



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

Tuesday 25th August

Welcome to Woodstone! We hope you've had a fantastic summer and the children are looking forward to starting school. This year your child will be taught by Miss Pickering and will be supported in class by our two full-time teaching assistants Mrs Capstack and Miss Brooks. Together we are really looking forward to a busy and exciting year! Thank you for helping with your child's transition to school by taking the time to fill the 'All About Me' booklet with them. This gives us an invaluable insight into the children's home lives and their interests and helps the transition to school run smoothly- please return these to us as soon as possible so we can look through them together. The children settled brilliantly during their transition afternoons in the summer and we are confident they will continue to do so when they start school full time.

Following on from our transition week when the children will be settling into their new class, we are looking forward to starting our topic this half term- 'All About Me'. We will be thinking about ourselves, what makes us special and how we can be kind to each other and work together. We will also be learning about ourselves in terms of our bodies and how we can keep healthy as well as exploring people who help us both at school and in the wider community. Have a look at the Reception class page on the 'classes' tab of the school website to see our curriculum map for this half term and please remember to check this page throughout the term to see photos of some of the things we have done in class, as well as important letters and updates.

We would like to invite all parents to our **'Meet the Teacher' meeting on Wednesday 2nd September at 5pm**. This is a short but important meeting where Miss Pickering will talk through the plan for the year, can answer any questions or queries and is an opportunity for you to have a look around the Reception classroom too. Where possible please don't bring the children to this meeting as this helps it to run a little more smoothly! In addition, as we mentioned at our new starter meeting in May we will be holding a **Phonics and Reading meeting** for Reception parents on **Wednesday 9th September at 9.00am**. Again this meeting will be short but is really important to attend if you are able to. We will talk through our Monster Phonics programme, explain how the children will learn to read and most importantly how you can support your child at home. We anticipate the meeting will last around half an hour.

P.E. Kit

This half term P.E. lessons will be on Wednesday, however your child will need their P.E. kit in school all week in case of timetable changes - this can be taken home at the weekend to wash.

Outdoor P.E. Kit: trainers suitable for the playground and field, tracksuit bottoms, blue or white tshirt and blue or black sweatshirt.

Indoor P.E. Kit: pumps, blue or white t-shirt, blue or black shorts. Please ensure everything is named. Children with long hair should have this tied back for P.E. lessons and earrings must be removed before coming to school on P.E. days.



Forest School / Outdoor Learning

Our Forest School / Outdoor learning sessions will take place on Thursday afternoons starting on **Thursday 10th September**. Your child will need their kit in school on Thursdays however please do not bring this into school before Thursday as we don't have room to store these in the cloakroom. The children will need layers (jogging bottoms/leggings and a jumper), waterproofs, hat and gloves and spare socks. The children will also need a named pair of wellies which will stay in school all year. We will be holding a short meeting for parents to talk through our Forest School programme and give you a tour of our woodland on **Tuesday 29th September at 2.30pm**. We appreciate there a number of meetings in a short space of time during the first few weeks of the term therefore please don't worry if you are unable to make it to this one.

Just a few general points to note:

- Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school everyday- water only please, no juice or squash.
- Please name all the children's belongings, including shoes, coats and P.E. kits.
- Library books – the children will have a library session each Friday and will bring a book home to share with an adult. These books have a barcode in the front. Please ensure the children have their library book in school each Friday so this can be changed.

We operate an open door policy here at Woodstone so please feel free to contact Miss Pickering if you have any queries. This can be either an email using the email address reception@woodstone.leics.sch.uk or a quick chat at the door.

Kind regards,



Rebecca Pickering