



KEY DATES IN THE SCHOOL YEAR.

Please note that dates are provided in advance to try and ensure that communication is as efficient as possible, but may be subject to change. Where possible, the school will try to stick to all indicated dates.

8 th October	Y5 Planetarium trip
9 th October	Y4 Colchester Castle trip
10 th October	Open morning for 2019 intake
11 th October	Y1 parents invited to view pupils sculptures, small hall at 2:40pm
12 th October	Last day of term in school
15 th -26 th October	Half Term – school closed
30 th October	Parent Consultations – SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm
2 nd November (NEW)	PTFA Halloween Discos
9 th November	Open morning for 2019 intake
13 th November	Individual Pupil Photos
29 th November	Autumn Term exhibition evening 3.30-4.30pm
5 th December (NEW)	KS1 Christmas Productions tbc
11 th December (NEW)	KS2 Carol Concert at King John tbc
21 st December	Last day of term in school
24 th December – 4 th January	Holiday - School closed

Coming up in the next few weeks...

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Water Bottles, Snacks and Sun Cream.

Please send your child to school with a named water bottle that can be kept in the classroom. Please ensure children only have water and **NOT** squash or juice. Please make sure that snacks are healthy – sweets and chocolate are not acceptable and we are a **nut free** school. Thank you.

PE Kits.

We do not keep spare kits at the school for PE. Please ensure that all pupils are provided with PE kit throughout the school year. If there are any issues providing a PE kit, please speak to the school office to make us aware of them. PE kit is part of the school uniform, details of which can be found [here](#).



Parking and road safety outside school.

Please park considerately if you need to drive to school. We have a long history of good will from our neighbours and it is something that we hope will continue in the future.

If parents have any concerns about dangerous parking or driving outside the school, call the non-emergency police number to report them on **0300 333 4444**. It is essential that the pupils and their families are safe – please park and drive safely around the school. Thank you for your continued support.



Newsletter – 28th September 2018.

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Attendance - We expect pupils to be in school everyday.

THANK YOU! Attendance this week was **97.37%**. It is brilliant to see attendance above our target and it, of course, helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 4** are dominating the competition this half term and are running at 99.9% – with a third straight **100%** this week. Afternoon tea/Daily Mile Pacman beckons for the winners of the attendance race each half term.

Online safety tip – we know it is a regular feature but it helps you to know how to keep children safe.

It is worth knowing that many social media sites have minimum age requirements for users. These are put in place to protect children from inappropriate material or risk of grooming, offering sensible guidance to parents just as film certificates and PEGI ratings do. Here are some examples of the minimum ages for popular social media sites: -

Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook

Minimum age 13.

WhatsApp

Minimum age 16 (to register) 13 to use.

YouTube

Minimum age 18 (or 13 with parental permission).

Do your children have access to these services? If so, were you aware of the minimum age requirements and, what they are using them for? This is a good example of how one of our regular e-safety tips can be used: -

2. Be involved in your child's online life.

Help keep our children safe whilst using technology – check out the new resources and advice about e-safety on our website at <http://www.westwoodacademy.org/about/e-safety/>

Contact Number for Woodys Club.

For parents needing to contact Woodys, please use the following number only as it is the direct line.

07580 461715

Census Day Superhero Lunch – 4th October.

On October 4th, 2018 we are having a superhero themed lunch – please see the menu at the back of the newsletter. It really helps on this day if as many pupils have school dinner as possible as this figure contributes to our funding. We have asked the pupils what they wanted and the menu reflects this, so hopefully the lunch, along with the chance to dress up, will create a great superhero themed day in school.

Year 5 Planetarium Trip (8th October), Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip (9th October).

Details have been sent out regarding the trips for year 4 and 5. Please make payment as soon as possible, else the trip may be unfeasible and cancelled. These events add so much to the subjects taught in class and the pupils love the excitement of them. If there are any issues with payment, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Road Safety Course – RN and 5B.

It was great to welcome colleagues from Essex road Safety Partnership this week – they have asked us to attach a form to the back of the newsletter to explain that the course is part of a study that you may be invited to evaluate.

Year 1 Sculpture Exhibition (11th October).

Year 1 would like to share with their parents and carers the sculpture that they have been working on, so will exhibit it in the small hall from 2.40-3.00pm on 11th October. Please support our young, talented artists and visit their brilliant work – we'd love to hear what you think of their sculptures.

Out of School Achievements.

If you have any out of school achievements that you would like mentioned in the school newsletter, please email the office at: office@westwoodacademy.org by the Thursday before the Friday publication date. We love to hear about what the Westwood community have been up to! Thank you.

School dinners.

School dinners next week will be Week 2 from the new Summer Menu.

Bridging Club on Friday afternoons.

Bridging club for Friday afternoons now has a £1.50 charge (unless pupils are attending Woody's afterwards, in which case it is free). Attendance **must be confirmed by Wednesday each week** with the office, and payment can be made via parentmail. Thank you.

Spaces in our FREE Clubs.

We still have a few vacancies in Multi Skills for Years 1 & 2 – we use of sports premium funding to make these clubs free and promote healthy lifestyles and participation in sports. If your child would like to take part, please ask at the office, otherwise we will open the club up to other year groups.

PTFA NEWS



For updates and more PTFA news, please join the [Westwood PTFA page on Facebook](#). Please note that this page is intended for the use of PTFA members to **organise and promote events for fundraising**. It is **not** monitored by the school, so if there are any other issues or questions that you would like to discuss, please contact the school directly. Thank you.

Thank you to all who attended our meeting this week, we managed to get through a lot of events and started the ball rolling with some planning!

We are delighted to welcome Emily Morris to the PTFA, Emily has just started with her little girl in the new reception class and will be the new Secretary for the PTFA. Special thanks also to Hannah Christon for her role over the last year as Secretary.

Andrew O'Leary will remain as our Treasurer for the PTFA, as a qualified accountant Andrew's advice and work for the PTFA is very much appreciated so thank you for stepping up again for the next year!

I was voted in as Chair for the next year (Marnie Dukes) & will do my best to start recruiting some new members and fill some of the roles at the PTFA over the next few months. Rea Slough is our current Vice Chair, and will remain with us as a member of the PTFA, but with her new work commitments, we will be looking for someone to step in during the year. If this is something you'd like to have more information about please just grab one of us for a chat.

Fancy Dress Disco

Friday 2nd November

Tickets £4 and will be on sale from Monday 8th October after school, please note no tickets will be able to be purchased on the door.

KS1 (including the nursery children) 3-4:30pm

KS2 5-6:30pm

We will require parent helpers for the Discos so please let us know when buying tickets if you can help out.

Colouring Competition

All the children should have come home with their spooooooky posters to complete and hand back by Monday 8th October. 50p to enter with prizes for KS1 and KS2.

Christmas Craft Afternoon

Friday 23rd November

£5 per child (& £3 for each sibling)

1:30-3:30pm

A festive afternoon for the children to come along and make some lovely Christmas crafts to take home. We will also be doing take away Christmas Craft Bags for children to buy that can't attend the afternoon.

Carols By The Christmas Tree

We are just waiting on a date (pencilled in for Friday 7th December) from a local choir group, for this lovely family festive evening.

6-7:30pm with Christmas Hot Chocolates, Hot Drinks, Festive Cakes & Lanterns for the children to make... More info to follow

Parents: Project Fact Sheet

We just wanted to let you know the road safety course you are going to be participating in is being evaluated by University College London and the Child Accident Prevention Trust.

Please read this sheet to find out more information.

What is this project trying to do?

- University College London (UCL) and the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) are interested in finding out the best ways to involve parents' in their children's road safety education.
- They are carrying out a project to evaluate three current road safety initiatives in the UK that involve parents of children under 11 years-old.
- The road safety programme you are currently participating in is involved in this evaluation.

What does the evaluation involve? What is required of us?

- As part of the evaluation we are really interested in hearing from parents about how they found the road safety course.
- You may receive an invite to participate in an interview about your views on the course – this is entirely voluntary and does not influence your involvement in the road safety course in any way.
- The interviews can be face-to-face or over the phone and will be held at a time and place that is convenient for you.
- All interviews will be anonymous and confidential.
- You may also notice that Dr Sarah O'Toole from UCL will sometimes attend the course. She is there to experience the course and see what it involves.
- If you have any questions about the project then please do feel free to ask her.

What happens to our data?

- When we have finished the project we will create guides to the road safety projects. These guides will explain how to carry out the initiative and will be distributed to local authorities across the UK.
- Reports on the evaluation may also be made available online and submitted to academic journals.
- All data that we collect will be confidential and anonymous in line with UCL's ethics policy.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our project and we look forward to seeing you at the course.

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If you have any questions or comments about the project then please get in touch.

