

PTA Halloween Disco

Spooktacular!!! Thank you so much to all our PTA organisers and volunteers for making the Halloween Disco such a success. Everything from the decorations, games, activities and party bags were themed and enjoyed by all the children that attended. These events can only happen due to all the fantastic volunteers that dedicate their time and effort to bring our school community together—thank you.



Enjoy the break from school and we will see you all again on Tuesday 31st October for the start of the second half of the Autumn Term.

Mrs Drake, Head of School

What is Inclusion and Why is it Important

At the heart of the concept of inclusion is the belief and determination that we hold very dear that all pupils, regardless of background, ability, physical impairment, neurodiversity, race, gender, religion or any other characteristic, will feel a strong sense of belonging in our school and that they will have both their pastoral and academic needs fully met. Creating and nurturing an inclusive culture is not just for the benefit of specific groups of pupils but for all our pupils, so they can interact with a diverse range of people, leaving them far better equipped to empathise with the needs and backgrounds of others. This is true now but will be particularly so as they go on to embrace the challenges and opportunities of the outside world.

Extensive efforts are made in school to ensure we are as inclusive a community as possible. However, we are very conscious that this is of little value without our pupils feeling a strong sense of belonging. With this in mind we have designed a survey for all the Laurus Trust Primary School families to complete with their children. We feel it is more appropriate for this to be done at home instead of school due to the sensitive nature of the answers some pupils may want to give. And all responses are anonymous. The link to the survey is [here](#), we thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it.

Parent Council

It was great to meet with the Parent Council this week. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their feedback with their class rep and a big thank you to both Kat and Louise for collecting all the feedback. We have sent out to all parents and carers a summary of the parent council meeting, so everyone can see what was covered in the meeting. If you are a Pre-School parent and are interested in becoming a Parent Council Rep, please do get in contact with the school office.

PTA AGM 2023

Thank you for your responses to the survey sent out last week. All parents/carers are invited to the PTA AGM 2023 which will take place as follows:

Date: Friday 10th November 2-3pm.

Venue: Woodford Primary School

Many thanks for your support.



Important Dates

20th Oct	Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card
20th Oct	Last day of half term
30th Oct	INSET - School closed for pupils
31st Oct	School reopens for pupils

[For a full summary of dates over the year, our Annual Planner can be viewed here](#)