



# Woolmore Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

## February 2023

Dear Parents,

### Breakfast Club and Reading – lots of it!

One of the things that makes such a difference to children's learning is if we can help them do lots and lots of reading in school and at home. Everyone knows that we say 'Read every day it's the Woolmore Way' – Ofsted even wrote this in their report.

We now have another version of this: 'Read every day it's the breakfast club way!'

### A bit about our amazing Breakfast Club

- It's open every day 8.00 – 8.45am
- Everyone is welcome and it's free!
- Everyone can have a healthy and delicious breakfast, read and then choose an activity such as art, chess, outdoor sports, board games and more reading!
- It's a great place to start the day with friends

Please come and join us for breakfast and reading time.

Ms Argent

Our breakfast club is supported by the charity

**magic breakfast**  
fuel for learning

## Children's Mental Health Week



At Woolmore we take the matter of mental health seriously because it affects all of us. For many years we have employed counsellors, therapists and colleagues with experience in supporting mental health.

The theme for this year is **Let's Connect**.

### What's happening at Woolmore?

- Assemblies on Monday and Friday to launch the week and share our learning. We will also be singing.
- Breakfast Club – **Let's Connect** through drawing – join us to create a large piece of artwork **TOGETHER!**
- Each class will link up with a class in a different year group to **connect** through reading together.
- Classes are creating **connecting paper chains**
- Our focus values this week are **Communication, Care and Together**

The Place2Be offers information, ideas and support to families. Here is a link to their website:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

## Dates for your diary

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Break up for half term - 3.30pm finish
13 <sup>th</sup> –17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school for the second half of the spring term
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>WORLD BOOK DAY</b> Dress up as a favourite character
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>RED NOSE DAY</b> Charity Day and Own Clothes (red noses if you wish!) Please bring £1 to help others
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Afternoon and evening – details to follow
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of the spring term 3.30pm finish
3 <sup>rd</sup> –14 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter holidays
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the summer term
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the summer term

Dates of proposed strike days are on the back of this newsletter.



'Togetherness is a word that sums up Woolmore'  
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Here are some Year 6 students collaborating and connecting in a pop-up Japanese garden lunch-time club

## Lunar New Year

Last week we shared the celebration of Chinese New Year – also known as the Spring Festival and the Lunar New Year.

In assembly we learned about how some of our families and colleagues celebrate this festival welcoming in the Year of the Rabbit and Year of the Cat in Vietnam.



Our Lunar New Year display with a special lion dance puppet from Hong Kong



Sharing our experiences of celebrating Lunar New Year in assembly

### NEU STRIKE ACTION UPDATE

As you know, Woolmore was closed on the 1<sup>st</sup> February as most of our teachers are members of the NEU and were taking strike action. The teachers are striking about pay, about cuts to budgets and for the future of the profession.

We thank you for your support and understanding.

There are more strike days proposed although we don't have details of what will happen on these days yet. As soon as we have a confirmed update we will, of course, inform families.

The proposed dates are:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.



## Internet Safety Week @Woolmore 20-24 February 2023

Our internet safety focus week follows on from Children's Mental Health Week. They are closely connected because connecting and learning online can be positive. We also know it can go wrong and affect mental health.

As part of our safeguarding responsibility and learning we are always working to educate ourselves, the children and parents about how to use the internet safely.

Please talk to us and the children about their learning during this week. As a parent or carer, you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online.

Please look out for further information from us.

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online are here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

## Road Safety on Woolmore Street

### Keeping all our children safe: please help

Thank you to parents in cars who think carefully about everyone's safety by:

- ✓ Finding a parking place (not on the yellow school markings)
- ✓ Bringing your child into the playground and helping them have a good start to the day
- ✓ Being patient when families are crossing the road

Please **DO NOT**:

- ✗ Stop in the middle of the road and let your child jump out – this is dangerous
- ✗ Park on the school markings. This is illegal.
- ✗ Speed! The speed limit is 20mph.

Even if you are late, we would rather you were safe so please be careful.

- ✓ **It is better to be late and safe**
- ✓ **Take time to be safe – it's worth it**

