



20<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

A Happy New Year to all our families. This term's newsletter covers a wide range of items and it will certainly be useful to read through it and discuss some things with your child, particularly those relating to their safety.

### **New staff**

We welcome the following new members of staff to Wood Green this term:

Mrs T Ali, English Teacher  
Mrs F Colquhoun, Science Teacher

Mr J Townsend, Site Maintenance  
Mrs J Tse, Assistant Attendance Administrator

There has been some disruption to Food and Textiles lessons recently due to staff absence. A separate letter will come out to parents of students affected by this very soon.

### **The PTA needs you!**

Wood Green School has a small but committed PTA who are planning a number of fundraising events and activities this year. A regular newsletter will come out soon highlighting these. They would be very grateful for any help with any one of their activities. If you can help even just a little bit, for example by serving refreshments at the quiz night, please email [woodgreenpta@gmail.com](mailto:woodgreenpta@gmail.com). They would also welcome hearing from a parent with experience in digital communication or marketing, to help advertise what they do and to recruit more supporters. Of course, any fundraising ideas would be most welcome! Students are more involved in fundraising this year, for charity and for the school, so having parents helping too makes this a real community group that is much valued by the school.

### **PTA Spring Quiz.**

The PTA are organising a Quiz night on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March at Wood Green School from 19.30 – 23.00. Please [click here](#) if you would like to buy tickets. Tickets are for tables/teams of 4 – 6.

### **Joining the Sixth Form**

It was fantastic to see so many students and families at our Sixth Form Open Evening last week. Applications for joining the Sixth Form are now open. You can apply via the link on the home page of our website. The deadline is Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### **Academy Status**

Our plans to form a new Academy Trust for Oxfordshire with three other schools continue to progress. It is intended that the new Trust will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> February. I will write to parents to confirm this arrangement nearer to the time. This will not affect the day-to-day running of the school but will bring new opportunities for students. For example, students in years 7-9 will benefit from a large Arts project running across the schools in the Trust, which should be very exciting. Some staff met together for the first time at the start of term to plan ways to work together for the benefit of all.

## **Student Safety**

### **a) Students feeling unwell**

If a student feels unwell during the school day, he or she must go to Reception to see Mrs Berrows (Matron) or the lead for First Aid that day. Mrs Berrows (Matron) will then contact the parents. If the student needs to go home, this is then agreed with the parent. It is essential that this system is followed so that we know where every child is. In some cases students are contacting home directly without permission and parents are then coming to school. Please could you remind your child of the system and, if he or she ever contacts you, please ask him or her to go to First Aid.

### **b) Woodstock Road crossing**

Particularly in these dark evenings cars are not always stopping for students using the zebra crossing on Woodstock Road. I have written to the Council to ask for improvements to the traffic measures, but it is important in the meantime that our students are safe. If your child uses this crossing ever, it would be worth stressing the importance of checking that cars are stopping before stepping out into the road.

### **c) PE and Hair/Jewellery**

Students are not allowed to wear any jewellery for PE lessons for safety reasons. This includes ear-rings. The most recent advice is that taping over any ear stud is not sufficient. Therefore every student doing PE must be able to take out their ear stud. Hair must also be tied back. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child can follow these rules.

Thank you for your continued support in all school matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R Shadbolt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Mr R Shadbolt  
Headteacher



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