

Welcome to the first of our regular newsletters to keep you up to date with the news from Woodnewton – a learning community.

We hope you all enjoyed your summer breaks together and welcome you all back for the new academic year. A special warm welcome to any new children that have joined us and to new staff: Mrs Linda Culbert returning as Vice Principal, Mrs Gabriella Alden returning as teaching assistant, Miss Beth Garvie and Mrs Lucy Robinson teaching in Year 4 and Mrs Kerry Bragg and Miss Lucy Williams teaching in Year 1.

The staff have been working hard to plan and prepare exciting and challenging learning opportunities for the children and no doubt they will come home with lots to tell you.



Be on time



at five to nine

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 20th October – break up for half term

Monday 30th October – return to school after half term

Tuesday 19th December – break up for Christmas

Thursday 4th January – return to school after Christmas

Please ensure that any family holidays are booked during school holidays. Thank you.

ACADEMY DRESS CODE

School is a place of work. We expect all children to dress smartly and be proud to wear their school uniform.

The dress code is as follows:

- Maroon jumper, sweatshirt, fleece or cardigan
- White blouse, shirt or polo shirt
- Grey pinafore dress, skirt, culottes or trousers
- Black shoes
- Red gingham dress

A selection of academy dress, new and second hand is available for purchase from the office.



PE

All children will take part in indoor and outdoor sessions of P.E.

All children should have a named P.E. kit in a named bag comprising of:

- T-shirt
- Shorts
- Plimsolls / trainers (for outdoor use)

P.E. sessions take place outdoors even in cold weather. During these times we ask that you also include a pair of tracksuit or jogging trousers and a jumper.



A Wander around Woodnewton

Woodnewton is an exciting place to be! A wander around this week reveals some interesting class doorways....I wonder what the children inside might be learning about?



Who Can I Talk to?

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's time at school please arrange to speak to your child's **class teacher** in the first instance.

If you would like to discuss anything further then please arrange to speak to the **Year Group Leader**:

TYOP: Ms Vickie Medland **FS1:** Mrs Wendy Hardcastle **FS2:** Mrs Alison Pakenham
YR 1: Mrs Michelle Howes **YR 2:** Miss Gemma Curchin **YR 3:** Miss Rachel Ward **YR 4:**
Mrs Arooj Cecil **YR 5:** Miss Kathryn Randon **YR 6:** Miss Rebecca Key

Interim Principal: Mr Glyn Rushton

Vice Principals: Mrs Linda Culbert, Mr Richard Smyton, Mrs Kate West

Special Educational Needs and Disability Coordinator: Mrs Tracey Bond



Jewellery

Jewellery in a school setting creates a health and safety risk. Please ensure that jewellery is not worn during the school day. If a child has a piercing in their ear please ensure that if wearing an earring they wear a single, simple stud earring which **MUST** be removed for PE lessons either by the child themselves or by an adult at home before school. Please ensure that if your child is having an ear pierced they do so during a holiday so there is plenty of time to heal before school returns and there is no impact on their PE lessons.

Our School Council

Our School Council is currently being elected. The members of the School Council will work with their classes to develop a number of new initiatives this year. Watch for updates in forthcoming newsletters.

TOP TIP: Here is a useful website and free app to help your child practise number skills:
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

