



13th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope your child enjoyed their first full week at Woodham Walter! All the children have coped extremely well and you should be immensely proud of them!

Thank you for your support with the Show & Tell homework last week. It helps with settling in, confidence building and getting to know each other. Children may continue to bring in a toy to show to their new friends this week but next week and thereafter we ask that all toys be left at home to avoid losing them.

Please make sure that you check your child's reading record each day, share their book with them and make a comment or anything that indicates they have read it with you. It is most useful if children have a school book bag in order to adequately fit in their books and reading record rather than a rucksack. While children are still learning to recognise their name, it would also be useful to add a small keyring to the handle so that children can easily identify their own bag once it is in the class bag box amongst all the others.

We also ask that ALL items of clothing, including vests, socks, shoes and all Forest School clothing is **clearly named**. Changing for Forest School and P.E is extremely stressful for all when items inevitably become muddled and then cannot be identified! Please ensure that long hair is tied back and that **earrings are removed on P.E days**, which for this term at least will be THURSDAYS. Please note, we are not permitted to cover earrings with tape.

Forest School will begin this Friday. Children may arrive wearing their Forest School clothes but need to bring their **NAMED** wellie boots in a bag, along with a change of clothes just in case they get *too* wet and muddy. Please try and provide waterproof trousers/jackets or all-in-ones and remember to layer them up in colder weather. Children do not need to bring their book bag to school on this day, but still need their water bottle. Please make sure that bottles contain **water only**; squash, juice or fizzy drinks are not permitted, however, a separate drink for lunchboxes is fine.

Please make sure that you inform us if someone different is picking up your child, either at the gate in the morning or via a call to the school office. If you intend for a named person to pick up on a regular basis a letter to inform us of this would be sufficient.

If you have provided the school with an email address you should have now received an email inviting you to connect to Class Dojo. This is another way in which we can stay in touch with you and keep you updated on school events and class activities. If you haven't as yet accepted the invite please do so as soon as possible so that you don't miss out!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs J Thain

Reception Teacher