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Together We Achieve

Friday 7th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

I hope you enjoyed the summer with your children. It has been wonderful to see the children come into their new classes and start the school year so positively. There is a real buzz of activity and happiness across the whole school. Thank you for ensuring they look so smart in their uniforms, Year 6 are doing a great job setting a good example of looking smart (with ties) for the rest of the school – well done!

I am very pleased that for the 3rd year running we have no changes to staff, we all know how important it is to have familiar faces, solid relationships and consistency for our children. A list of roles and responsibilities is available on our website. Congratulations to Miss Chaudhry who got married over the summer holidays and will now be known as Mrs Mock.

Thank you for your support with our 'Going For Green' behaviour system over the last 3 academic years. We are proud to say that over the three years, behaviour has only improved and we are now ready for the next stage and a new challenge. The amount of ambers and reds being awarded has decreased and the amount of greens has increased resulting in a rise in the number of Gold Awards that are rewarded every half-term. Our Behaviour Shop has received numerous positive comments from external visitors including those from other schools and it has worked very well with our pupils.

As you are already aware, we are continuing to improve attendance with an aim to reach 96.5% which is in line with Ealing attendance aspirations and so that we are consistent with other schools in the borough. To help pupils understand the importance at being at school every day and on time as well as our attendance target, we are adapting our Going for Green behaviour system this year.

Please note the following important changes have been shared with pupils in this week's assembly.

Beginning from **Monday 10th September 2018:**

- To achieve a **GOLD award**, pupils must also **be at school every day and on time**. As you are aware, this new school rule was brought in to effect at the beginning of last academic year so that pupils were given time to get used to it.
- Pupils will be allowed only 2 days to be either late or absent. After that, they will only be able to get a Bronze or Silver Award.



- If a pupil has a doctor/dentist appointment, they can still get a GOLD award as long as proof is brought in and shown to the school office. If they are unwell with a longer-term illness such as Chicken Pox, this will be taken in to consideration.
- The school gate will close promptly at 9am every morning and late pupils will have to walk round to the School Office. At that point they will be considered late.

I hope that you will join us in supporting the schools push to raise attendance and punctuality so that pupils are given every opportunity to learn and succeed in education. Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions. We greatly value your input.

Attendance is crucial for successful learning. Every day out of school is a missed learning opportunity, it also means your child misses out on activities and opportunities we offer every day to ensure every child is fully prepared for the next stage of their life, it means they are not learning and falling behind their classmates. **Good attendance** at this age also means they build **good habits** for High School and later in their working life. Please read our **Attendance, Absence and Punctuality Policy** very carefully to be sure what we all have a duty to do in order to support your child's education.

Remember we have 13 weeks of school holidays between September and August every year, so holidays, family days out and visits to relatives must be arranged in school holiday time **ONLY**.

Being **late** means your child is missing out on their learning. It is **your responsibility as the parent** to ensure your child is at school **ON TIME every day**.

I am extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated team, who work very hard to keep our children safe and ensure we all enjoy our learning every day. As such, our teachers and support staff will continue to run clubs before and after school, starting from Monday 10th September. Mrs Hamid and Ms McConnell will be running our **Breakfast Club** this year, please ensure you inform Ms Chamberlain or Ms Brusa if you are interested in enrolling your child in Breakfast club. Our **After School Care** will be run by Mrs Ash and Ms O'Dea on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We hope to be able to offer a whole week in due course, unfortunately, for now, I am able only to open After School Care for part of the week. If you have any queries about any of our wrap around provision, as always, I am very happy to meet with you.

This year our assemblies are as follows:

Day	Focus
Monday	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	Music Assembly
Wednesday	Class Assembly (Parents invited by class teachers)
Thursday	Collective Worship
Friday	Class Reflection

We have had some changes within our school building this year. Our fabulous new Library is up and running. A massive THANK YOU to Mrs Magan for her vision and energy in making this happen! We have a smart new Computer Suite, a key resource in today's world where technology plays such an important part in all of our lives. Thank you to Ms Yasin, our IT Support Technician, for all her hard work over the summer holidays in getting this project completed. Thank you also to Featherstone High School for donating computers for our children to use.

On the subject of computers, please do continue to check in with our website, we work hard to ensure the information is updated regularly. Also, if you have a minute, take a look at our **Instagram**.

As part of the new legislation around data protection and the introduction of GDPR in May 2018, we have

been updating our policies and procedures. Please make sure you keep us updated on your personal information and return all consent slips as requested to Ms Brusa in the school office, especially for permission to use your child's photograph for school leaflets, displays and the website.

We, at Woodlands take the job of keeping our children **safe** very seriously. Which is why we insist on good behaviour and every child follows our **school rules** at all times. As part of our duty to keep all our children safe and to help our parents understand how you too can do more, we will be starting a new project this term on **Safeguarding**, working closely with 5 other Ealing schools and the Healthy Schools team at Ealing Council. A number of parent workshops will be held and information will be coming your way next week.

I have written a lot of what you already are aware of and as a reminder of our **school expectations** - the important things that go towards supporting our children build a **successful future**. All of our hard work in Primary Schools is ultimately measured by how well our Year 6 pupils do in their KS2 SATs. I am so proud to inform you that we achieved our **most successful results** ever in July. It is without question because of the hard work our Class of 2018 put into their learning and the commitment of Mrs Magan and Miss Hasker in leading a team of teachers who worked tirelessly with our Year 6's to ensure they did their very best!

I received a letter from the Local Authority this week that clearly outlines our success:

"The proportion of pupils working at age related expectations has improved since 2017 and are now broadly average in Key Stage 1"

*"In Key Stage 2 the proportion of pupils working at age related expectations has improved since 2017 and are now broadly average in reading and writing and **above national average in maths.**"*

Full information on our performance will be published on our website.

One final thought as I sign off for now is that we are all a **TEAM here at Woodlands** and that includes all the wonderful parents who continue to support us...

THANK YOU!!

Yours faithfully



Harinder Rana
Headteacher