



# Woolmore Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

### October 2024

#### Welcome back

Dear families,  
We are almost at half-term and I want to thank everyone for a great start to the new year. Thank you for attending our year group welcome meetings on-line and all that you do to support the children to have a great day at school. In this newsletter you will see a few reminders about classes, dates, birthdays and attendance. I hope you enjoy the **#HelloYellow** photos too.

Have a great half-term break everyone.

*Ms Argent*

Headteacher

#### Dates for your diary

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Half term break – 1 week**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** **Charity Day for Children in Need**  
**Own clothes and please bring £1**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** **Break up for the Christmas holiday at 2.30pm**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** **First day of the spring term**

#### Birthdays at Woolmore

We know that some families like to bring in gifts to share with their child's class to celebrate a birthday and we do appreciate your kindness.

This is a reminder of our policy to ensure fairness, safety and clarity for everyone.

Some of you will remember that we used to ask for fruit, but we now have a lot of children who are allergic to a range of fruit. So, whilst there is no expectation to bring anything in for birthdays, if you would like to, we ask that you **only** bring in a small chocolate bar (no nuts) for each child. We suggest this could be a small Kit-Kat or a Penguin. To be safe as regards allergies the children will take the chocolate bar home with them and only eat it after their parent/carer has agreed. Thank you everyone.



Look over the page at what we got up to for **#HELLO YELLOW**



**Our Values: Respect • Learning • Communication • Behaviour • Together • Care • Pride**

#### This year's classes

Phase	Year	Class	Teacher
Early Years	Nursery	Apple tree	Beth
	Nursery	Cherry tree	Hannah
	Reception	Lemon tree	Fateha
	Reception	Lime tree	Milu
	Reception	Orange tree	Saba
KS1	Year 1	Banyan tree	Aggie
	Year 1	Fig tree	Lissie
	Year 1	Holly tree	Aimee
	Year 2	Juniper tree	Claire
	Year 2	Magnolia tree	Tasnim
	Year 2	Maple tree	Rabia
Lower KS2	Year 3	Mulberry tree	Gemma
	Year 3	Oak tree	Lily
	Year 3	Olive tree	Rakhshanda
	Year 4	Pine tree	Hodan
	Year 4	Plane tree	Mohammed
	Year 4	Poplar tree	Gabrielle
Upper KS2	Year 5	Rowan tree	Natcha
	Year 5	Sequoia tree	Julie
	Year 5	Silver birch	Felicity
	Year 6	Sycamore tree	Kate
	Year 6	Willow tree	Shahzia
	Year 6	Yew tree	Kirsty

#### Attendance Updates from the DfE

##### Daily attendance

We all know that regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for pupils to obtain the maximum benefit from their educational opportunities. At our Learning Review meetings with parents in November we will share your child's current percentage.

##### Fines for extended leave

New legislation and policy from the Department for Education means that we are now required to implement the updated Penalty Notice Scheme for unauthorised leave of 5 or more consecutive days.



##### More information

Further information is available from Lois in the office. We will be sending home a special attendance newsletter next half term.

## National Mental Health Day

On the 10<sup>th</sup> October we showed our support for World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow and learning more about how we can all look after our mental health. The theme this year is 'You are not alone'.

Woolmore is an inclusive school where we do things together and there is always the opportunity for more learning about how to take care of ourselves and each other. In assembly we shared ideas about different things that children and grown-ups do to help them keep themselves happy such as being with friends and family, exercise, singing, art, doodling, dancing, playing chess, mindfulness and walking in nature.

Thank you for helping us to raise **£407** to send the charity Young Minds. This money will make a difference to a young person or parent who is worried and needs support. **#HelloYellow**



## Online Safety – a school priority

One of our priorities this year is teaching and supporting children and adults to be safer when they use the internet. As teachers, parents and carers we need to become better informed about how to keep our children safe when they go online.

Hannah and Hodan will be leading us in our work which will include assemblies, workshops and sessions for parents and carers. We are teaming up with an organisation called Open View Education to help us across the year.

We sent home flyers last year which supported:

- Setting up parental controls on devices
- Guidance on social media and sharing pictures
- Guidance on games and what your child is/is not allowed to do at certain ages.

Here are links to The national College and the NSPCC who have resources, films and courses to help you keep your child safe online.

• <https://nationalcollege.com/parents>

• <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/techosaurus/>

Please look out for further information and do speak to us in the playground about particular issues you have with keeping children safe online. It is important that we work together on keeping children safe.

## Sports Clubs

Day	Club
Mondays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y1 and Y2 sports club</li> <li>• Girls' football team training Y5&amp;Y6</li> </ul>
Tuesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y3 and Y4 sports club</li> <li>• Boys' football team training Y5&amp;Y6</li> </ul>
Wednesdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y5 sports club</li> </ul>
Thursdays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls' sports club for KS2: Y3/4/5/6</li> <li>• Netball team training Y4/5/6</li> </ul>
Fridays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y6 sports club</li> </ul>

- Our sports clubs are run by sports coaches from @Not Just Sport
- Keep healthy, stay active, have fun and join a sports club
- Clubs run from 3.30-4.30pm

## SCHOOL PING

Please make sure you have the School Ping app on your phone and to check it regularly for the latest news and messages. Do ask at the office if you need some help with passwords or downloading messages.

