



HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dear Parents / Carers,

How is it Friday again already?

It has been another wonderfully busy week at Wooden Hill and I am very pleased with how we have settled back in to routines and expectations. Earlier this week we had a visit from colleagues at Greenshaw Learning Trust. The visit focussed on our current evaluation of the school's strengths and areas for continued development. I am delighted to let you know that the Trust unequivocally agreed with our judgments. The key areas we will be focusing on in the coming year are: Foundational Skills and Knowledge, Oracy Skills and continuing to embed strong routines and expectations of behaviour and presentation across all areas of the curriculum. The launch of our Five to Thrive reading initiative will be a tangible example of how you can help support at home.

Mr Garner

Reception

We are very proud of the children for settling into Reception so quickly and so well. This half term, we are talking about families and the children have all enjoyed sharing pictures and talking about their own families. We had a visit from a mother and baby and the children asked some interesting questions to find out what babies need and what they can do. The children have had their first P.E. lessons in the hall and they showed that they can listen and follow instructions to play some games. We have been very impressed at how quickly the children are learning phonics. They have learned some new sounds and they are beginning to blend too. Well done Mole and Vole class!



We are 1 week into our challenge and we have already seen so much improvement! Well done to this week's top 3 classes for:

Class	% of met target
Kite	61%
Chaffinch	56%
Beaver	52%

Remember every child needs to read to an adult at home at least five times a week and records each session in their reading record. If your child is reading a book at level 5 or above, then they can sign their own reading record but the expectation is that they also read at home at least 5 times a week.

Clothes Voucher

The Clothes bank will be doing their autumn event on the 6th October. If any families require a voucher, please email Mrs. Corbett our Family Support Advisor on annette.corbett@woodenhillprimary.co.uk with the following details: Child's gender and age, size of clothes and for the adult's gender and size. On receipt Mrs Corbett will issue a voucher and send it to you by email.



Diary Dates



Wednesday 30th September Reception Phonics Workshop 9am – 10am

Friday 2nd October Reception Phonics Workshop 2pm – 3pm

12th – 16th October Y6 Residential

Friday 16th October Y3 Cake Sale

Tuesday 20th October – Individual School Photos

Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st October Parent Consultations

Friday 23rd October - Last Day of Term

Wednesday 4th November – First Day of Term

Friday 20th November Reception Cake Sale

Click here to view the full school calendar:

<https://www.woodenhillprimary.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2&pid=8&viewid=1>

Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance:	97%
Top class for attendance:	Rabbit 100%



Safeguarding Spotlight

Late last year we launched our online safety hub on our website which can be found [here](#).

It has a wealth of information to help keep children safe- for now please have a browse. In coming weeks I'll be drawing attention to particular sections which I think will be valuable for people to read in more detail.

