



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.

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| 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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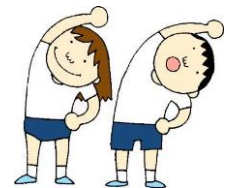


Water Bottles, Snacks and Sun Cream.

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 – 5th October 2018.

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- Halloween and Guy Fawkes Themed Lunches.

Attendance - We expect pupils to be in school everyday.

Attendance this week was **95.43%**. High attendance, of course, helps support the learning of the pupils. **Year 5** are this weeks winners at **98.3%** – making ground on year 4 for the half-term prize. 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.

Thanks to all who attended our Superhero lunch – it was great fun and the pupils clearly enjoyed their Superhero personas for the day.

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.

For the Colchester Castle trip, pupils will need to be in school promptly at 8:30am as the coach will leave at 8:45am. Return will be the normal end of the school day. Pupils will need to wear school uniform, bring a packed lunch and a bottle of water. Pupils may, if you wish, bring upto £5 spending money.

Parent Consultations 30th October 2018. Book by 12th October 2018 please.

Parent consultations will be held on the afternoon and evening of 30th October. **School will close at 1.30 on this day.** Woodys will operate as normal for a Tuesday. Parentmail appointments will be open this afternoon to book a 10 minute slot to see the class teacher. The appointments will close at noon on 12th October, so please book before then. The focus of these meetings will be to discuss how pupils have settled in their new classes.

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 3 from the new Summer Menu. At the back of the newsletter are details of the menus from after half term and some themed lunches for next half term.

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.

Year 2 Active Lives Survey.

We have been randomly selected to take part in an online survey by Active Lives – which may (if we get enough responses) lead to some funding for the school – which is always needed. The year 2 parents are the target group for the survey so it would brilliant if as many of you could respond from that class as possible. Thank you.

The survey can be found at his link <https://ipsos.uk/PZPYT>

Our school URN is: 137030

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.

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



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Monday 15th October 2018

10am

At

The Appleton School

Croft Road

Benfleet

Essex

SS7 5RN

If this date / time does not suit you do still please get in contact with us.

For more information please email:

mhoward@theappletonschool.org

Winter Menus – start after half term.

Winter 2018 - School Menu Week 1

| MEAT FREE MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Pasta with Tomato Sauce or Cheese Sauce | Homemade Chicken Pie with a Shortcrust Pastry & Gravy | Roast Turkey Sage & Onion Stuffing Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy | Pork & Apple Burger | Fish Fingers |
| | or Cheddar Whirls | or Bean Burger | or Quorn Burger | or Quorn Nuggets |
| Peas Salad Bar | Mashed Potato Green Beans Salad Bar | New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables | Crispy Cubed Potatoes Sweetcorn Salad Bar | Crispy Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Bar |
| Sticky Toffee Cake with Custard | Ice Cream with Mandarins | Fresh Fruit Platter | Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce | Homemade Carrot Cake (with a lemon drizzle) |


Also available daily: Fresh Fruit/Yeo Valley Yoghurt/Fresh Bread/Cold Milk

Winter 2018 - School Menu Week 2

| MEAT FREE MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| Pizza Day! Choose a Hearty Slice of Delicious Homemade Pizza Dough with Your Favourite Toppings! (Cheese & Tomato, or Smoky BBQ) | All Day Breakfast (Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Tomatoes & Mushrooms) | Roast Pork Sage & Onion Stuffing Yorkshire Pudding Rich Gravy | Chicken in BBQ Sauce | Omega 3 Fish Fingers served with Ketchup |
| | or Veggie Breakfast (Veggie Sausages, Baked Beans, Scrambled Egg, Mushrooms & Tomatoes) | or Vegetarian Sausage Roll | or Quorn Fillet in BBQ Sauce | or New Birds Eye Vegetable Fingers |
| Winter Coleslaw Rainbow Pasta Salad Bar | Mini Potato Waffles | Buttered New Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables | White & Wholegrain Mixed Rice Sweetcorn Salad Bar | Crispy Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Bar |
| Coconut and Cranberry Cookies | Fruit Salad And Ice Cream | Fresh Fruit Platter | Oaty Apple Crumble With Custard | Lemon Drizzle Sponge |

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Winter 2018 - School Menu Week 3



| MEAT FREE MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
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| French Bread Pizzas Cheese & Tomato or Rainbow (roasted mixed vegetables) | Local Butcher's Sausages With Gravy or Vegetarian Sausages with Gravy | Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy or Herby Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire Pudding, Sage & Onion Stuffing & Gravy | Turkey Bolognaise With Garlic Bread or Frittata Boats with Garlic Bread | Omega 3 Fish Fingers or Quorn Dippers with BBQ Sauce |
| Potato Wedges Sweetcorn Salad Bar | Mashed Potato Broccoli Garden Peas Salad Bar | Roast Potatoes Shredded Savoy Cabbage Fresh Sliced Carrots | Spaghetti Green Beans Salad Bar | Crispy Chips Garden Peas Baked Beans Salad Bar |
| Flapjack And Fresh Fruit | Winterberry Jelly with Cream | Fresh Fruit Salad | Cherry Sponge and Custard | Autumn Spice Traybake and an Apple Wedge |

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Wednesday 31 October 2018

Dracula's Tasty Slice (Pizza)



Ghostly Potatoes



or

Spooky Windows

Sorcerers Sweetcorn

Iced Chocolate Halloween Cake



Witches Brew



Milkshake



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)*

