking at school

A reminder to all parents and carers that we expect all visitors to school to park in a considerate and polite way. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school (even if you are just dropping off your children). It is also an offence to park close to/obstruct road junctions (see Rule 243 of the Highway code **'You must not park within 10m (32ft) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space'**). We ask any parents or carers to challenge any substandard parking you witness. Remember you can also email any photographs. We will publish them in future newsletters. Thank you to everyone who does consider others when they park near to school.

Walk

Cycle

Scoot

Park with care

Oadby Food Bank

We are continuing to support the Oadby food bank at school. We recognise that during these difficult times there is increased need for these charities and want to do everything we can to help. For further information, please call: 07913 525718.

The food bank is interested in donations of tinned vegetables, meat or fish, no fresh fruit or veg please. Dried pasta and rice is also always welcome.

Easter provision

Thank you to Mr Evans for organising our Easter Holiday provision this year. The club will run from Monday to Thursday and is open to the children from Year 1 to 6 with an option for FS pupils to be based in the pre-school. We would also like to thank staff that have stepped in to support the provision: Mrs Parekh, Mrs Bellamy, Miss Fisher and Miss Jackson.

Don't forget, clubs are due to start after the Easter holidays. Visit the clubs page on the website (search under 'Parents') for the timetable and clubs letter.

Recycling reminder

A reminder that we are now collecting old pens, pencils, highlighters and correction fluid containers to be recycled on behalf of COG Youth Services.

COG Youth Services is a Leicester based volunteer run social enterprise. They support young people in a range of activities

By supporting them, we are supporting local, young people.



Thank you to the Grange pub for agreeing to be the polling station in the upcoming local elections (council and police commissioner). This means that school can remain fully open on Thursday May 6th.



The summer term begins on Monday 12th April.

Have a super Easter holiday!