



# Woodside Matters 13

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**World Book Day tomorrow!** We look forward to sharing our love of reading with the children. If you'd like to join us please come for 9am.

### A special visitor about Wellbeing

Andy Lewis, MBE and Paralympic, visited us a few years ago to help with our growth mindset work and I am very pleased that he will be visiting us again, on **Mon 30th March**. He is working with GHLL and Chris Powell on Wellbeing Leaders, which is an initiative we introduced last year as part of our Five Ways to Wellbeing work and Mental Health Champions work. We want to re-launch this and hope to have lots of Wellbeing Leader volunteers from each class! During his visit he will work with each class and lead an assembly.

### Hand-washing and hygiene

Please be assured that staff are helping children to remember to wash their hands, use tissues etc and that we are keeping updated with GCC and DfE advice to schools. We have information posters for parents displayed in the reception area-please contact us if you have any queries.

### Red Squirrels

The three Friday afternoon activities of music, PSHCE and Computing have now been completed as children have rotated around the group activities for the first three terms of this academic year. The children have now started an art based unit of work about South and Central America artists and art with Miss Brain, Mrs Freeman-Price and Ms Iszatt as they are studying the Mayans and Mexico in History and Geography. Miss Waugh and Mr Bird continue to teach all other sessions throughout the week. Mr Bird is doing gymnastics sessions on Monday afternoons and after Easter Prostars will be doing sports on Monday afternoons.

I have asked Prostars coaches at both Steam Mills and Woodside to help with some interschool fixtures so please look out for news about those.

### Class assemblies

Dormice and Fallow Deer will hold their class assemblies in the Spring Term and Woodpeckers and Red Squirrels will hold theirs in the Summer term. Class assemblies are a chance for children to share their lovely work and for us to celebrate their achievements! All welcome.

### Mon 16th March at 2pm Dormice Class Assembly

Families are welcome to stay after the assembly to take part in activities with Mrs Fawkes and the class.

### Mon 23rd March at 1pm Fallow Deer Class Assembly

Families are welcome to stay after the assembly to help plant the children's herbs.

### Three Billy Goats Gruff puppet show date

To follow up on a previous newsletter item, we have planned some joint events between Steam Mills and Woodside. On **Tues 28th April** we have booked for a short puppet show of The Three Billy Goats Gruff to be performed here for children from pre-school to Y2 and Steam Mills children will be invited to join us.

### Sports

Good luck to our team of our children at Hartpury School today, as they take part in a sporting Penathlon!

### Parking

Please park considerately and safely so that all of our families can use the pavements on the way to school. Please do not park on the zig-zag lines as these are for children's safety.



## This term's value is self-belief

### Dates for your diaries:

Thurs 5th March World Book Day-dress as a book character and bring a book to swap  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March at 10am PTFA coffee morning to plan VE Celebrations  
Mon 16th March at 2pm Dormice class assembly  
Mon 23rd March Fallow Deer class at 1pm assembly  
Monday 30th March Andy Lewis visiting about wellbeing leaders  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm Easter Celebration assembly-all welcome  
Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April Easter holiday  
Thurs 23rd April 2020 Reception and Year Six height and weight checks  
Tues 28th April Three Billy Goats Gruff puppet show pre-school to Year 2  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 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

### Online safety

Our school police liaison officer, PC Greg Steer, will visit Red Squirrels children again on 11th March for their next session. This will cover online communications and relationships-staff are helping children a lot at the moment due to their social media activities.

### 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.

### Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evenings (30th March and 1st April). Appointments have been sent home-please check book bags for confirmation of your appointment.

Mrs Mattews sends a paper copy of the newsletter to parents who have requested them. Please contact her if you want to be on the list.

Please feel free to contact us with any queries and if you have any concerns please see your child's class teacher; staff are always happy to help.