



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term and November! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for all the fun of the half term ahead. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the food bank as part of our Harvest celebrations and thank you also to The Friends for organising our Carving Competition. Coming up we have trips, visitors and experiences to support learning in the classrooms and of course, at the end of the term, a range of seasonal festivities to enjoy!

Ms Jordan

Enrichment Plan

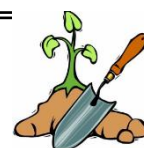


I am pleased to share that our enhancement plan for the year ahead is now available on our website:

[Enhancements – The Federation of Spixworth Schools](#)

We offer a rolling program of activities that support, but go beyond, the National Curriculum. We hope this document helps you to understand our enhanced offer and look forward to what is coming up.

Garden Projects



We have a few gardening projects underway at Woodland View: a sensory garden, a Year 6 wellbeing garden and an allotment area. Huge thanks to Carl Bird for providing no less than 3 skips, free of charge, in support of these projects, the Aviva volunteers for breaking soil and tackling nettles and Mr Sayer for responding to our plea for help with heavy lifting! We look forward to seeing the fruits of this labour over the coming weeks and months.

Staffing Update



A very warm welcome to Mr Boyd and Mrs Lamb who have both joined our after-school ARC team. With increased staff, we are pleased to be able to offer extra places in our after school club. Mrs Lamb will also be working with the cleaning team on some days. We welcome Ms Evans as a midday supervisor at Woodland View and wish Miss London the very best as she moves from our lunchtime team to the Edwards and Blake team.

School Tours



Do you have a child due to start in Reception or Year 3 in September 2023? If so, please book a tour of our schools! Our Heads of Schools would love to show you around and answer any questions you have. To make an appointment, please contact the school office.

A Spotlight on Kooth

Kooth is a platform that offers free and confidential online counselling and support for young people in the UK. There is also webinars and other information available for parents and carers.

Coming soon:

A KoothTalks webinar aimed at parents and carers:

- **How Kooth promotes and supports staying safe online**
Mon 6 Nov, [12-1pm](#) or [6-7pm](#)

You can also view a bank of past webinars focused on topics like '**How Kooth and Qwell can support male mental health**', on our [Vimeo](#).



Online Safety



Children get their information online
Over 90% of 11 year olds own a smart phone
Over 25% of 8-17 year olds play online games with people they don't know
Almost 30% of children have seen explicit images online by the age of 11 years
Parental controls are not enough, children need education, advice and guidance from school, home and other groups they attend to help them stay safe.

Use these links to help you help your child:

<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/category/parents/online-safety/>

[Online Safety – Woodland View Junior School](#)

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Attendance



Reminders:

If your child is off school ill, you must telephone the school in the morning. If your child has an appointment that cannot be booked outside of school time, you can phone or email the school in advance. If you are requesting a leave of absence (for example for term time holiday) you must complete an absence request BEFORE you leave. Evidence of reasons for absence will be requested.

General Reminders



- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. Do not park in Elizabeth Close.
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.

Safety Reminders



- Only certain members of staff are allowed to let visitors into the school
- If you come into school you will be asked to sign in and out at the office
- Unless otherwise informed, push chairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance
- Children should not be on the play equipment or on the playground on their own bikes/scooters before or after school

Thank you

Key Dates for this Half Term

Please note a full list of key dates for the year was sent in July and is available on our website.

November

2023 Reception and Year 3 tours: w/c 6th and 13th
Year R Night-Time Garden Adventure: Thursday 9th
Anti-Bullying 'Odd Socks' Charity Day: Monday 13th
Children in Need Charity Day: Friday 17th
Parent/carer book looks: w/c 20th (WV Mon/Tue/Fri, SIS Wed/Thu/Fri)
Year 4 residential: 23rd – 24th
Year 5/6 Bikeability: 27th – 30th
Parent/Teacher Progress meetings online: w/c 27th

December

Christmas performances: Y3/4 - 11th, Y5/6 - 12th, Year 1/2 - 13th, YR - 14th
Christmas dinner: Monday 18th
Christmas break: Thursday 21st December – Wednesday 3rd January

