



Woodside Matters 17

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Welcome back everyone at the start of a busy, busy term! It's lovely to see the sun again and let's hope we have a really good spring and summer. It's back to 'normal' April weather next week but it looks like it will stay dry, so the children can still play on the field!

Forest Food Bank-I have had a lovely letter of thanks to pass on to you, for the donation of 36 Easter Eggs to the food bank. This was very much appreciated.

Country Dancing festival-we have decided to do this every other year to balance out other areas of the curriculum and PE such as the extra swimming. So we won't be doing it this year; sorry for any disappointment.

Aspirations Week will take place on the week beginning Monday 2nd July. The purpose of the week is to inspire children to think about their futures and what they want to achieve-whether it's a short term goal of learning how to swim or a long term one such as wanting to be an engineer or doctor! All our growth mindset work will be highlighted that week with a focus on 'We can all achieve great things if we try!' Children will experience a range of very different activities to help them try something new and work in a different way with their friends, led by a range of visitors. I have already booked a Royal Commanders day for children to experience physical challenges and team work activities; a World Cup Football day for team work and skills and a Samba drumming day. We had Samba drumming workshops a few years ago and were amazed by the team work, listening skills and sheer enjoyment of whole classes producing fantastic music in a short amount of time. This will be on Weds 4th July and please join us at 2:30 for a performance you won't forget!

For Aspirations Week, we ask for volunteers to come in and speak to classes about their achievements and/or passions! Parents, grandparents and friends of the school have been in to talk about their hobbies, jobs, travels etc and I am very grateful that they have emphasised the importance of being able to read, write etc and that practising and working hard at something pays off. Children have really benefited from learning about a wide range of interests and jobs, such as looking after birds of prey, becoming a teacher, being a pilot, travelling abroad and living in a different country, being an author, being a fireman, being a vet as well as learning about dog agility, photography and a wide range of sports.

If you are able to join us for a while during that week, please contact us or fill in the slip below. We would love lots of visitors again and for the children there is nothing more exciting in school as having a family member in to talk to their class! Please give me a ring if you'd like to.

Aspirations Week (week beginning 2nd July)

_____ (name) can come in to share
_____ with a class/group of children.

(Dates, times/class can be confirmed when it suits you.)

Contact details _____

Thank you in advance!

This term's school
value is...
friendship

Home-school communications

We will be setting up an app for home-school communications. More details will follow but in the meantime please tell us if you would **not be able to access an app** and would continue to prefer paper copies of things like this newsletter.

With the app, you will get notifications about trips, clubs, newsletters, updates on website etc. More info to follow.

Internet Safety

Today, Year 4 children from local schools joined us for the Year 4 'In The Net' play which is all about internet safety. If your child is in Year 4 please ask them to talk to you about it –and ask your Y5 and Y6 children if they remember the play and important internet safety rules. Have a look on our website in 'Latest News' for an article about parents' guides to social media privacy- especially in the light of the current Facebook media reports.

HAD A SORT OUT OVER THE HOLIDAYS? Please recycle clothes in our Salvation Army clothes bank as money raised goes to treats for the children

Parent's information evening

We have had about 20 responses now, which is great so a date will be arranged and published. Thank you for returning the slips.

Y6 Leavers' Assembly, Sports Day and PTFA summer fundraiser

The very last day of the summer term is a Monday, which is unusual. To make this a really worthwhile day, I would like to hold the Y6 Leavers assembly and sports day on that morning and PTFA have been considering a summer fete/festival which we could hold on that afternoon as parents will be at school anyway.

There is of course a risk of bad weather, but if it does rain, we will hold a sports event in September instead. Don't worry, Y6 children- we will make sure we plan something sporty running up to the end of the term for you, in case it is a wash out on that Monday!

When plans are firmed up, details will be on this newsletter. **In the meantime, please note the date of Monday 23rd July for Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9am followed by sports day (which will be from 10-12 noon).**