

Dear Families,

Message from the PTA

Last Thursday we held our first PTA event of the year with a Back to School Quiz Night and it was a huge success, raising just over £1,000. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the school, and congratulations to the winning team. We also wanted to say a particular thank you to Sarah and the school team (who were not the winners!) who generously helped to set up and take part in the event, and to all the parents who donated their time and the great prizes that helped raise so much money. Look out for more great events in the coming months. For those who could not attend but wish to contribute, donations are always welcome directly via the Go Fund Me page <https://www.gofundme.com/f/woodgrange-infant-school>. And remember, if you want to get involved with the PTA please don't hesitate to reach out to woodgrangepta@gmail.com

Appeal for donations...

We have an urgent need for donations of knickers, socks and trackies to keep in case of "accidents". If you have any spares at home please bring them for the attention of Jo Zakiewicz.

If your child comes home in a school change of clothes please wash and return as soon as possible.

Online safety and safeguarding

A parent has told me about an experience that I think worth sharing... her curious cat children asked google about a subject you wouldn't expect until they were much older... they chose the exact moment when the home's filters had been switched off to allow her to do some work. They were faced with some very graphic images. Through this mishap the parent has discovered that accidents can happen, however secure you think your wifi is. The thing to share is that it is possible to also impose a child safe filter on the wifi router. I don't know how to do this but I would thoroughly recommend it as children seem always to be one step ahead of us grown ups in all things technical!

I would also stress the need to keep passwords secure from your children or give them their own that have filters applied...

PTA Events

Friday 18th October (after school) - Fairy Lit Diwali Bake Sale in the Woods

Saturday 14th December (12-4pm) – Winter Fete

Tuesday 17th December (after school) – Christmas Party



Calling all makers, crafters and bakers!

We're currently organising the big school winter fete for Saturday 14th December (12-4) and as we have so many talented parents and teachers within the school, we're aiming to have the best craft market Forest Gate has ever seen! We're putting the request out now so there's plenty of time to make – we're open to any donations though ideas that have been put forward so far are:

Truffles, Jams, Pickles, Puddings, Homemade cordials, Decorations, Cards, baking kits, Home knits – beanies, baby & kid clothes, Painted plant pots, Spring bulbs in mini planters, house plants, macramé

Let us know if you have any thoughts or if you need any help with craft supplies. There'll be a box in reception ready to take donations in the lead up to the event. Woodgrange PTA woodgrangepta@googlemail.com

Booking Private Stalls at the Winter Fete this year

This year at the fete, all food and drink stalls (including sweets) will be run by school volunteers for the school (unless you normally run a stall and donate the profits to the school. in which case we would of course love to have you again!). This is because those stalls tend to make the most cash, and we're trying to raise as much money as we can to help support the school and the children. - Parents or non-parents who would like a stall to sell other things (apart from food, drink, or sweets) or who want to promote businesses aimed at families, please get in touch with Kelly Drake to book your space. The theme of No-Or-Low Plastic continues from the Summer Fete - Reduce, reuse, recycle! Stalls will cost £15 for parents and £20 non parents. Ka.drake@virgin.net.

Safe Streets

It has now been confirmed that the proposed street closure between 8.30-9.30am and 3-4pm will go ahead in a few weeks time. Only residents living within the zone will be able to enter it between these times, meaning you will not be able to drive to school without receiving a penalty notice.

The aim of this scheme is to improve the air quality around our young children's environment by reducing exhaust emissions.

I fully support this scheme because it can only have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the children of Woodgrange and Godwin schools.

This is a council initiative and I am not responsible for it in any way. There should be more information to follow from the council.



Have a lovely weekend

Sarah & Staff