



# Warren Wood Primary School



Newsletter – September 8<sup>th</sup> 2023

## This Week's 'Must Do's'

All school communication will now be sent by the 'School Spider' App. Please ensure that you download this free app from your Apple or Google store. Check before you download that you are downloading the version for parents too. Information regarding this has been sent home before summer to your email addresses. We have also sent home a paper copy of this information this week as a reminder. If you are reading this now, then you have successfully downloaded and installed it. We are **no longer using School Ping for any communications** as of September 2023. Thank you!

## Coming up next week

Currently all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are able to have a free school meal each day, if they so wish. All children in Years 3-6 then have to pay for school meals. However, did you know that if you qualify for free school meals due to your personal circumstances, you can apply online which may then entitle school to more money to support your child and others in class. This money is called 'Pupil Premium' and can be used to support all children as we think will help them best. This can include extra teaching assistants, support for small group work and many more opportunities to boost the educational experiences of all pupils.

If you have a few minutes to spare and think you may be entitled, please follow the link and complete the online form.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals>

Please remember that even if your child already has a free school meal as an infant pupil, it is important to apply for this money too as it can directly help school. Thank you.

## Reminder

Our school office is a busy place and whilst we know that things can get forgotten at home in the morning rush, we have already seen a large number of items being dropped at the school office throughout the day – water bottles, instruments, coats, lunch boxes and book bags. It is not always possible to get these items to classes quickly and so we politely ask that this is kept to a minimum. We love to encourage the children to be independent too and so would hope they can, in time, remember these things too to make your job easier!

## WOODIES CLUB

If you have booked a place for your child at our breakfast or after school club, please remember to advise us of any changes to bookings or plans. This ensures that we have up to date lists and know who should be where and when each day.

All of these bookings can also be managed via the School Spider app.

Thank you.



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## A Message from the Headteacher

### You are my sunshine...

Dear Parents and Carers

A big welcome back to you all as we start another school year with energy and enthusiasm.

Predictably the weather has changed for the better and so we have been battling against high temperatures that we could have all maybe appreciated a little more five weeks ago! Thank goodness that all of our classrooms benefit from air conditioning. This makes learning a far more comfortable experience, indoors at least!

All of our pupils in Years 1 – 6 have settled in superbly well – it's like they have never been away. A calm and focused approach has been seen in every classroom. We have also had some children who have needed a little more encouragement and support than others to settle back into the routine too and that is ok. Whatever our pupils need, we try our very best to support them emotionally as well as academically.

Our new Reception pupils have also had a wonderful first week. Both classes have completed half days to ease them in gently and have also enjoyed their first school lunch. Next week, they will come to school full time and judging by the way they have settled in, they are more than ready for the challenge and excitement that school has to offer them!

Our Nursery pupils have had visit sessions this week to get them used to their surroundings and they too will be in for their allocated hours next week. Over the past few years, they have completed our school family perfectly. All of the children who came to our school nursery last year have now started in Reception and so this may well explain how they have settled in so well.

Finally, as we settle back into the routine, can we kindly ask that you help us to keep school grounds safe. If you are coming to school at any time of the day either at drop off or pick up, early collection or late in after an appointment – PLEASE ALWAYS CLOSE THE GATES BEHIND YOU. I cannot express enough how a closed gate is not only safe but is also a visual barrier so that children know they are safe and secure. Please also be patient with the front gates and NEVER push them. We had so many issues last year due to the electric gate at the front being pushed rather than opened via the magnetic lock that we hope to avoid that happening this year. Can you also please ensure that your children are supervised near the drive gates onto the car park – this could be a potential blind spot and we want to keep everyone safe from potential risks. Also, we have a strict no dogs policy on the school grounds – this includes dogs being carried under arms or walked on leads.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you all this year.

Mrs. Reyes

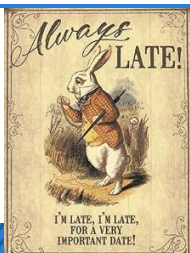
#### Boo the Badger



Next week sees the return of Boo the Badger. He is our school Mascot, named by the children after a real badger we have who visits us (at night, of course) in our forest area beyond the field.

Each week, he visits a class in the infants and juniors who have good attendance, good attitudes to learning and who demonstrate the positive attributes that make us each a 'Woodie'. We award Boo to an Infant and Junior class each week. Let's see who he visits first – He is presented in assemblies each Monday!

His message though is **'Miss school, Miss out'** – we love having you here and so does Boo!



#### Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Parents/Carers– Macmillan Coffee Morning – Hall – 9:00 – 11:00am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Whole School – World Mental Health Day – Wear Green and/or Blue

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Y3 and Y4 – Harvest Celebration – Hall – 9:15am-10:00am

Week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Evening Appointments

**Further detailed information will be sent via School Spider nearer to the time of each event.**