



9th September 2021

WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome back everyone to a new school year. I hope you managed to have a good summer and even get away on holiday.

The start to the year has gone extremely well and the children have settled back into the term with focus and enthusiasm. It's been lovely to hear how the children have been excited and happy to come into school each day. In addition, the children have looked so smart in their new school uniforms. This is so important and is a key feature of our school.

The hope is that we have a full school year without any interruptions along the way. Though there has been an easing of restrictions and measures we will need to stay careful and vigilant. Thank you for your support and patience with gate system at the beginning and end of the school day. This has had an impact on how the children settle each day as they come straight in to class and get on with their learning.

Hair and Jewellery

Two aspects of uniform that need attention are **hair and jewellery**. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery must be kept at home. We need to avoid long hair being caught as children move about school and jewellery is too precious and we cannot take responsibility for damage and loss. In addition, for health and safety reasons, rings and necklaces can get also get caught and cause injury.

Due to the lack of space in school we have indicated that bags should not be brought into school. The exception is for lunch boxes. In this instance we ask that they are of a reasonable size. For reading books, the school will provide book bags.

Waterproof Coat

With the weather being unpredictable we ask that children bring a waterproof coat. This will enable us to take them outside when it is showery.

Staff Changes

This term we welcome four new members of staff to our school. Miss O'Hagan in Year 5, Miss Roberts in Year 4, Mr. Priestly in Year 3 and Miss Fenna who is supporting in Foundation 2. I know that you will support them along the way as they settle into the life of Woodchurch C.E. Primary School.

Sadly, we have had to say good-bye to one member of the team. Miss Higson has decided that it is time for a change and begin new things. Miss Higson has been a valuable member of staff whose caring and creative approach has been a great support to children, parents and carers. We wish her all the very best in the future.

Dates

Below are dates relating to this term. These may be subject to change that may arise should any government restrictions arise that impact on school, children and families. More details will follow as the term progresses

Autumn Half Term Dates and Events 2021

Church services are resuming this term. We will be letting you know in due course which services you may attend.

Parents' Evening	Week beginning Monday 18th October 2021 (details to Follow)
Half Term	Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October
School Photograph	Friday 12th November 2021
Christmas Productions	Week beginning 6th December 2021 (details to follow)
Last day of term	Friday 17th December 2021

Gates and Parking

It has been lovely meeting the children at the school gates each morning. We are monitoring how the new gate system is working and will address any issues that appear or are raised in due course.

A number of parents use the church car park which is helping to reduce congestion around school. There has, however, been issues with cars double parking or being left in such a way that it obstructs the lane leading to school and to the church. This could potentially cause an accident or limit access for emergency services should they need to get to school or other properties in the area. We therefore encourage more parents and carers, in cars, to use the church car park, where there is plenty of room.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. As the term develops we will bring you updates as they arise. In the meantime, we recommend you keep an eye on the following for other ongoing information:

- School website - <https://www.woodchurchceprimary.com>
- Our Twitter page
- PAWS Facebook page
- Marvellous Me
- Tapestry – Foundation 2 parents

I wish you all a good weekend and look forward to seeing you in school on Monday morning.

Best Wishes



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