

Dear Parents and Carers,

26.02.20

We at school are very aware of lots of rumblings at the moment and would really like to address this. We assure you that the rumours relayed to us are not true at all and are unfairly damaging to our good reputation. We had intended to have a meeting next week (Tues 3rd March) but due to yet more untrue Facebook comments after a community event unrelated to school, we have decided to postpone it at this time.

A small group of parents have been asked to follow the complaints policy so that we can resolve issues, but unfortunately this advice has not been followed and instead we have experienced ongoing abuse and some staff are feeling personally targeted.

We are worried that all our hard work and enthusiasm at school will be affected.

This is a really sad position to be in as we have a wonderful little village school with a great team; great children and positive, supportive parents and governors.

Please, please make an appointment to see any of the staff if you have any concerns at all about anything that you would like to ask us about. We are more than happy to address these rumours in this way if you wish.

Onwards and upwards! We are very keen to move on and enjoy the Spring with the children and are planning some lovely events:

World Book Day next Thursday 5th March: Come dressed as a book character! We always invite parents to join us first thing on World Book Day to read a story to a group of children, so please join us in the hall at 9am if you'd like to. If your child would like to take part in the book swap, send them in with a book they no longer want to keep and they can swap it with others. If you want to donate £1 to PTFA then do, but the main point is to have fun.

Easter events: We will be holding our Easter Egg Hunt as usual (Thurs 2nd April). Children will be making Easter crafts at school and all are welcome to a special singing and sharing assembly on **Friday 3rd April at 2pm** (similar to our wonderful Harvest assembly but without the Harvest food!)

Class assemblies: We would love to welcome you in to Class assemblies over the next few terms, so please look out for dates on Newsletters. Dormice class will be starting this off, so we are really looking forward to this.

VE Day celebrations: on **Thurs 7th May** we will be holding a community event in the afternoon and all families are welcome. This was suggested by a PTFA member and all are welcome to the next meeting to plan it, **on Fri 6th March at 10am**.

Library lending: We have a lot of lovely books for children and would like to open our library up for parents to come in and choose books to borrow with their children. If anyone has an hour or so a week to spare to help with this or ideas about the best timings for people, that would be great. Please look out for news about this.

This term's value is
Self-belief

Dates for your diaries:

Thurs 5th March World Book Day
Fri 6th March at 10am PTFA coffee morning to plan VE Celebrations
Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April Easter holiday
Friday 3rd April at 2pm Easter Celebration assembly-all welcome
Thurs 23rd April 2020 Reception and Year Six height and weight checks
Thurs 7th May VE Community Event
Fri 8th May Bank Holiday
Mon 25th May to 29th May Half term
Weds 24th June Sports Day
Weds 1st July reserve date for Sports day
Fri 17th July last day of term

We have had a wonderful letter from Mark Harper MP to congratulate us on our high standards and hard work. Please see the link on the website or app or see the paper copy in reception.

Celebrating great things!

It is a pleasure to see children working so well in class. Our Celebration Assemblies on Fridays are a lovely way to celebrate good behaviour, good work and friendship as well as to celebrate achievements out side school. If your child has been awarded a certificate, trophy etc in a club please encourage them to bring it in to share in a Friday assembly.

Great feedback

We have recently had a writing review from an external advisor as part of our normal practice, plus a phonics review and both have confirmed the good practice here at Woodside. Thank you to all staff for all their hard work.

Look out for...

...joint events with Steam Mills Primary coming up over the rest of the year eg KS2 sports fixtures, KS1 puppet play and the Y4 In The Net play which we can extend into a Y3/4 joint morning/afternoon between the two schools. Governors at both schools are very keen to make the most of opportunities for sharing good practice between the schools and on joint events like this that the children can enjoy. Watch this space!