

Woodlands Unit Newsletter

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A warm welcome back to the new school year and we hope you have all had a lovely summer break. The new term has started with some of our children moving into a new class. We also have four new children who have joined our unit, three children in Rabbits Class and one child in Squirrels Class.

We are also really pleased to welcome a new teacher to the unit, Miss Sam Alladin who is our Squirrels Class Teacher.

Woodlands Wonderful Wednesdays

Our first event will be on Wednesday 10th October. Please come and join us in your child's class from 2pm - 3pm to join in some fun activities.

Coffee Afternoons



These will be on a Thursday afternoon starting with our first one on **Thursday 20th September**. We are looking for parent volunteers to come in and put the kettle on ready each week. Please see Mrs Smith if you would like to volunteer to do this. The Nest will be open from 2.45pm. Come along and have a coffee and a catch up with other parents. We will be arranging some visiting speakers for later in the term.

Assemblies

Our first assembly will be in the 2nd term. This will be on Thursday 13th December at 2.15pm.

Speech and Language Therapist

We now have our own Speech and Language Therapist for a half a day a week. Her name is Kate Eden and she is from Magic Words Therapy. Thank you for returning the case history questionnaires which we need in order for the children to be seen by Magic Words.

If you haven't returned this yet please can you do this as soon as possible.

Snack Money

We ask for a voluntary donation of £1 per week so we can provide the children with a range of snacks. Please give this to your child's class teacher.

PE Kits

The children will be doing PE every week. Please can you make sure they have kit in school, preferably in a draw string bag as these fit on the pegs much better than bag packs.

Swimming

There will be no swimming on a Friday due to staff illness. We will let you know as soon as we are able to do this again.

Autumn is approaching!

The weather is starting to turn colder. Please can you make sure that you send your child to school with a coat as we do go outside every day.

Reading

We want the children to develop a love of reading. Please listen to your child read or read a story to them as often as possible to encourage this.

Local Offer

There are a range of parents courses available through Northamptonshire Local Offer. This is the link

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/specialist-support-for-send/Pages/courses-for-parents.aspx>

The county council currently have a consultation about an Autism Strategy. Here is the link if you would like to read and comment on this

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/Pages/current-consultations.aspx>

**Best wishes from
All the Woodlands Unit Team**