

Woolhampton Church of England Primary School

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Woolhampton CE Primary School

Enabling all to Flourish

6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful summer and welcome back to the new school year. I am pleased to introduce myself as the interim headteacher.

My children all attended Woolhampton School many years ago and I am happy to say that the school is still as warm, caring and successful as it was all those years ago. My children have very special memories of their primary education and, speaking and working with children across the school yesterday, it is clear to see that your children also love their school, their teachers and the learning opportunities they get.

I met some parents on Thursday in the playground and hope to get to know many more over the next few weeks. Please do come and say hello if you see me in the playground – I'm the tall one! My days of work will generally be: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday so please do call or email if you need to see me at all.

Thank you to all the parents, staff and children who have made me feel so welcome and already part of the team. I am looking forward to spending time in the school over the term and continuing the amazing work that already goes on every day.

Best wishes
Jackie

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.

September Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10th September - Yr 5 Swimming at Tadley Pool
Meet the Teacher at 3.15pm

Wednesday 11th September – Beech Class Forest School
Meet the Headteacher at 3.15pm

Thursday 12th September – Sycamore Class Forest School

Friday 13th September – Whole School Welly Walk (Weather permitting)

Tuesday 17th September – Yr 5 Swimming at Tadley Pool

Wednesday 18th September – Beech Class Forest School
FOWs Meeting 7.30pm at The Rowbarge

Thursday 19th September – Sycamore Class Forest School

Friday 20th September – Macmillan Afternoon Tea – Douai Pavilion 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday 24th September – Yr 5 Swimming at Tadley Pool

Wednesday 25th September – Sycamore Forrest School – morning session
Beech Class Forest School – afternoon session

Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th October – Parents Evenings

After School Clubs



Year 4, 5 and 6 only netball club will start on Thursday 12th September. Numbers are limited.

FOWs News

There will be a meeting at The Rowbarge on Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm. Further details to follow.



Woolhampton C of E Primary School is hosting a Macmillan Afternoon Tea!

On Friday 20th September from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at Douai Pavilion. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and cake will be served at Douai Pavilion. There will be seating inside and out, and the Year 6 pupils and their teachers will be happy to serve you. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes.

We would love to see as many people as possible; all are welcome.

Please come along and help us to raise money for such a worthy cause.

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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