



Woodland Grange Primary NEWSLETTER ~ April 2021

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Getting back to normal

Welcome to our April newsletter. It seems that with each new issue, we take another step towards normality. The Government's roadmap to recovery is still on course and although restrictions remain in place at school (currently there are no changes to notify you about) we hope that as we move into the summer months, things will continue to open up and life will get back to normal.

It was lovely to see and hear about the success of our Easter holiday provision this year. There were plenty of children on site each day and great fun was had by all. A special thank you to Mr Evans and all the adults that helped during the week. We would also like to thank all the adults who are running clubs this term. It is another sign of normality and, even though we cannot run the full range of clubs, we know that they are always successfully run at school. We know that there is a busy term ahead with plenty to fit in, but also know that the children have returned to school ready to learn and this will make our job much easier.

Finally, we would like to wish any families that celebrated, a belated Happy Vaisakhi and hope that any families celebrating, enjoy their Eid festivities, which will begin shortly.



We are reminding parents and carers of the following measures:

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

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



HANDS



FACE



SPACE



Thank you to everyone that contributed to our fund raising on behalf of Comic Relief this year. We raised an amazing **£482.50** including £71 from our online Just Giving page.



A reminder that the Friends of Woodland Grange are fundraising by using the National Schools Lottery. To sign up, click [here](#). Remember, the more tickets we sell, the more money we raise for school.

In January FOWG organised a sponsored event, a chance to try something new. Please let FOWG know if you completed your sponsored event.

The money that the Friends raise for us is invaluable and is used to support all pupils at school. Recently FOWG have paid for a new set of pupil ipads, ingredients for cooking in the classroom and new reading books for classes in KS2.

A BIG hello

We would like to welcome some new staff members to our team at Woodland Grange.

Miss Sumner and Mr Brown will both be working in Year 4, supporting teaching and learning in the classroom. We have also been joined by another Miss Turner (not the one in Year 3!) who will also be supporting in Year 4. Finally, Mrs Keshvala will be supporting children in Year 5 for the remainder of this term.

We hope they will enjoy their time with us and look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks and months. We know that children and staff will make them feel welcome.

Travelling to school the healthy way

Woodland Grange will be supporting **Active Travel month** during May. The month long event, organised by South Leics School Sports Partnership, aims to encourage as many families as possible to walk, cycle or scoot to school. There will be a trophy for the class that has the most active travellers and a school prize that we would love to win too, so get involved! Even if you walk to school for just one day a week (or park near to school and walk the rest of the way) the impact is enormous. It will mean less congestion outside school, can contribute to a healthier lifestyle, will allow time to chat and prepare for the school day. A separate parent mail has been sent with all the details for the month.





In Other News...
 A big thank you to our parental consultation RSHE group. You will have received information on the new statutory RSHE curriculum and have now had an opportunity to send in any views, comments or questions. Your input is important and we will respond to any issues raised in the next few weeks.

We would like to remind all parents to ensure they wait in the correct part of the playground at the end of the day. Many families are continuing to follow all the guidance and even though things are moving in the right direction, we have not changed anything at school since the return of all pupils in March.

We are very excited to be taking part in the **OAK Trust 500 words writing competition**. The competition is open to pupils in years 2 and 6. The children can write their stories about any topic or theme, the only limit is their imagination! The deadline for entries is 28th May, any winners will be invited to an awards event on 1st July. More details will follow in future newsletters. All children in years 2 and 6 are aware of the competition from their class teachers.



Congratulations to Shaynil for having his joke published by Leicestershire Libraries! The e-book was the result of the Summer Reading challenge from last year. Children were asked to send in their favourite jokes and riddles. Winners were then chosen from all the entries received. An amazing achievement, well done!



BLAST OFF!

We are very proud to be involved in the LOROS Rocket Round Leicester art trail. Launching this summer, the trail will see rockets designed by local artists as well as local community groups and schools forming an art trail across Leicester, truly out of this world! Mrs Turner has organised our school contribution and we will bring you more information and some photos of our rocket soon.



A reminder to all families that we are a nut free school. Please remember not to send any nut based products in packed lunches and consider breaktime snacks as well.

Parking issues outside 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 and email any photographs to the school office. We will publish them in future newsletters and challenge any bad parking that we see. Thank you to everyone who does consider others when they park near to school.

A selection of some of the photographs taken by parents and local residents of bad parking outside school, blocking junctions and access to people's driveways.



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.

Recycling
 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.

 Youth Services Ltd

Diary dates:
Remember that all dates can be found on the school website calendar (look on the homepage)
3rd May: Bank holiday
17th May: (week beginning) Reports home this week
20th May: FOWG meeting
31st May: Half term