

Executive Headteachers' Bulletin

June 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the final half of the Summer term and the final half term of this school year! I hope you enjoyed the half term break and feel ready for lots of fun (and hopefully some sun too) in these next few weeks. Supporting transition to new classes or new schools will be a really important part of our work this half term. We look forward to working closely with you to make the coming changes as smooth and positive as possible.

Ms Jordan

Coronavirus Safety



As you will know, the National Coronavirus picture is an ever-changing one. Several areas are unfortunately seeing rises in cases. Currently, risks in our area remain relatively low and we ask for your support to help it stay this way. We began cautiously relaxing our rules within school before half term, allowing bubbles to mix more widely outside. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and respond in the best interests of our community.

Staff Changes



I am sorry to share that Mrs Goodhew will be leaving us in September to take up a new post in a high school. This means there will be some exciting changes at Woodland View.

Now is the right time for Mrs Patterson to slightly reduce her working days, so she will be job sharing with Mrs Whiles.

We are currently advertising for a new teacher to join the junior team and look forward to sharing more information about the successful candidate with you, in the coming weeks.

We of course will be very sorry to see Mrs Goodhew go. I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for all her work at Woodland View and wishing her the very best of success in her new role.

Dads Matter



Dads Matter is a free 12-week course supporting fathers across Norfolk. Whether a father is living with his children or apart from them, his role in their upbringing is of huge importance. They welcome not just biological dads but any significant male role model in the child's life this includes, stepdads and uncles.

Dads Matter is not a parenting course, it's a course for parents. They are happy to announce that Dads Matter will be starting real world groups again. They open the week beginning 17th May. [See times and venues for the Dad's Matter course.](#)

See the first in a series of short films here - [Dads Matter - YouTube](#)

DfE Wellbeing Project



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for Education

I am thrilled to share that our Federation has been chosen to take part in the Department for Education's Wellbeing Project. We have already completed an audit with one of the project leaders, which has celebrated so much of the work we have done so far on this important subject. The whole staff team will receive additional training this half term. Also, we will be supported to develop a Mental Health Action Group with a view to ensuring all pupils have a voice and all members of our community have strategies to support their own and others' emotional wellbeing and mental health. Look out for more to come!

Reminder - Transition



Letters have been sent to all parents/carers of current pre-school and Year 2 children about transition this year. These letters give specific information about how we will be supporting the children as they prepare to start a new school. (Year 6 children will also be hearing from their high schools soon, too.)

To support children in every group, the following plans have been made:

- A 'Welcome to Year Group' recording will be uploaded to our website on Monday 14th June. Please watch the recording for your child's year group to find out about the school day in this year group including what is the same and different from their previous year group.
- On Friday 9th July and Tuesday 13th July, all children will have a taster session in their new class.
- On Monday 19th July, all class teachers will upload a welcome message and story session to the website for children to access as often as they wish over the Summer break.

Any questions from children or families can be sent at any time via the school office.

Safeguarding



Barnardo's have recently updated their website to include a support hub. The content is easily accessible and full of useful advice and ideas to support children in areas such as Emotional Wellbeing and Online Life. Support linked to the pandemic and so much more is available for families, children with additional needs and young carers. Please take a look:

[Barnardo's Covid-19 Support Hub | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](https://www.barnardos.org.uk)

School Shop



Thank you for all donations received so far. Please keep these coming in. We will be opening our shop from Wednesday 16th June at Woodland View between 2.45 and 3.30pm from now until the end of term. All items priced from 50p - £2.

General Reminders



Please park considerately to our neighbours. Please name all your child's items. Please let us know if your details or circumstances change so we can contact you in an emergency. Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by either kitchen. Please follow all COVID safety advice.

Attendance



We have recently worked with a few families around lateness. It is very important, for a child's emotional well-being and academic progress, to be in school on time and able to start their lessons with their peers. Please help your child to have a good start to their day by being on time. Thank you.



Thank you to all those families who donated play equipment in response to an appeal by Woodland View Junior School. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. It's great to see the children playing more purposefully. This is something we will be working on as a school over the coming weeks to improve break times even further.

Key Dates



Sports afternoons – WV from 24th June; SIS from 5th July
Federation transition sessions – Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th July
End of Year reports to parents (sent via email) – Tuesday 13th July
Any questions or concerns about reports, sent via email, will be answered by telephone – Thursday 15th July
Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Monday 19th July; Y2 Wednesday 21st July (These are planned to be outside)
Leavers' Water Games (Y2 & Y6) – Tuesday 20th July
Last day of term – Wednesday 21st July