



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.

2 nd November	PTFA Discos
6 th November (NEW)	Rescheduled year 3 parent consultations
9 th November	Open morning for 2019 intake
13 th November	Individual Pupil Photos
20 th November	Flu Immunisation for pupils
26 th November	Year 3 Chelmsford Museum trip
29 th November	Autumn Term exhibition evening 3.30-4.30pm
30 th November	Year 6 Chelmsford Museum trip
3 rd December (NEW)	KS2 visit to King John (We Will Rock You production)
5 th December	KS1 Christmas Productions tbc
11 th December (Venue change)	KS2 Carol Concert at Westwood tbc
12 th -17 th December	Book Fair
14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December (NEW)	Year 1 Thameside Nature Reserve trip
18 th December	Early Years & KS1 Decoration Morning
19 th December (NEW)	Christmas School Dinner
21 st December (NEW)	Christingle Services at Hadleigh Baptist Church
21 st December	Last day of term in school
24 th December – 4 th January	Holiday - School closed

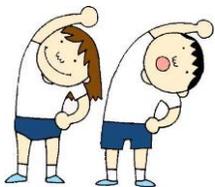
Coming up in the next few weeks...

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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 – 2nd November 2018.

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Welcome back.

Attendance - We expect pupils to be in school everyday, and aim for 97% attendance for the year.

Attendance this week was **96.2%**. Regular attendance helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 5** are this weeks winners at **99.3%**. Well done year 5. Last half term, year 4 had the highest attendance with 98.02% – they get afternoon tea or Daily Mile Pacman to celebrate their achievement.

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: -

4. Consider the use of parental controls on devices that link to the internet, such as the TV, laptops, computers, games consoles and mobile phones.

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 Woody's, please use the following number only as it is the direct line.

07580 461715

Rescheduled year 3 parent consultations – 6th November 2018.

Thank you for the patience of year 3 parents – we had to suddenly reschedule the parent consultations, and appreciate your' cooperation with this. The rescheduled appointments are on Tuesday 6th November 2018.

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 Winter Menu, which can be seen [here](#).

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.

Poppies available from next week.

The pupils will be organising the sale of poppies in classes next week, donations can be bought in to purchase a poppy.

Year 1 trip to Thameside Nature Reserve (17th December).

We are in the process of organising a year 1 trip to Thameside Nature Reserve – brilliantly the nature reserve are financing the cost of the travel, which we greatly appreciate as transport is often the most expensive part of each trip. More details to follow.

Flu Immunisation.

Forms must be returned to school by Tuesday 6th November at the very latest.

School Photos.

If you would like younger siblings, that are not of school age, to be included in family shots the photographer will be in the big hall from 8.30am.

Nursery News.

A big welcome back to all of our nursery children after the half term break. All of the children have settled into nursery brilliantly. It has been lovely to meet and get to know all of our new children and their families over the last term. Welcome to our nursery family. It was fantastic to receive such lovely, positive feedback and comments from you all at our parent consultations on Tuesday afternoon.

We will be enjoying activities this term to include Halloween, Bonfire night and Christmas.

A reminder please for every session all children need a named water bottle with water only please, no juice or flavoured water. Appropriate warm clothing and coats are needed now that the weather has turned colder as we spend time outside playing and spare clothing, such as socks and trousers, in a bag.

Thank you.

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.

Friday 23rd November - Children's Christmas Craft Afternoon 1:30-3:30pm, £5 per child, siblings £3... A lovely fun, festive afternoon to get you into the Christmas spirit.



Guy Fawkes Lunch

Monday 5 November 2108

*Smokey Bangers with BBQ Sauce
or
Cheesy Catherine Wheels*



Potato Bombs



Smoke Rings (Spaghetti)



Sparkler Cake

*Bonfire Brew
(Chocolate Milkshake)*



Primary School Admissions

Parents of children born during the period
1 September 2014 to 31 August 2015
can apply for primary school places between
12 November 2018 and 15 January 2019.



Apply online at
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

