

Woolhampton Church of England Primary School

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**Woolhampton CE Primary School**

Enabling all to Flourish

20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to have had some autumn sun this week. I have enjoyed being out on the playground with children at lunchtime - although I was turned down for the position of backing singer to a new band that was being formed! I also went to the woods for Forest School and only just missed out on a conker - I was too slow! All in all a great week.

At the beginning of the week, I spent some time in Beech Class. What a lovely confident class of children they are. Our new reception children have settled so well and it feels as if they have always been here. I had a wonderful time admiring artwork, watching a puppet show and hearing children read me what they had written.

I am looking forward to seeing what next week brings.

Whatever your plans are, I hope you have a lovely weekend (I may or may not be practising my singing!)  
Jackie

### **September/October Dates for your Diary**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Yr 5 Swimming at Tadley Pool**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Paralympian Kylie Grimes visit.**  
**Sycamore Forest School – morning session**  
**Beech Class Forest School – afternoon session**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Yr5 Swimming at Tadley Pool**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Schools Nurses Team - Flu vaccinations**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Yr5 Swimming at Tadley Pool**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival at 2.30pm in St Peter's Church**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evenings**

## Flu Immunisation

West Berkshire Schools Nursing Team will be in school on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** to vaccinate children in Year R to Year 6. The vaccination is given as a nasal spray.

You are required to complete a consent form 24hrs before the session date if you would like your child to receive their flu vaccination at school. Please refer to the email sent on 13<sup>th</sup> September for details on how to register online. The date for the visit should also read Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October and not 12<sup>th</sup> October.

If you **do not** wish your child to have the vaccination, please complete the consent form as a **non-consent**.

## Electric Piano Free to a new home



One of our parents has an electric piano in need of a new home. Although used, it is in excellent condition and would suit someone who has started piano lessons. If you would like further details please contact the school office and we will pass your contact details on to its current owner.

## School Attendance

The gate opens at 8:30am and closes at 8:45am. Any child arriving between 8:45am and 9:00am is marked as late and any child arriving after 9am will be marked as absent for the morning session. As we explained in the letter at the end of last term, absence can only be authorised for medical reasons, or under exceptional circumstances. All other absence has to be recorded as unauthorised and if levels of unauthorised absence equate to 10 or more sessions (5 whole days) in a ten-week period, it has to be referred to West Berkshire and a Fixed Penalty Notice may be issued. Please see our attendance policy on the school website for details. If any parent has any concerns about school attendance, please do contact us because we are here to support you.

## Safety at Drop-Off and Collection Time

To keep everyone safe please following these simple steps at drop off and collection time (and please ensure that anyone else dropping off or collecting your child is aware of this too):

**Turning** – please do not turn around in the school gates, entrances to the staff carparks, or further down the road at the grass triangle point as this is a private road. If you do need to turn, please find a safe alternative place and remain courteous to other road users and residents - **do not use the private road triangle**.

**Parking** - please do not park on the double yellow lines, the yellow zigzag lines, on the bend or outside Elstree School entrance. When parking please take care not to mount the pavement, especially when pedestrians are walking along the path. Your co-operation in keeping our community safe is gratefully appreciated.

### **NUT FREE School**

Please be aware that we are a nut free school as we have children with nut allergies. We ask that you do not send your child into school with nut products such as Nutella, nutty cereal bars or nutty snacks. Thank you for your understanding.



### **West Berkshire Food Bank – updated 6/9/24**

Below is the updated list urgently needed by the foodbank.

<https://westberks.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

We are still happy to receive donations for the food bank.

**URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS** – ANTI-BAC SPRAY, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICES, TOILET CLEANER, LONG LIFE SPONGE PUDDINGS, CUSTARD OR RICE PUDDING POTS FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS, WASHING UP LIQUID, TINNED SOUP OR CUP-A-SOUP, CEREAL

**LOW ON STOCK** – SQUASH DRINKS, TINNED FRUIT, SHAVING FOAM, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED MEAT MEALS – CURRY, HOTPOT, PIES ETC

The food bank greatly appreciates all your donations.



Do you have any old INK cartridges? If so please bring them in and help us raise some extra funds for school. The company Recycle4Charity will accept any used original INK cartridges but not laser or toner cartridges. A collection box is available in reception if you wish to donate. Thank you to all those who have already helped raise £50.95 so far for the school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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