



Dear Families,

Quite unbelievably we have already been back at school for a whole month!

We have several events coming up:

### **National Hero's day Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

To mark this day we invite children in **Nursery and Reception** classes to bring a "hero" to school with them. This means children can bring 1 adult family member to join them at school from 9.15-11am. It would be brilliant if this was someone who does not regularly come to school to drop off or collect. Whilst we want to welcome as many people as possible we have to manage numbers safely so unfortunately on this occasion we must limit this to 1 person per child and will not be able to include younger "mobile" siblings.

We would like to ask children in Year 1 and Year 2 to bring in a photo of a hero on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **PARENT GOVERNOR FOCUS GROUP**

You are invited to attend a Parent Governor Focus Group in November and March. These groups are really important, providing an opportunity for the senior leadership team, parents and governors to discuss two key topics together each term. There is a choice of an evening or morning session. Monica Secretan, Deputy Head will host this term's event alongside members of the Governing Board.

**Term 1** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 6-7pm or Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 9-10am

At this session we will discuss the following:

1. Boys and girls- do they have equal opportunities?
2. topic suggested by parents- please email suggestions to [info@woodgrange.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@woodgrange.newham.sch.uk) by 19<sup>th</sup> October

There is no crèche but it is fine to bring your children with you to play (as quietly as possible!) with the books or toys provided.

Are you nervous? Is English difficult? You are not alone. Take inspiration from your child in school and please give it a try. Bring a friend or relative. Speak to Dana or Shama. Whatever it takes, come to listen and be heard and we promise you won't regret it.

### **Who are the Governors?**

School governors are volunteers who help to run the school. They're involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards of school discipline. Governors also help to make big decisions about the school's long-term goals. They support headteachers, but also ask difficult questions and make sure the head teacher is taking the school in the right direction.

It is important for parents, the head teacher and governors to have the opportunity to speak about their hopes and the children's experiences. This helps school improve, you feel better informed and children learn better and are more secure.

**Term 2** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 6-7pm or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9-10am- topic to be decided

### **Parents' Evenings**

These will take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 4-6.30pm. We will send invites via parentmail and ask you to book a time slot to discuss your child's learning and progress with the class teacher.

### **World Food day**

During the final week of term (15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October) we will be having a collection of food for a local food bank. We invite donations of tinned/ packet foods. We will place a container/ table at the front entrance throughout the week.

Have a good weekend

Sarah & Staff