



Woodstone Community Primary School

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Growing together, Learning forever

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Dear Parents/Carers,

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 myself, Miss Pickering, alongside our teaching assistants Mrs Capstick and Mrs Sollars. We are really looking forward to getting to know your child and sharing an exciting year with them! Thank you for helping with their transition to school by taking the time to fill in the 'Parent Contribution Sheet' and the 'All About Me' booklet. These documents give us an invaluable insight into the children's home lives and their interests and also helps the transition into school run smoothly – if you haven't managed to do them yet, please return to us as soon as possible.

During your child's first term at Woodstone we will be looking at the Imaginative Learning Project of 'What Makes You Super?' During this topic we will be finding out about what makes your child super as well as looking at our senses, superheroes and people who help us. Keep an eye on the school website as a curriculum map will be posted under the Reception Class Page tab. This will show some of the things we will be doing. Our Imaginative Learning Project for the second half of the Autumn term will be 'Celebrations' looking at Halloween, Harvest, Diwali, Firework Night and Remembrance Day. We will then go on to look at 'What Happens When I Fall Asleep' learning about nocturnal animals, stars and space!

From Tuesday 31st August when the children start full time, we will provide the lunch choices on a board near to the green gate. This is where you will be able to support your child in choosing a lunch choice that you know they will enjoy. Children will need to be dropped off and collected at the green gate. We want to promote as much independence from the children as possible so we would appreciate it if you could work with your child to enter the classroom independently and say their goodbyes at the gate.

Reading

Over the next few weeks your child will come home with a reading diary and books which we've asked them to share with you at home. Children are expected to read a minimum of 5 times per week for a period of 10 minutes. To begin with your child will have books without any words. This gives them chance to get used to holding a book the correct way around and allows them to be creative and make up their own stories using the pictures to support them.

As we start our daily Phonics sessions your child will bring home sound cards and tricky word mats. These are to be practised at home as much as possible.

Hearing your children read AND reading to them is one of the most important things you can do to help them at school. Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word. Even after children learn to read by themselves, it's still important for you to read aloud together. There is also statistical evidence that shows children who read a lot perform better in school tests and exams as they move up the school.



P.E Kit

Your child will need their P.E. kit in school all week. This should include both indoor and outdoor kit - this will need to be taken home at the weekend to wash.

No jewellery will be allowed to be worn for P.E – any child with earrings will need to have these removed, at home on the days when P.E. takes place.

Outdoor P.E. Kit: trainers suitable for the playground and field, blue or black tracksuit bottoms, blue or white t-shirt, blue or black sweatshirt. Woodstone hoodies are also now available to order for PE sessions.

Indoor P.E. Kit: pumps, blue or white t-shirt, blue shorts

Forest School: The children will be visiting our woodland every Friday (starting Friday 10th September).

Children's Forest School kit will need to be brought to School on a Friday and then it will be sent home to be washed over the weekend.

Children will need waterproofs (jackets and trouser or all in one suit) and wellies (to stay in school). Layers are needed to go under the waterproofs. We advise a t-shirt, jumper and joggers. However, please be mindful of the weather and consider how many layers will be needed for a whole morning in the forest.

'Wow Moments'

We really love to find out as much about your child as possible. With this in mind we would like you to share anything special that happens in your child's life. This may be something they have achieved or something they or you are proud of e.g. swimming, tying their own laces, making a cake, getting dressed themselves etc etc. Please email these moments to our Reception email address (reception@woodstone.leics.sch.uk). We will share these moments with the rest of the class before they go into your child's Learning Journey.

Just a few general points to note:

- Alongside hand washing, we will be using hand sanitiser. Please could you let us know if your child has any allergies and cannot use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Please ensure your child has a coat and their bookbag in school daily.
- Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school daily – water only please, no juice or squash.
- The children will need a pair of named wellies to keep in school. Please bring these in as soon as possible so that we can go and explore our forest area.
- Please name all the children's belongings, including shoes, coats and P.E. kits.

We operate an open door policy here at Woodstone so please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any queries. This can be either a quick chat at the beginning or end of the day, or if you require longer please email or make an appointment at the Office.

King regards,

R Pickering

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