

# Woodside Matters

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*This term's school value is determination*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the school year and a very warm welcome to new families who have joined us. We would like to give a warm welcome to our new members of staff, Mrs Cork in Dormice Class and Ms Jefferey (pro-stars) are so pleased to join the school and look forward to getting to know the children and the wider school community.

Soudley staff joined Woodside staff on Monday for joint curriculum training led by Mrs Thomas from Steam Mills School. It was lovely to see everyone together and sharing each schools' good practice. There is so much goodwill to ensure this new partnership is beneficial for the children at all three schools and we will be embracing all the positive benefits! All staff are focused on providing a great education and school experience for your children.

Mrs Fawkes and I are working closely together on the strategic leadership and management of the three schools. Both of us are based at Woodside regularly and Mrs Cotterell will be the senior teacher in charge and in contact with us regularly. Please see details further on in the newsletter about who to contact with any queries you have.

All of the children have really impressed us; they look happy, smart and ready for an exciting term ahead!

This newsletter is the first of a weekly one, issued on Fridays. It will not be as long as this one, usually! Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any queries so that staff can help.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Davis

## Term Dates:

### Term 1

5th Sept to 21st Oct

### Term 2

1st Nov to 16th Dec

### Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th Feb

### Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

### Term 5

17th April to 26th May

### Term 6

5th June to 25th July

## Inset Days:

5th Sept

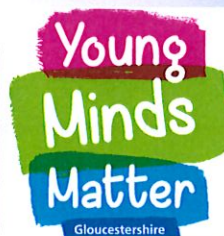
21st Oct

3rd Jan

24th and 25th July

**Other dates: See next page**

Childcare  
Choices



West Gloucestershire  
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## Harvest Celebration

This year we will be supporting the local community as a part of our Harvest Celebrations. Every year we help children understand where their food comes from and how we can be thankful for it. Parents kindly donate food and this year we will be working together with Woodside Village Hall to auction off the donations on Saturday 17th September at 7.30 pm ,all welcome. Money raised will contribute to fund a Christmas lunch for the over 60's.

Donations of tins, packets etc. by next Friday 16th would be greatly received.

## Other Dates:

Harvest

Food donations by Friday 16th Sept.

13th September - Inflatable fun morning, - PE kits required please

11th November Flu immunisation - reception year 6 children - forms being sent out this week please return as soon as possible

30th September - Macmillan coffee morning 11 am - donations of cakes welcome

11th October  
Visitor: Y3/4 Black History Month Play

8th December  
Visitor: Harold the Giraffe- Life Education

Young Voices  
September Lunchtime club starts  
25th January 2023- Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

## Wrap around Care/After school clubs

When paying for after school club please can payment be made via after school club on parent pay please.

Wrap around care 3 - 4 pm available for all ages  
Monday - Friday

Monday - KS1 Sports Club  
Tuesday - Craft/games Club - All ages  
Wednesday - KS2 Sport Club  
Thursday - Lego Club - All ages  
Friday - Drama - Year 2 upwards

## 100 Club

For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club payment is now due please £3.50  
A weekly number will be drawn out the winner receiving £5.00

### **Macmillan coffee morning 30th Sept: 11 am**

We would like to support this very worthy charity by holding a coffee morning at school .

Donations of cakes/biscuits ( to be handed into reception on the morning please) would be appreciated.

Coffee/tea and cakes will be served at 11;00 am and everyone is welcome to attend.

Cakes that are left over, can be purchased by the children after the events, if you would like to send your child in with some money.

## **Who to contact with queries**

| <b>A query about...</b>   | <b>What to do/who to contact</b>   |
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| Dates and club information  | Check on the weekly newsletter   |
| Uniform, Parent Pay, pre-school places, free school meal queries etc. | Phone or email school office (details at top of newsletter)  |
| Benefits, emotional support for your child etc                        | Contact the school office for family support work  |
| Class based queries   | Contact your child's class teacher informally or phone the office to make an appointment.  |
| Curriculum information  | There is a lot of curriculum information on our website.<br>Little Dormice and Dormice; make sure you have signed up to Tapestry where we post information about your child's achievements.  |
| Special Needs   | Contact the school office to speak to Mrs Jeavons, our Special Needs Co-ordinator  |
| An unresolved concern   | We hope that any concerns can be resolved through discussion with your child's teacher. But please contact Mrs Cotterell if needed. If an issue is still unresolved, Mrs Fawkes can be contacted and will support with the use of the Complaints Policy. |

We expect all communication with all members of staff to be respectful and in partnership. Thank you



## **Uniform**

It has been great to see children return to school looking so smart in their uniform. We will be reminding children of the uniform expectations this term as we will be monitoring it more closely after Christmas.

The only earrings that are acceptable are plain studs, one pair please. Make-up is not allowed. Hair must be tied back if long, to help minimise the spread of head lice. We do not approve of shaved designs or hair colouring, in line with rules in secondary schools.

The school uniform consists of the following items:- Navy sweatshirt White polo shirt Navy, black or grey trousers/shorts, skirts/pinafores/skirts Pale blue striped or checked summer dresses Sensible black shoes.

All children from Reception to Year 6 are expected to have a P.E. kit. This consists of:- Green Polo Shirt Shorts Daps (preferably slip-on).

Please see Parent Handbook for further information.

We would be grateful for your support in maintaining standards as we believe it helps children prepare for secondary school where the consequences for not wearing the correct uniform can be missing free time.

Consistency of uniform will also reduce competition between children (brands etc.) and support the DfE's recent focus on reducing uniform costs for parents. Supermarket brands are a great way to reduce costs, we do not insist on uniform including our school logo.

We expect all children to be wearing the correct uniform after Christmas and you will be contacted if our policy is not being followed.

## **Our School Community**

At our first whole school assembly on Wednesday, we filled our marble Community Bowl. Every adult and child took it in turns to add a marble, showing that we all belong together in our school community. We look forward to Governors adding their marble in their next meeting, as we appreciate all they do for the school.