



# Woolden Hill Primary School



## *Newsletter* *May 2016*

Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome to my first newsletter! I can't believe that I have been Headteacher for half a term already—I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the pupils and parents of the school. There have already been many exciting developments since the Easter break, with many more to come. Over the next half term, I will be writing to you about ideas for next year and for you to share your thoughts with me for school development projects. Please keep your eyes peeled for them as I really value your opinions. I'm looking forward to sharing more with you at our open day on Friday 17th June. Hope to see you there! Have a fun-filled half term and see you on Monday 6th June. Thank you for your continued support, Sarah Sadler

### **Dates for your diary**



We are always looking for ways to ensure that communication between home and school is as strong as possible. This half term we have launched our weekly email which hopes to keep you up to date with events, letters and reminders. We would strongly encourage parents to sign up for school emails so that you can receive this weekly communication. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

Next term, key dates are:

- **11th June: Science Conference & Summer Fair**
- **13th June: Science Sampling (Y6)**
- **15th—17th: Father's Day WHA gifts for sale**
- **17th June : School Open Day (letter to follow)**
- **21st June: EYFS new starters evening**
- **22nd June: Sports Day**

*There are many more on the email update—keep your eyes peeled!*

### **Our new 'strapline'**

Thank you to all of the parents and children who supported the development of our new strapline for the school. There were many fantastic ideas and these really helped the staff, Advisory Board and School Council to devise our new strapline:

***'achieving success, creating futures together'***

Our website is: [www.wooldenhillprimary.org.uk](http://www.wooldenhillprimary.org.uk)

Follow us on Twitter : [@WooldenHill](https://twitter.com/WooldenHill)

### **Building work update**

The builders have been incredibly busy over the Easter break and this half term to completely transform our school! The results are extraordinary: seven classrooms with walls and doors



and brilliant new corridor

spaces. The benefits for the children are already clear: their classrooms are 'distraction free' and children are able to work in a variety of ways without worry about noise levels for other children. All work will be

finished by the end of the May half term and our learning environment is being developed as a result. We can't wait to show it off to you on the open day! Thank you for your cooperation and patience whilst the works have been taking place.



### **Trim Trail and Scooters**

As the sunny weather continues, it is great that our children can play with the fabulous equipment and come to school on their bikes and scooters. We fully support the children in developing their levels of physical exercise on the way to school and during the school day. However, to ensure the full safety of all children, can I please ask parents to not let their children play on the trim trail during drop off and collection times and to ensure that their child carefully walks with their scooter across Link Road and around our school gate. Thank you for your support.

### WHA

We hope the children enjoyed the recent disco night (which raised £208!) - thank you those who supported this event. Our next event is the Summer Fair on 11th June. If you can help out on the day we would really appreciate your support. We have lots of exciting stalls for the children and the theme is 'Rio' so can't wait for the carnival atmosphere and hopefully the summer sun to shine!

#### [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

A massive thank you if you have registered to support Woolden Hill Association on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - we've raised over £80 so far. If you haven't registered, and you shop online, please sign up. It's really simple and if you're thinking of booking a holiday; doing an online shop or ordering things you could earn us a donation. Best of all its **free**-you'll pay exactly the same price! Just go to [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and register to support Woolden Hill Association - there's even a donation reminder you can download. There are lots of companies that offer donations including Thomson, Butlins, First Choice and Haven and lots more!

### Parking

Now the weather is getting better, more children are choosing to walk to school or ride their bikes and scooters. This is brilliant as not only is it good for the environment and our health, it also helps to alleviate parking issues outside the school. For those parents that still need to drive, I would like to remind and encourage you to park your cars away from the school gates and walk the last stretch with your child. Our neighbours need to have access to their drives at all times of the day and therefore, please do not park your cars across their drives, even if it is only for a few moments. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### Curriculum Updates

Please keep an eye out for our regular class newsletters that are sent home. These are also available on the school website. This term the school has been working on topics such as Raiders and Traiders; Paws, Claws and Whiskers; Tomorrow's World and Scented Garden. The children have really enjoyed exploring and finding out about these themes.

There have been many school trips planned to support these topics such as Warning Zone and London for Year 6, West Midlands Safari Park for Year 3 and Twycross Zoo for Year 1. Keep an eye of Twitter for the photos and feedback.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to our Year 2 and Year 6 children. This half term they have completed their statutory assessments (SATs). All children worked so hard and all have done their very best! We are very proud of every single one of them for persevering throughout the whole week!

### Sport at Woolden Hill

As we approach the Summer Half term, children are continuing to take part and enjoy a varied sports programme on offer both in PE lessons and extra-curricular. The response to our lunchtime clubs has been positive and likewise with the afterschool clubs, children are relishing the opportunity to have fun and improve on their skills further from PE.

The marathon the children are currently taking part in at lunchtimes is drawing to a close with a number of children having completed or are close to running the full course. Those children that complete the full marathon will receive a final certificate along with a medal to recognise their achievements. With continued encouragement, I am hoping for a good amount of children to complete the full 42Kilometres.

In sport this term, we have competed in the South



Charnwood Year 3 and 4 Quick-sticks Hockey tournament, winning both for our respective Year groups. Those children who took part will compete in a Regional final next term against other schools

across Leicestershire and Rutland. To finish this term off we have our Year 5&6 boys competing in a 7a-side football match against St.Michaels Primary School and a DSAT Year 3&4 cricket competition at Enderby Cricket Club.



Finally, next term we have our sports day!! Letters will go out at the start of next term to inform you all of dates and times. This year our sports day theme will be based around the Olympics in Rio. We look forward to your support on the day.

### Uniform reminder

Whilst the majority of our children remember to come to school in the correct uniform, can I please remind parents of the uniform policy:

- Grey/black school trousers, school shorts, skirt or dress
- White polo top
- Girls may wear red/white gingham summer dresses
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with logo – available from Tesco
- Plain black or grey socks or tights
- Black sensible school shoes
- Outdoor school fleeces are available (not compulsory)