

Newsletter, 29th March 2019.

Key dates this term.

1 April Year 1 Boydells Farm.

3 April Year 4 Wat Tyler Country Park.

4 April Y3 & Y6 Fire Safety.

4 April 3.30-4.30 Exhibition Evening.

5 April 9.00 PCG meeting.

8-22 April Easter Holiday.

26 April PTFA Easter Discos.

7-10 May Year 5 Bikeability.

20 May Year 6 Chessington World Adventure.

3 June Reception Sealife Centre.



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Random Acts of Kindness Week 1-5 April 2019.

No act of kindness,
no matter how small
ever goes unnoticed.

Next week, we are encouraging everyone around the school to take part in random acts of kindness, to develop positive attitudes and a sense of looking out for others in our community. All week, we will be asking the pupils to do or say something nice, act in a kind way or to help somebody else around the school. It does not have to be a huge gesture. Telling a friend why they like them, helping somebody around the school with their work or activities, offering to play with somebody in the playground who is looking for someone to play with – any small gesture that might make someones day is what we are hoping for.

It'd be brilliant if you could have a brief discussion about this with your children so that they have some ideas about how they can be contribute by being kind during next week. 211+ small gestures each day in school next week will add up to a hugely positive overall effect that we can build on after Easter.

Thank you for your help in this important, character building activity.



Reminders.

Online Safety.

Minimum Ages:

**Instagram, Snapchat,
Twitter and Facebook**

13

Whatsapp, Tik Tok

16 to register

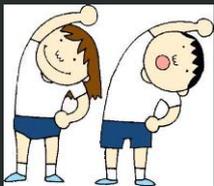
13 to use

YouTube

18 to register

13 with parental
permission.

Click [here](#) for more online
safety resources.



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](#).

Please remember snacks (we are nut free) and water bottles each day, as well as appropriate coats for cold weather and sun cream when it's warm. Thanks.

Attendance.

Attendance this week was **97.1%**. Regular attendance helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 5** are this weeks winners at **98.9%**. We expect pupils to be in school everyday, and aim for 97% attendance for the year. All classes were above our 97% target.

School dinners.

School dinners next week will be Week 2 from the Winter Menu, which can be seen [here](#).

Healthy Lifestyles.

We are promoting healthy lifestyles across the school. As well as encouraging the recommended 60 minutes of exercise we are also promoting healthiness by changing the snack rules at break time. The new expectations are as follows:

- Fruit or vegetables only;
- Food that has a 'green' or mostly 'green' label;
- No foods with red labels i.e high in sugar and saturated fats.



Thanks for your support in this: it is important that pupils learn healthy habits with exercise and nutrition early so that it can become a pattern through life.

Woody's Before and After School Club.

Woody's opening hours are 07.30-08.45 and 15.15-18.00.

We cannot have any children attending Woody's outside of these hours. There will be **NO** After School Club or Bridging Club on **Friday 19th July** and **NO** After School Club on the last day of term, **Wednesday 24th July**.

Exhibition Evening 4th April 2019 3.30-4.30.

Our next opportunity to share work that has been going on around the school will be on the 4th April 2019, between 3.30-4.30. Come along and celebrate the brilliant learning and creativity that goes on around the school.

Swimming.

Please be aware that ALL children, girls and boys, will need a swimming cap when lessons start on Monday 29th April.

Clubs.

All clubs have now finished. New clubs will need to be re-applied for in the summer term. Details to follow.

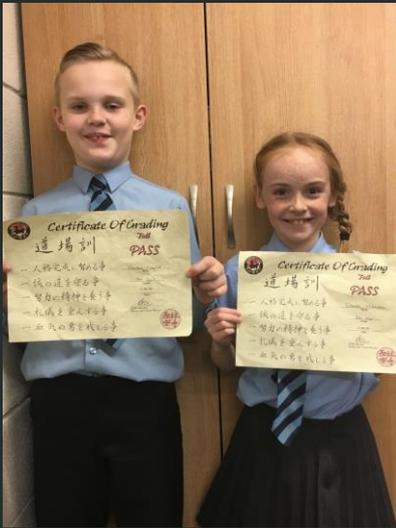
Reception Sealife Centre Trip – DATE CHANGE.

The date for the trip has changed from Tuesday 11th June to **Monday 3rd June**. Please provide consent and



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 our Friday publication date. We love to hear about what the Westwood community have been up to! Thank you.



Kaden and Daisie have passed their gradings in Karate! Well done, you must be so proud. We are most definitely very proud of the hard work you have put in to be successful.

pay via Parentmail. Many Thanks.

Arrears for Woody's, Bridging Club and School Meals.

Please ensure that all Woody's, bridging club and school dinner money are paid up to date for the end of term. Where significant arrears are built up, we will have to review the provision of the service if it is not sustainable. If there are issues around arrears, please contact the office at the earliest possible opportunity.

World Downs Syndrome Day.

Thank you to everybody that sent in a donation for World Downs Syndrome Day, we collected £43.00 which has been forwarded to Down Syndrome Association.

Year 5 Literacy.

In Literacy, 5B have been writing their own books! They have written the next adventure in Cressida Cowell's series of books entitled, 'How to Train your Dragon'.

Their books were writing to be proud of, therefore, a selection was copied and sent to Cressida Cowell, we then received a letter back from her. A copy is at the end of the Newsletter.

Achievements.

Kaden achieved his first karate belt (orange belt) in his recent karate grading.

He has done so well to learn so much since he started in December and are extremely proud of how far he has come in such a short space of time. He is over the moon that he passed his first grading and it has really boosted his confidence. A massive achievement for him!

Reception Class Optional Creative Homework.

This term, as our topic is Living Things, Reception's optional creative homework is to design your own creature or plant.

School Photos.

ALL photos need to be returned to school by Thursday 4th April at the very latest as they are being collected Thursday afternoon.

Shakespeare Week.

Last week the school celebrated Shakespeare Week for the first time and it was a great success. The children participated in a range of Shakespeare based activities and they all seemed to enjoy the experience. Many thanks to all the children who took part in the optional dressing up day – we had a huge variety of costumes from Kings and Queens, witches and wizards to fairies, ghosts, Romans and Egyptians. They all looked fantastic!





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.



PTFA News.

Firstly, a huge thank you...



This is for everyone who took part or volunteered in the Mother's Day Activity on Wednesday. It was genuinely lovely to see everyone working together to make presents recognising how much our parents and carers do for us.

To the PTFA in particular, thank you. We love you guys and all the hard work you put in.

Monies raised from the activity will be donated to the schools Gardening Club, and we look forward to seeing all their hard work...

Future Events.

Easter Craft Workshop - if you can spare some help in the either the run up to this event or on the day please let us know. Tickets on sale £5 per child £3 siblings Friday 5th April 1:30-3:30pm.

Easter Disco - tickets will be on sale from Monday 1st April Tickets are £4, event on Friday 26th April.

Westwood Family Camp Night

Pitch £20

Saturday 6th July

More information to follow for this fantastic event

You can find out more about what inspired me to write the books **HERE** →



Visit my websites at: www.cressidacowell.com

Chief's ~~Hut~~ Hut,
Isle of Berk,
The Barbaric Archipelago

Sometime in the Dark Ages.

"Thankee keendlee furta givin me a rite", which is Dragonese for "Thanks for the letter." I am so glad that you have been enjoying my adventures. There are lots more of them, of course, but Cressida Cowell is taking a VERY long time translating them. Fishlegs says hi, and I have to go now, because Toothless has just set fire to my father's favourite axe.

I wish you good luck and a nice strong wind.

Berk wishes from
Hiccup and

Cressida Cowell

from the desk of:

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III

← Sorry about this
Toothless knocked over
the ink.

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