

Woodside Matters 2

from Mrs Davis

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Information for parents:

Thank you to all parents who attended the information talks and thank you to teachers for holding them. Packs have been sent home for you if you couldn't make the meetings-please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions you may have. Our website has the school's curriculum and the National Curriculum on it so please have a look -it tells you what your child learns in each year group. Look in the 'Curriculum ' tab. The 'Topic info' tab shows you what topic your child will be learning this term.

Christmas performance dates are on the app calendar too. 'EYFS' means Little Dormice and reception children. KS1 play means Year 1s in Dormice and Y1s in Fallow Deer doing the play with Year 2s.

Weds 12th KS2 5:45 pm
Thurs 13th KS2 1:30 pm
Fri 14th KS2 9:15am
Mon 17th KS1 5pm
Tues 18th EYFS 9:15
Weds 19th KS1 1:30pm
Weds 19th EYFS 3:15pm

Ticket information will be issued later in the year.

Dropping off and picking up improvements

Traffic congestion isn't too bad in the mornings as we have a 10 minute dropping off time and we would like to trial a staggered 10 minute picking up time. We realise it is difficult to park after school and we also want to hand over children to you at the end of the day in a more efficient way, rather than all the children coming out of the gate at the same time. Please note the following from Monday:

Dormice parents please go to the conservatory as usual for **just before 3pm**. If you have children in the other classes, please then walk around as usual to the yard, which will be open. Please stand on the yard close to the steps your next youngest child comes down.

Fallow Deer children will be brought to the yard ready to be collected **at 3pm**. Parents, please wait by their steps and they will be handed over to you from there.

Could parents collecting at 3pm please leave as swiftly as possible to make it easier for others to park.

Woodpeckers and Red Squirrels children will be brought out just after 3pm and wait with their teacher. The yard will be open so that parents can wait on the yard close to the steps their youngest child comes down. This will make it easier for staff to see you than with our current arrangements at the gate.

Please stand on the yard close to the steps your youngest child comes down. Older children will be sent to you when you are seen. Hopefully, with considerate parking and prompt leaving, parents will not have to wait too long to park and collect. We will review these arrangements next week and welcome feedback.

PARENTS WITH DOGS PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE THE GATES AND CHILDREN WILL BE SENT OVER TO YOU.

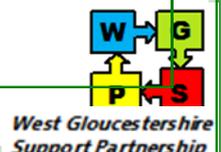
Thanks all.

Communicating with parents and wider families

Download a free app called ourschoolsapp and type in our postcode GL179XP to keep up to date with regular alerts from school. Please ask childminders/grandparents too if they regularly drop-off or collect children as we very occasionally have to cancel clubs at short notice.

The website has all the information you need about school and what your child does and learns.

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This term's school value is...**determination**

Uniform

Children have come back to school looking super-smart! Our uniform is:

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Navy, black or grey trousers/shorts, skirts/pinafores/skirts
- Pale blue striped or checked summer dresses/shorts/playsuits
- Sensible black shoes

Uniform can be bought from anywhere and the logo is not statutory. Currently the items with school logos are ordered by parents from School Trends. We are looking into additional providers so parents have more choice.

Phonics and spelling groups

Phonics and spelling teaching takes place for 20 minutes a day throughout the school, in groups. Children from Y1 upwards, where appropriate, have a word list sent home every Monday as homework. Please help your child to learn their words by Friday. If you have any queries or comments please contact the school.

Thank you

School PTFA disco

This is on Weds 10th Oct and tickets are available. Please could parents sign up via Gina to volunteer to supervise this event alongside school staff and/or donate cakes to be sold.

Little Dormice, Dormice and Fallow Deer 5pm-6pm (Little Dormice parents to accompany children please)

Woodpecker and Red Squirrels 6:15-7:15pm.
£2.50 per child or £4 per family to include drinks.

Cakes and glow sticks will be on sale
Donations of cakes on the day very much appreciated!
The Brownies are keen to help!

School Attendance

At Woodside Primary School we believe that pupils need to attend school 100% of the time to benefit from their education and achieve their potential. Our Attendance Policy can be found on the website in 'Parents Info'. Whilst appreciating that common childhood illnesses circulate and some absence is unavoidable, please inform us if you have any issues with your child attending school. **All absences** must be reported to school before 9am on every day of absence. Due to safeguarding regulations, we must account for each child every day.

Holidays during term time

The head teacher cannot approve absences during term time for holidays. Some other absences may be authorised, such as for attending a wedding of an immediate family member or for a funeral. In the event of unauthorised absences, penalty and fines may be issued by the Local Authority without prior warning. **Each** parent would be fined £60 for **each** child's absence (eg two children £240.)

Hygiene September is often a time when colds flare up due to children coming back together so please remind your child about hand washing and using tissues-we are doing so at school to minimise the spread of germs!

We will be using a fun e-bug teaching resource with the children, which is about keeping healthy, hygiene, hand-washing etc

If you have any queries or comments, please direct them to us so we can help. Thank you

