

**Staffing** Mr Dowd and Mr Tomlinson (PGCE students) thoroughly enjoyed their placements with us and good luck for them as they start their teaching careers! We will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Roberts as she leaves at the end of the term and we wish her luck for her new post. We have enjoyed seeing Miss Waugh visiting and she will be returning for four days a week from 8th July. Details of arrangements have been sent out to current Y4 and Y5 families. We will be very sorry to see Ms Smith leave but wish her all the very, very best and congratulations for her permanent post starting in September.

### Mental Health Champions Award

We are delighted to have attained the Mental Health Champions Award as a reflection of our health and well-being work. Well done to the whole school community! This is feedback about the quality assurance panel's decision: 'They were extremely impressed with the excellent practice at Woodside Primary School and it was clearly evident that emotional health and wellbeing is not just a 'bolt on' to the school but is at the heart of the school environment as well as the community and important to everyone. Mental health and wellbeing are clearly embedded in all aspects of school life at Woodside. This was noticeable not only for the children but for the staff and community as well.'



### Battery Hunt—Recycling Project

Your child has been given a battery hunt box, to collect used batteries at home. Please send any used batteries to School by the end of term. Thank you

### Holidays

Term-time holidays are not authorised and may result in the LA issuing a fine especially if attendance is below 95%. All absences must be accounted for so please complete a form for any absences, other than illness which must be reported daily by 9am. Thank you. Term dates for 2019-20 are on our website. Reminder about inset days in 2019-20: **Mon 2nd Sept 2019; Thurs October 24th and Fri 25th Oct 2019; Friday, February 14th 2020; Monday 20th July 2020.** The October half term is, in effect, extended for families by staff having two inset days on 24th and 25th Oct 2019 so this would be an ideal time to travel.

Please also note the change of one of next year's May Bank holiday from 4th May to Fri 8th May to commemorate VE Day.

**Raglan Farm Trip** I have received fantastic feedback about the children's excellent behaviour during the trip and am very pleased that everyone enjoyed the day so much.

**External moderation KS1** The Local Authority arrange for teacher assessment judgements to be moderated regularly and this year we had formal KS1 moderation. The moderator agreed with all judgements and was very impressed with the rigour and professionalism of staff. Well done to all involved!

**Moving up sessions** The sessions have been very successful and it is lovely to see the children being prepared for the next step in their learning. As ever, if you have any queries please get in touch. Now that the national assessment period is closed for this year, teachers are busy writing reports for you as well as sharing transition information with each other to ensure everything will be in place for children in September.

**Curriculum** We have updated our long term curriculum overviews and these are on the website for you. Knowing your child's topic in September might be useful for some summer holidays trips or library visits so they can come back to school with lots of ideas about their topic! Y1 and Y2 will be Home Front and Christmas; Y3-6 will be Tomb Raiders (Egyptians).

**Aspirations Day** Thank you to Mr and Mrs Boughen, Mr Matthews, Mr Collins and Georgie for coming in to speak to the children about their education and their jobs of building surveyors, manager of Spongtex, Forest of Dean street warden and Birds Pottery owner. It is so good for the children to learn from others about how important education has been to them and to learn about different jobs and passions. If you would like to get involved next year, that would be brilliant!!

# This term's value is COURAGE You can do it!

## Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Runs 13<sup>th</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in all Gloucestershire Libraries.

Space Chase will take young readers on an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.

Please encourage your child to take part in this over the summer holidays and we will celebrate their achievement in an assembly on their return to school!

### Parent Pay

Please ensure that your Parent Pay account is **always in credit**. Accounts should be credited with money which you then 'spend' by choosing the services you require. Accounts should not go into deficit and office staff can not be held responsible for services not being provided if payment has not been pre-made.

## FUND RAISERS: Sports Day Refreshments 19th July

We would like to offer parents and KS2 children the opportunity to purchase hotdogs and an Ice-cream at lunchtime after sports day at £2.00 per person.

Dormice and Fallow Deer children under the government scheme are entitled to a free meal (hotdog/cookie). Ice-creams can also be purchased at a cost of £1.00

Please place orders via Parent pay before the 12th July

All monies raised will go into School funds for children's benefit.

### PTFA Sponsored Walk—Laps around the field on Friday 6th September

Sponsors forms will be coming home shortly. We would appreciate it if, parents could support the School, by obtaining sponsorship for the event. All monies raised will go towards the purchasing of additional ipads for children's use at School.

### DVD Club

Thank you very much for supporting the DVD fundraising club. We have bought new toys for play-times and resources for the well-being leaders to use at lunchtimes when leading various games and activities.

Thank you for the positive response to my request earlier in the year about parental use of Facebook etc. We have had no social media issues since then and the positive impact of this has been noticed. Please continue to ensure that all communications with all my staff are courteous.  
Thank you

Well done to all our Year 6 children for their transition days at local secondary schools last week. Dene Magna and John Kyrle will be lucky to have you in September!

Look out for more information about Mrs Jeavons' amazing mosaic project with Y1 and Y5 children. We will have to organise a 'grand opening'!