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# **Weekly Newsletter**

Dream big, fly high

### Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all members of the Woodford Primary School community. I hope that you had a brilliant summer break and that you and your children have been looking forward to the start of a new academic year. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so enthusiastically and settle into their new classrooms this week. A special welcome to our new Pre-School cohort and all our new families joining Year 1 and Reception. Each and every room has been filled with laughter, smiles and an eagerness to learn and the whole team are excited for what our second year holds!

It has been a privilege to work alongside your children this week as Head of School and I look forward to sharing highlights and future plans with you in our Weekly Newsletter throughout the year.

Mrs Drake, Head of School

## Staffing Update

I am delighted to welcome Miss Hayes, Mrs Darwent, Mrs Welsh and Miss Valenta to the Woodford staff team and a warm welcome back to Mrs Hooker who join us again from Gorsey Bank. Mrs Darwent is working in our school office, so do come by and say Hello!

#### Medication

If your child has medication that may need to be administered during the school day, please hand this in at the School Office. Only prescribed medications are permitted in school. Under no circumstances should medication be put in a child's book bag.

#### **School Lunches**

SchoolGrid Please ensure that you have SchoolGrid ordered lunch for your child prior to the start of the school day. It is also really important that you have updated all allergy/ dietary requirements within the app so that our Cook, Mrs Walker, in the school kitchen is aware of this when serving lunch. Thank you to all families that have ensured they have inputted all necessary information.

## **Contacting our School Office**

Should you need to get in touch with a member of staff at school, please email admin@woodfordprimary.org.uk. If you need to inform the School Office of a change to the collection arrangements, please email/call the school before lunch time so that this message can be shared with Class Teachers / Kids Club. If you need to let us know after 12pm, please speak with a member of staff by calling 0161 549 7100 to ensure that the message is passed on in time for the end of day.

Please note the School Office is open between 8.30 and 3.30pm

### Allergy Aware

Many of you may know someone who is affected by anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction. Our school does its best to be an allergy aware school and do all we can for the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils. Staff have had training in severe allergy management and we have implemented lots of strategies to help keep pupils at risk of anaphylaxis as safe as we can.

We have pupils in school who live with the risk of anaphylaxis to **dairy** and **nuts**. Whilst these children are being taught to care for themselves at an age appropriate level, we ask that you help us educate your child on the importance of not sharing food with others, washing hands after eating, changing clothes that have any dairy spilt on them and calling out to an adult if they think their friend with allergies is sick. With increased awareness and understanding of anaphylaxis, you will be able to help protect those around you.

Thank you for all your support.

### **School Day Timings**

Our school day timing are 8:45am - 3.15pm. In order to maximise valuable learning time, lessons will begin straight after drop off so we strongly advise parents/carers to make every effort to get their children into school as promptly as possible. The school gates will be locked at 8.50am and children arriving later than this will be marked late if they are in Reception and Year 1.