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## Newsletter September 2019

### Welcome back!!

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break and are looking forward to another exciting and happy year at Woodthorpe. A very warm welcome to Ms Sanderson who will be teaching in Y1.

**Most importantly, we wish to welcome our new parents and carers and our new children. We hope you will be very happy at Woodthorpe.**

### What's New?

- As well as new staff and children in school there are also some new arrangements of which you all need to be aware. As you already know, we communicate mainly via the App and our website. **If you have not yet registered for the App and would like some help in doing so, please contact the school office.**
- We are also no longer accepting cash payments for school meals, trips etc. Using the ParentPay system, we are now able to receive payment electronically, which saves time for us all. Again, **if you have not yet registered for ParentPay, please contact the office and they will be happy to help!**
- Finally (for now!), we have been instructed by Health and Safety to limit the use of access to school via the main entrance. This is to prevent congestion in the office area as well as limit the amount of traffic on Lewis Road in the morning. There are still 3-access point available to you all on Woodrove Avenue, Woodthorpe Road and Chadwick Road. This also applies after school when parents are requested to collect their children from their classroom and **not** the office area.

### Home /School Booklet and Code of Conduct

Due to a number of changes within school, we will be providing a home/school booklet detailing things such as the roles and responsibilities of staff within school, attendance and uniform. We are also obliged to share the school's code of conduct and behaviour policy with all parents and carers on an annual basis. **These are available on the App. Please take some time to read this through with your child.** This will ensure that you understand where to go if you need support for your child and clarify our expectations regarding behaviour. **Please complete the form on the App to acknowledge this had been read.** Also, if you **do not** want your child's photo to be used on our website or on other school communication, **please inform the office as soon as possible.**

### School Times, Attendance and Punctuality

In order that your child receives the best possible teaching and learning opportunities, it is vital that they attend school every day and on time. Registration starts at **8.45am**; however, classrooms are open to parents from **8.35am**. The breakfast bar starts at **8am**. An adult must accompany children in KS1. Should you have any concerns regarding punctuality and attendance please contact us at the earliest opportunity, who will be happy to offer support. School finishes at 2.55pm for Foundation Stage and Key Stage One and 3.00pm for children in Key Stage Two. If you happen to be running late, please ensure you phone school to inform us of this.



### **Uniform / PE Kit**

A reminder that our school dress code is: dark blue sweatshirt; dark blue polo shirt; dark trousers or skirt; dark shoes. For full details and to order school uniform please ask Mrs Twelvetrees at the school office. In addition, we have a PE dress code this consists of a light blue T – shirt and black shorts. Children will have an outdoor PE session each week when they may wear tracksuits, especially in the colder weather. New children will be given a 'Woodthorpe PE' T – shirt, if you need a replacement these can be purchased from Mrs Twelvetrees. We suggest your child leaves their PE kit in school during term time ensuring it is always available if required.

### **Dates for your diary**

25.09.19 – School Photos in the morning  
25.10.19 - School Break up for Half Term  
04.11.19 – Children return to school  
06.11.19 – Parents' Evening

All key dates are on our website and you can also receive notifications from the Woodthorpe App. If you haven't yet downloaded it, please do so from the App Store! You may also be aware that a group of parents have established a Facebook group. This can be found by searching "Woodthorpe parents group" and requesting to join. We have found this is an excellent way to receive constructive feedback and also suggestions as to how we can further improve.

Once again, welcome back. We are really excited and optimistic that this year will be highly successful for all our learners. Thanks for your continued support.



Dave Smith – Headteacher

