



Westwood Academy

Westwood Weekly

Friday 5th January 2024

Dear Westwood families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a fantastic break filled with joy and relaxation.

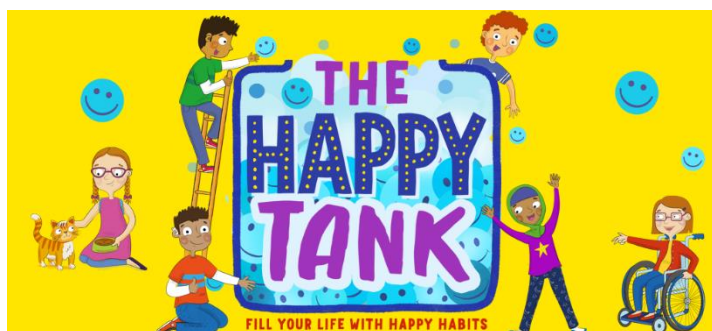
We're starting off the year on a green note at Westwood. Outside the front office, you'll find a lovely yellow bin for recycling Christmas cards. We have been presented an exciting challenge – if we recycle the most cards, we'll win a tree for our school. Thank you to everyone we've have spotted dropping off their cards already!

Next week, our youngest learners in Reception will be participating in engaging and informative road safety workshops. And on Monday, our Happy Tank 30-Day Challenge begins. Each day, we'll share simple, uplifting strategies with the children to keeping building our positive and supportive school community. Let's fill our 'Happy Tank' and spread joy throughout the month.

And lastly, a huge shout out to Omnia Media for their fantastic commitment to our school community - They have been reading with our pupils weekly, contributing to the joy of learning and getting stuck in to some very interesting books!

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a fantastic start to the new year!

Mrs Perryman



Instagram

Check out our Instagram page @WestwoodSEAT and our academy page @South_Essex_Academy_Trust. We will also continue to share updates on our Westwood Academy Facebook page too. Tune in to see all of the exciting learning we are getting up to at Westwood!

Attendance: Our school target is 97%

This week: **95.99%**

Year to date: **95.37%**



We expect pupils to be in school everyday, this week we needed to be much closer to target.

Any pupil with below 90% is considered as a case of "persistent absence".

Key Dates (new/changes this week in bold)

11.1.24 Reception Road Safety workshop PM
12.1.24 1-1.30pm No Outsiders Parent Workshop
 16.1.24 Football match 3pm Wyburns – boys 5/6
 18.1.24 New library books delivery from HM library service
 17.1.24 RockSteady pupil workshops
 9.2.24 Year 1 Chinese Dance Workshop
 6/7/13/14th Feb – Parent mental health first aider w/s
 14.2.24 Badminton comp at Deanes 5/6
 23.2.24 – Junior Music Festival (year 5)
 26.2.24 – Y6 Resilience workshop
 28.2.24 – KS2 cross country comp
 28.2.24 – SEND parent coffee morning

19.2-23.2.23 Half Term

26.2.24 Return to school
 7.2.24 – World Book Day!
 11-15th March – Science Week
 13.3.24 – Year 2 football comp
 14.3.24 – Year 2 Colchester Castle trip
 15.3.24 – Red Nose Day
 19.3.24 – Class/group photos

29.3-12.4.24 Easter Holidays

15.4.24 Return to school
 13.5-17.5.24 SATS week
 13.5-17.5.24 Book Fair

27.5-31.5.24 Half Term

3.6.24 Return to school
 17.6-21.6.24 Yr 6 Residential
 19.7.24 Last day of term



Enquire about lettings! Prices per hour:

Westwood Academy

AREA	COMMERCIAL
Main (Small) Hall	£25
Sports Hall	£45
Football Pitch	£25





A gentle reminder: Please ensure your child's jumper or coat has their name, and we'll take care of reuniting it with them promptly if it does get lost.



Please be mindful of our pupil safety at drop off and collection. Please ensure that our school is a safe place for children and families by parking in the correct zone.

We are counting on our families to set a good example and to help us keep our school community safe.

Thank you to all who are already doing this.

**FAMILY READING AFTERNOONS! Fridays 1pm reception, 11.30pm nursery
Wednesdays 2.55pm nursery**

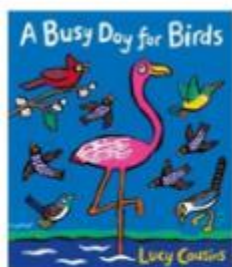
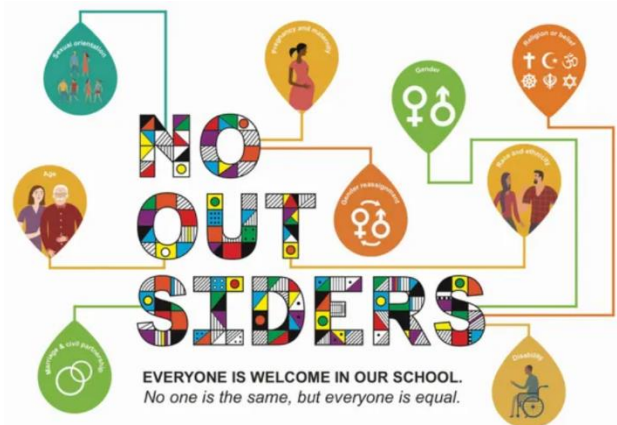
Achievements.

Send in your achievements outside of school to office@westwoodacademy.org and we'll publish them in the newsletter!

No Outsiders Parent Workshop – Friday 12th – 1-1.30pm

We are launching our No Outsiders at South Essex Academy Trust in 2024! As children grow up, they can sometimes learn that difference is a barrier to friendship. Our aim is to remove that barrier, we want children to see 'I am different too, and that's ok'. No Outsiders gives children the language to challenge prejudice and show acceptance. We use picture books to show different people in stories, and we make sure that children understand that no matter who you are, you are welcome in our school.

If you can't make the workshop, resources will be shared via ParentMail.



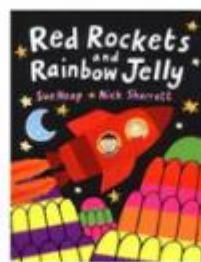
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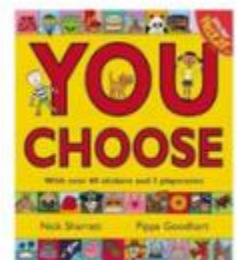
inclusion



difference &
friendship



difference &
families



difference

Puzzles and games

If there are any parents who have had a sort out after Christmas and have any old complete puzzles or complete games that their children no longer play with, Woody's will very kindly take them off your hands for the children who attend the provision to use and play with. Many thanks.

We expect pupils to be in school everyday. We can not authorise term time absence except in exceptional circumstances and where appropriate, Essex County Council will issue fines. Our target for the whole school is 97% attendance, and we are expected to promote positive attendance and support all pupils to be able to attend school regularly. We monitor attendance weekly and will invite parents and carers of pupils who have attendance that causes concern to meet with us to improve. Attendance for each pupil is included in the year end school report – the chart on the right gives an indication as to how much missed learning time each child's percentage equates to each year. We have a statutory duty, as parents do, to ensure that pupils are at school every day. Thank you for understanding and supporting our whole school community by ensuring excellent attendance whenever possible.

Attendance	Hours missed	Weeks missed	Missed days
97%	30	1 week 1 day	6
95%	50	2 weeks	10
90%	95	3 weeks 4 days	19
86%	135	5 weeks 2 days	27
80%	195	7 weeks 4 days	39
75%	242.5	9 weeks 3.5 days	48.5
70%	290	11 weeks 3 days	58
60%	390	15 weeks 3 days	78
50%	485	19 weeks 3 days	97

Woody's Care Provision Details.

T: 07580 461715

Opening Hours.

Mon-Thu 07.30-08:45, 15:10-17:30

Fri 07.30-08:45, 15:10-16:00

Bridging Club Fri 1:30 – 15:10

Home Learning.

When available, can be found on our website by clicking this icon:



This week, school dinners will be from the Winter Menu, click icon below to see menus.



Click below for...

Woody's Care Provision Booking Info

For support with home learning,

Please send a message to your child's class teacher on Dojo, or speak at the gate.



Packed Lunches.

Please make sure that packed lunches are healthy, nut-free and provided in lunch boxes that are cleaned daily.

Thank you.



Please remember **snacks** and **water bottles** each day, as well as appropriate **coats** for cold weather and **sun cream** when it's warm.

Please ensure pupils are provided with a PE kit throughout the school year. Please speak to the school office to make us aware of any difficulty with this. PE kit is part of the school uniform, details of which can be found [here](#).



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.

Games – check PEGI rating.

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



If you have any out of school achievements that you would like mentioned in the school newsletter, please email the office at:

We are nut free. Help us safeguard those with allergies and please do not send any products containing nuts into school.



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Academy



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Musical Theatre

with Laura

Does your child love to
SING, DANCE & ACT?!

Join Laura on a FRIDAY after
school for lots of singing, dancing &
drama!

ALL YEAR GROUPS WELCOME!

TO BOOK PLEASE

TEXT/WATSAPP

07887690425

YOUR CHILD'S NAME

YEAR GROUP

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FRIDAYS

1.30-2.30PM £5

FRIDAY 12th JAN-

FRIDAY 22nd MARCH

TOTAL £50