

# Woodlands Primary School Year R Parent Meeting 2023



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# Our top ten tips for a great start at school.....

To be able to:

- dress and undress independently
- toilet independently and wash and dry hands
- eat using a knife, fork and spoon
- understand the importance of being kind and sharing
- play with concentration
- listen and follow instructions (more than one)
- enjoy stories and rhymes



TOP TIPS

# Lunchtimes

- School Dinners
- Healthy Packed Lunch
  - ❖ Small portions
  - ❖ Sandwich, pasta, fruit, water or milk, yoghurt (check the sugar content)
  - ❖ <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration>
  - ❖ No sweets, chocolate, sweetened or fizzy drinks



# Reading with your child

- Enjoyment is key.
- Read lots of different books **with** your child (we can lend these to you – please ask).
- Talk about words that rhyme.
- Once your child starts to read:
  - ❖ help your child to decode simple, phonetic words.
  - ❖ read words for them, if they are struggling.
- Some parents have difficulties with reading – please tell us – this is nothing to be ashamed of. We can help.



# Counting with your child

- Maths should be fun.
- Always put it in an everyday context.
- Count stairs, steps, trees, tins, pasta shapes! Add one more, take one a way. Sing a rhyme.
- Once confident, count in pairs or use bigger numbers.
- Don't be frightened of using the real words. Use half and quarter correctly – share sweets! Half each – one for you, one for me, etc.
- Measure for real – cooking, craft.
- Shapes are all around us.



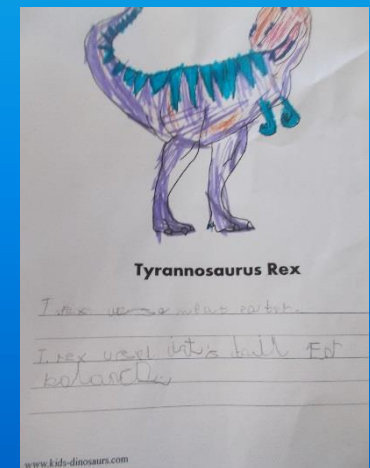
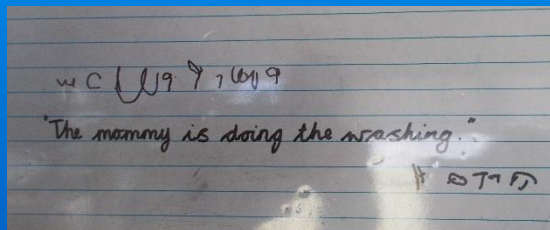




# Writing with your child



- Don't panic!
- Get the basics right – holding a pencil – the importance of our muscles...fine motor skills.
- Drawing in the air.
- Pretend writing – this is great! Play schools, shops, make lists.
- Cursive handwriting



# Powerful learning tools

- Going outside! A real education.
- Talking, talking, talking.
- Letting your child do the hard work (with encouragement!)
- Risk – opportunities to learn to assess it
- Resilience – not everything goes right all the time – and it shouldn't. Children need to learn this.
- Growth Mindset – I can't do it yet!





# Where can I find information?

- Website: [www.woodlands.kent.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands.kent.sch.uk)
- School newsletter – sent home weekly
- What we are learning – sent home weekly
- Termly curriculum letters
- Emails – Parent Mail
- Classroom Door

# What is Pupil Premium Funding?

The **pupil premium** is additional **funding** for publicly **funded** schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged **pupils** and close the gap between them and their peers



# Why are we always talking about attendance?

Education is like a jigsaw puzzle – without all the pieces your child may never have the whole picture.

## **Is 90% enough?**

95% = 10 days missed in one year

90% = 20 days in one year

85% = 30 days in one year

If your child attends for only 90% of the time they will miss 23 weeks – over half a school year

# How can I be involved?

- The best kind of involvement is to support your child with their learning!
- Volunteer (DBS)
- PTA
- Governors



# Life's a Journey!

Your child will find challenges along the way:

- Friendship issues
  - Unkindness
  - Telling the truth
- Understanding we are all different

We can help them together!

Please listen to the three videos on our 'behaviour' page  
of the website



# What do I do if I am worried?

- Class Teacher
- Early Years Leader
- SENCo
- Pastoral Lead
- Headteachers



It's good to talk!

# Help for Working Parents

- Electronic Communication
- Before and After School Clubs -  
[contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com](mailto:contact@rainbowschoolclubs.com)



# Getting to School

- Park and walk – please be mindful of where you park
- Walk
- Cycle/scooter
- No parking on site unless with a disability badge – please let us know

# Thank you

The journey begins.....

