

Wildmoor Heath School

Newsletter

4th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to welcome all our pupils and families back to Wildmoor Heath for the new school year 2018/2019 and to extend our warmest greetings to all our new pupils and families. Mr. Rich Thomas, our new Deputy Headteacher, and I are delighted to be leading Wildmoor Heath from September 2018 and will enjoy meeting you regularly on the school gate. Today, it was wonderful to greet all our pupils arriving promptly, looking refreshed and very smart in their uniforms. The children are clearly very excited and enthusiastic to meet up with their friends and teachers and to get back to their learning again. Thank you all for helping your child/children to make such positive start to the new academic year.

School Values – High Aspirations

Our school values are encapsulated in the motto, 'Reaching for Our Best' with our core values being Respect, Inclusion, Achieve, Courage, Help and Care, Individuality, Resilience and Go For It! During each half-term we will focus on a core value and share key texts and real-life histories with the children. This half-term we will focus on 'Achieve – High Aspirations'. We all have high expectations for our children and we want the children to have high aspirations for themselves and for each other. We will share with the children some true stories on children who have personally succeeded in different fields through determination, huge effort and self-belief. We believe that every one of our pupils is awesome and we want them to achieve awesome things. Please support your child in every way to work hard, put in maximum effort and to believe in themselves – they are awesome.

INSET, Monday 3rd September 2018

During our school INSET, the Wildmoor Heath teachers discussed our strategic priorities for the year and agreed some key actions to help us all achieve our goals. As a team we are all committed to the seven year journey pupils undertake through the school and we share the responsibility of ensuring that each and every child achieves their full potential at every stage. Through high aspirations and strong collaboration with parents, carers and peer teachers, we will ensure that all children are, 'Reaching for their Best.' It is our collective ambition for Wildmoor Heath to become an outstanding school where children achieve their full potential in all areas and leave us as confident, curious, caring and rounded learners who appreciate the value of their community and the wonders of the wider world.

Welcome Meetings – please join us on Wednesday, 12th September, 3:30pm and 6:00pm

These meetings are being held by your child's teacher in the classroom. The teacher will explain clearly what your child will be learning this term, the topic for the term and support your child may need from home. The teacher will also discuss the expectations for the year and their high aspirations for homework, presentation, uniform and behaviour. The Year 5 Welcome Meetings will be held on Monday, 10th September at 3:30pm and 6:00pm with Mr Rich Thomas and Mrs Wells.

Attendance

School attendance for 2017/2018 was 96.6% and our target for this year is 97% - we are determined to stay above the national average. Excellent school attendance is paramount to ensure your child makes good progress in all areas of their education. Please only keep your child off school if they are ill; the school office is able to administer prescribed medicine and medicines for coughs and colds (e.g. calpol/paracetamol). We are not able to administer Ibuprofen in any form. We discourage holidays being taken during term time; if, for exceptional reasons, you need to request term-time leave, please ask to see the Headteacher, Mrs Semper.

Mobile Phones

A reminder that at children are not allowed to bring their mobile phones into school, unless they are in Year 6. Year 6 children must hand their phones in to the school office at the beginning of the day and collect them at the end of the school day.

Developing Our Outdoor Spaces and Learning

We are very keen to develop our outdoor areas and outdoor learning this year and to ensure that our grounds are attractive throughout the months. All classes will be encouraged to use our spacious grounds for lessons across the curriculum and to give the children opportunities to learn outside more frequently. This term we would like to ask for your support in two ways please:

1. Large Plant Tubs and Plants – please help us by bringing in some large planters/tubs and plants which we can fill them with. These may be shrubs, perennials, globe chrysanthemum, evergreens, bulbs, tubers, etc. All items can be left inside the school gate on the left hand side ready for our Gardening Club to get to work.
2. Nature Garden/ Pond Maintenance – our fantastic PTA are organising a morning work party to maintain and clear our nature garden and the pond on Saturday, 13th October 2018. Please put the date in your diary and join us to help bring this area back to life for our children.

Family Campout

The Parent Teacher Association are organising a family campout on the school field on Saturday, 15th September 2018. Please join us for this special family campout in our wonderful grounds.

Wildmoor Heath is an exceptional learning environment and we are proud of the strong relationships we have with our parents, carers and the local community. Please remember that we have an open door policy and are happy to discuss any ideas or opportunities you may have to help our pupils and our school. By working together, we will ensure that your children thrive at Wildmoor and reach their full potential in all areas.

Best regards

Mrs Semper
Headteacher

Mr Thomas
Deputy Headteacher



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