

Letter to Parents from the Headteacher

24th September 2021



Woolmore
Primary School

Dear Woolmore Families,

Welcome back to the new school year at Woolmore

It has been a delight to see our wonderful families returning to school for the start of a new school year. We offer a special welcome to new families and to new members of staff as we look forward to a healthy and exciting year ahead.

Meet our classes – all 23 of them!

Many of us remember when we were a one from entry school in our old Victorian building with just 8 classes and 230 children. Over the last 7 years we have grown, and we now have 23 classes and more than 600 children. The final piece of the jigsaw was Y6, and we now have three Y6 classes.

Welcome to our Woolmore Classes				
Key stage	Year group	Class name	Teacher	Floor
Early Years	Nursery	Apple tree	Shaila	Ground floor
		Cherry tree	David	
	Reception	Lemon tree	Vicky	
		Lime tree	Aimee	
		Orange tree	Farzanah	
Key Stage 1	Year 1	Banyan tree	Ariane	First floor
		Fig tree	Jennifer	
		Holly tree	Sam	
	Year 2	Juniper tree	Rabia	
		Magnolia tree	Tasnim	
		Maple tree	Matt	
Lower Key Stage 2	Year 3	Mulberry tree	Kate	Second floor
		Oak tree	Sheba	
		Olive tree	Joost	
	Year 4	Pine tree	Diana	
		Plane tree	Jana	
		Poplar tree	Kirsty	
Upper Key Stage 2	Year 5	Rowan tree	Catrin	Third (top) floor
		Sequoia tree	Adam	
		Silver birch tree	Rakhshanda	
	Year 6	Sycamore tree	Gemma	
		Willow tree	Julie	
		Yew tree	Sophie	

Be safe – Covid

Whilst some restrictions have been eased, we still have a Covid Risk Assessment and Contingency Plan. These are available to read on our website www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Be safe on the roads and pavements

Now that the Covid distancing barriers have been removed, please remember to take care outside school. The road is for cars and for crossing carefully – please don't walk on it thinking it is still an extra pavement.

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How are you?

It has been lovely to see you all. It has been a difficult couple of years for everyone and I think we are all hoping that things will continue to improve as we work out living together in a world that is still in a pandemic, plus the many other challenges that we all sometimes face. We are always here to listen and help so please talk to us in the playground. A reminder that our family services team of Susan, Lorraine and Muna are around each day and members of SLT are in the playground at the beginning and end of each day. If you don't catch us, then please call in at the school office who will make a time for you to speak to someone. We know that working in partnership with parents means that we can give the best education and support to your children.

PE Clubs – keeping active

We are continuing with our popular and free after school PE clubs. Please support your children to come along – extra exercise is so important for our health and wellbeing. It is also lots of fun! The clubs are run by Wesley and our sports coaches from 3.15-4.15pm. Children can wear their PE kit on days when they have PE club. Here is a reminder of the days for each year group:

PE Clubs	
Monday	Year 5
Tuesday	Year 4
Wednesday	Years 1 and 2
Thursday	Year 3
Friday	Year 6

Welcome meetings

We have started our programme of Year group Welcome meetings. These meetings are run by the teachers and give you information about our curriculum, the school day and how you can support your child at home. We hope that many of you will be able to attend the Zoom meeting (links are sent out on the day). The presentation slides will be available on our website.

Learning Review meetings – coming soon

These meetings will start before half term on Zoom. Learning Review meetings are an opportunity for a 10-minute one-to-one meeting with your child's class teacher in which you will hear how your child has settled in and how they are doing with their learning. As always, we want to work together and so we will be suggesting ways you can help at home.

Term and holiday dates

These are available here: <http://www.woolmore.towerhamlets.sch.uk/term-dates/>

If you would like a paper copy, we have them outside the school office.

Half term is 25th – 29th October

We break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 16th December and return on January 5th, 2022

A reminder of our timings at the start and end of the day

Start of the day	8.50 – 9.00am	please can all children be here by 9 when we ring the bell
End of the day	3.15pm	we will open the gates for parents at 3.10pm

Breakfast Club

Our award-winning Breakfast Club (more of that in a future newsletter) is now open. Breakfast is available from 8 - 8.45am and is free for all children. We also have Bagel Club in classrooms for children who arrive at the regular time. Thanks to the charity Magic Breakfast we have plenty of food for everyone!

And finally...thank you

Yesterday I spent a bit of time looking through our Twitter feed @WoolmoreTweets and it made me feel so proud of everything that you, the families, and the staff team managed during our periods of lockdown and remote learning. If you feel like some joy I recommend scrolling through.

Thank you to our parents for your trust and support.

Ms Argent
Headteacher