



WOODLANDS PARK
SCHOOL

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New Ambassadors

In our celebration assembly today, we presented ambassador badges to four children in Year 6 – Marnie, Evie, Jonny and Shayaan. Our ambassadors have important responsibilities across the year and will be required to represent the school at important events. One of the first responsibilities our ambassadors will have, will be to help with our open mornings (Wednesday 20th and Monday 25th September) and evening (Wednesday 4th October) that are taking place over the next three weeks. The open events provide opportunities for prospective families and children to visit the school.

Open Morning and Evening

This is the first time that the school have held an open event, as it is unusual for a primary schools to run an open evening, but we are going to give it a try this year to allow parents/carers who cannot come during the day to visit us. To ensure the open evening runs smoothly, we will be needing pupil helpers, so look out for letters seeking permission to be involved. Please share the attached flier with the dates and timings to anyone you know is interested in enrolling their child in our school. Be aware that the school reception will be busy on the open mornings and staff may not be on hand to deal with queries, as they would on a typical school day. Where possible, communicate through the office email.

School Council

In Monday's assembly we shared with children in Years 1 - 6 the opportunity to become a school council rep. The Council, consisting of 12 children (two from each class), will meet each half-term with Mr Miles (Headteacher) to discuss school issues. If your child is interested,

they must let their class teacher know and then prepare a speech (no longer than two minutes) detailing why they are the best candidate for the role. Elections will take place next week in class bases. The school council have an exciting trip planned to the Houses of Parliament in November.

Calendar Dates

Attached to this newsletter are the calendar dates for this term. We will add to these, whilst trying to ensure you are given as much notice as possible of changes to the programme. We are in the processes of booking and organising trips for all year groups. Class teachers will provide more details, closer to when trips are due to take place.

After School Clubs

Yesterday, we uploaded our club programme for the autumn term. Please check to see what is on offer and try to encourage your child to sign-up for an activity. We hope to add a second sports club, aimed at key stage 1 and we will let you know when it will start. The club fee has risen by 50p to £2.50. We still believe this is a really reasonable cost for an after school club and we hope affordable.

Nursery Provision

Next week you will receive some communication from Mrs Butcher (Assistant Headteacher) about our



Photo: Our Harvest appeal supports Maidenhead Foodshare

Nursery provision. We are looking to increase our provision to a full day and we wish to know if we were to make this change, if any of our current families would take up the offer. Please respond to the survey, to help us prepare staffing, but do check that you are entitled to the free 30 hours, as Nursery funding can be quite complicated.

School Fund

You will notice on sQuid that there is a donation being asked for our 'school fund'. This cost has not changed and remains at £12. The fund is for your child's class teacher to purchase extra resources, that will support your child's learning through out the year. It is not a requirement to pay this in one go and it is possible to spread payments across the term.

Harvest

On Monday we will start collecting donations for Maidenhead Foodshare. The Foodshare would welcome donations of non-perishable food and washing products. Donations will be taken to St. Mary's Church on Wednesday 27th September and offered as part as our Harvest service. The afternoon service will be attended by children in Years 3 – 6. Our Advent service in December, will include children from Years 1 – 6 and will also be open for parents/carers to attend.



Photo: Year 6 participating in their swimming lessons this week