



Woodside Matters 18

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Caterlink Monday 14th May special Royal Menu

Princely Pizza (Chicken, cheese, pineapple), or Princess Pasta (Macaroni Cheese Windsor wedges, Royal vegetables and summer salad
Congratulation Crumble (pear and chocolate)

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.

School trip!

We are making plans for a school trip to the beach at Barry Island on Weds 11th July for reception to year six children. Little Dormice children and parents are welcome to join us but the provision will be open as normal as I am guessing that most parents will feel it is a bit too far-but please chat to me or Miss Haskett to let us know your thoughts.

There will be no charge as the buses will be paid from school funds and from the £500 that has built up from you all using the Salvation Army clothes bin. We will organise all the activities on the beach, including a sand sculpture competition and rounders/kwik cricket games in the school houses (Owls, Falcons, Buzzards and Hawks). Everyone will have an icecream or lolly.

If there is any reason why your child couldn't go you need to talk to me about this as soon as possible. More details will follow-I just wanted you to have the date for now.

Breakfast club and Little Dormice

Breakfast club children come onto the yard at 8:40 in the mornings to have a run around and give Little Dormice staff 10 minutes to check everything is cleared away ready to welcome pre-school children in. Please could Little Dormice arrive for their 8:50 start rather than earlier. Thank you

Aspirations Week (week beginning 2nd July)

Please see Newsletter 17 on our website for all the details

_____ (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**

Summer Fayre

I suggested the summer fayre on the last Monday of term and asked for the date of the next PTFA to discuss it. I am sad about the fallout from this. I have been made aware about Facebook posts, but I can't access them or resolve them. Please talk to me about this if you would like to. My door is always open and I am on the yard every morning so that I am 'accessible'. I look forward to the movie night if that is still going ahead. Thank you

PE Kits: Please ensure that your child has their kit in school every day as the day of your child's PE lessons may change to fit in with the weather. It is good to see the summer term tennis lessons starting up-bring on the sun and Wimbledon!

Internet Use, social media and gaming

Year 4 children from local schools joined us for the Year 4 'In The Net' play. The play was to teach children that saying mean things online is a form of bullying. Please remind your children about this as we do have lots of upsets coming in to school due to what is said online.

The NSPCC has issued a new warning about children playing games such as Fortnite online. This is from one of the papers currently running an article.

The game allows players to speak to each other using built-in voice and text chat, and they worry that strangers could use this functionality to contact kids whilst they are playing.

One in four children are estimated to have been contacted by someone they don't know through an online game and although voice chat can be switched off via the settings menu in Fornite, the text chat cannot. Fortnite is rated as suitable for players aged 12 and up, despite being a shoot 'em up. Over 40 million people have downloaded the game across PC, PS4 and Xbox One.

Laura Randall, NSPCC's associate head of child safety online, told the Express: "Apps, sites, and games such as Fortnite: Battle Royale can be great opportunities for young people to play and engage online.

"However in light of emerging concerns about the risks children could be exposed to, we are urging parents to be aware of Fortnite's features.

"It's vital parents have regular conversations with their children about the games they are playing, and how to stay safe online.

"Anyone looking for further online safety advice can contact the O2 NSPCC online safety helpline on 0808 800 5002 or pop into an O2 store where an O2 Guru can help."

Culture Secretary Matt Hancock said: "Too much screen time could have a damaging impact on our children's lives.

"Whether it's social media or video games, children should enjoy them safely and as part of a lifestyle that includes exercise and socialising in the real world.

"We're looking at what more could be done in this area alongside game publishers, developers and other agencies to promote safety and support parents."

