

Woodside Matters 2

from Mrs Davis

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Please make sure you return slips promptly, that your child knows what they are having for lunch and who will collect them. PE kits must be in school every day, please.

Communication

The main communications from school go via this newsletter and our website. There is a pop up box on the website which I use as an alert to new information being added and where to find it. Please don't expect all messages to be on The Woodside Mums Facebook. It's really useful for some parents, but it isn't added to by school as it cannot be accessed at school due to internet filters and is not used by all parents.

Gina produces a monthly calendar with all the pre-set dates, but you'll need to add to it from dates announced on our newsletters as other dates/events do crop up. Please keep checking the website- these newsletters are saved in the 'Parent's info' tab.

PGL

A huge thank you to all staff and children who went on the PGL trip. Everyone looked exhausted when they got back but it all went really well and our school was complimented on their excellent behaviour! It was great to hear Red Squirrel children telling Woodpeckers all about it in an assembly. If parents would like to see the photos, there are a few on the website and the rest will be shown from 11:30am to 12:15pm on the second open morning as many parents will be in for that anyway (Thursday 5th Oct). We cannot copy a set of photos, sorry.

Harvest Festival

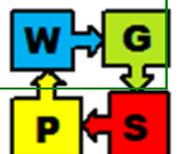
Thank again for sending in and buying produce! The children sang brilliantly and we really enjoyed inviting you in to share our festival of thanksgiving. I am very proud of our lovely school and Martha made my day by buying me a tin of mushy peas! There are photos on our website. Thank you all for coming- £138 was raised for the Over 60s Christmas dinner!

Healthy Lifestyles

Seeing so many different types of fruit and vegetables was a reminder of our theme of healthy lifestyles. The Daily Mile is going really well with children hopping, skipping, walking and running for an 15 extra minutes a day. Children choosing Caterlink's meals are having a guaranteed good balance of nutrients and children who bring in lunchboxes are keen to tell us about their healthy choices, which is great. I have booked a Fit4Life activity day on Thurs 19th October, when all classes will have sessions with sports coaches. Also, we have been offered five free football skills day for Year 1 to 6, which I signed up to straight away! They are funded by Sports England and Lidl and are run by the Football Association. The sessions aren't until November, so there is a bit of a wait!

Reading books and the teaching of reading

Reading is taught in school every day, so please don't worry that your child's teacher is not hearing them read their reading book. Your child's reading book is for you to enjoy together and we need you to record their reading in their reading record. Reading is part of their homework. Older children who read independently need to have their reading monitored by you, so please sign their book when they have read.



Headlice have been brought in to school since the holiday. Please don't be embarrassed as this is very common, but everyone needs to help so they don't spread. This information is from the 'Once a week take a peek' website:

The '**Once a Week, Take a Peek**' campaign educates parents on the need to check their children's hair regularly for lice as a normal part of their family's personal hygiene routine and then to take swift action should any be found.

Head Lice-THE FACTS A HEADS UP ON HEAD LICE

- Head lice are wingless insects that hold onto the hair, feeding from the blood in the scalp
- Nits are the empty egg cases left on the hair after the lice have hatched
- Adult lice can live for as long as a month with females laying several eggs a day
- Baby lice mature within ten days and only after that are they able to reproduce
- Lice spread when heads come into contact so sleepovers, after-school activities, playing with friends and visiting family are often the most common places for children to pick them up and pass them on

THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM

- About one in ten children in the UK, around one million, may have head lice at any one time
- Children aged 4 to 11 are most at risk as they have more physical, close contact with friends and family
- The best known symptom of head lice is the itching, although only about 30% are aware of it – it can be uncomfortable, can prevent sleep and concentration and can lead to bullying

For advice on how to find and treat headlice visit the 'Once a week take a peek' website.

Dates for your diary:

Open mornings Tues 3rd and Thurs 5th Oct

9-11:30 am Please come to the hall for 9am

Thurs 5th Oct PGL photos 11:30-12:15

Parents Evenings Mon 9th Oct and Weds 11th Oct- letters have been sent out to arrange these appointments

Thurs 19th Oct Fit4Life Activity day-all children need PE kit

Half term-Term 1 ends at 3pm on Fri 20th Oct and school resumes on Mon 30th Oct.

Parking considerately and online etiquette

I have been approached already this year by parents complaining about other parents parking inconsiderately or making unfair comments on Facebook. Please understand that although I try to help everyone, my role is to lead and manage the school so that all children can learn.

I do not appreciate being side-tracked by issues outside of my control, so please park considerately and do not make comments on Facebook that offend other parents or staff. Come and see me if you have a problem. Thank you

ADVANCE NOTICE

We have changed the next Christmas holiday dates to be in line with Dene Magna's as they have chosen alternative dates to the LA published ones. To be more convenient for families with children in both schools, the last day of Term 2 will now be on Weds 20th Dec. There will be an inset day on Fri 5th Jan and children will return on Monday 8th January 2018. **All dates for 2017-18 are on website.**

This term's school value is:

DETERMINATION

Office updates

Offsite permission slips, Home School Agreement, Parents Evening Letter and data sheets should all have been returned now for processing.

100 Club is now due for this term.

Thank you

