



Woodside Matters 2

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Harvest Festival

It was so lovely to see so many of you on Friday, especially as the weather was so dreadful! Thank you for braving the rain to join us in sharing the wonderful work of the children. We have raised £115 through the sale of your donated food items, thank you for your generosity. This money will be donated to the over 60's party for the residents of Woodside so will stay within our immediate community.

Residential Trip

We had a fantastic time at Kingswood and the children were a real credit to themselves and the school. All the children made it to the top of the climbing wall, some of them blindfolded! We also were able to have a go at archery, quadbiking, abseiling, aeroball, laser tag, as well as tech activities where children had to build an item and "sell" it to the staff. The children were really well organised and listened carefully to the instructors. We thoroughly enjoyed the campfire, telling jokes, solving riddles, sharing marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate. We are so proud of them, especially as they were all so determined to try new things. Well done everyone!

Sponsored Walk—Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Despite the damp start to the day we were able to hold our sponsored walk around the field. There were some very creative costumes with superheroes, animals and sports stars all gracing our field. You have helped to raise a huge £1432 so far, with some funds still to come in. This is one of the biggest amounts we have ever been lucky enough to raise so a **huge** thank you to everyone for their efforts. We will be putting it towards increasing our set of ipads so that more children can benefit from them in class.

Crisp packet recycling

As part of our school work about looking after the environment, we are starting to collect clean crisp packets to send for recycling. We have been trialling it with Woodpecker Class and Key Stage 2 children who have sandwiches and it has been really successful. Just one crisp packet can take up to 80 years to decompose! We have set up a collection point in Woodpecker class so that you can send in packets for recycling. We can accept any brand crisp packet, not just Walkers, as well as multipack crisp outer packaging. We can't accept: popcorn bags, crisp tubes, pretzel bags, meat snack bags or similar. Once collected, the crisp packets are separated by plastic type, cleaned, and turned into plastic pellets to make new recycled products. If you would like to help us please send empty packets in with your child who will be able to put them into our collection box at school.

Replies

Thankyou to those of you who have already returned your permission letters for flu vaccinations, off-site visits and parent's evening appointments. We will be trialling a slightly different format for parent's evenings this year and look forward to seeing you during these times. There will be a book fayre available for you to purchase books, posters and stationery. Letters with appointment times will be sent home this week.

Healthy snacks

Thank you so much for supporting requests for healthy snacks and no packaging. Any other ideas will be shared on this newsletter. **We request that cakes and sweets are not brought in to school to share for birthdays from now on, thank you for your help with this.**

Dates for your diaries:

14th and 16th October—Parents Evening and Book Fayre
24th and 25th October INSET days, no children on these days please.
28th October to 1st November Half term
14th November—Flu Vaccinations



Mental Health
Champions



This term's value is Determination. We need to try hard to achieve our goals.

Halloween Disco

We will be holding a Halloween themed disco on Wednesday 23rd October. The cost is £5 per child which includes a hotdog, cookie, drink and a glow stick. Key Stage 1 children from 5-6pm, Key Stage 2 children 6.15—7.30pm. If your child would like to join us please pay for your ticket via parentpay. Staff will be supervising this event.

Drinks bottles

Please continue to ensure your child has a labelled drinks bottle. Water and low-sugar squash is acceptable-no other drinks thank you. Please make sure your child brings their bottle home daily (if re-filling with squash) or weekly to wash. Your child is encouraged to re-fill their bottle with water at any time during the school day.

Lateness and school security

I am concerned at the number of children arriving late. Please ensure your child arrives between 8:40 and 8:50 and comes through the yard gate not the main door. Children coming through the main door late are causing a security issue as they are propping the inner door open, allowing young children to enter without our supervision and allowing adults to come in and out. As there is not a member of staff standing at that door, I am sure you appreciate my concern that we would not necessarily be immediately aware if a child went back out. **Please do not come through the inner door yourself unless you have signed in and are being shown in by a member of staff.** On rainy mornings the yard is shut to enable children to go straight to class. There will be a member of staff (usually myself) on the front door to welcome children. Please drop them off at the front door with me and do not go in through the inner door yourself. We do not wish to come across as unwelcoming to you; please appreciate that for many children, having lots of unfamiliar adults in school at the start of the day is very unsettling-especially in small areas such as cloakrooms. Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Attendance and Leave of absence

The law (The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006) states that parents/carers do not have a right to take their child(ren) out of school for a holiday in term time. The Education (Penalty Notice) Regulations 2007 further strengthen the duty on LAs and schools to address the issue of non-attendance robustly. 2013 amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 made clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. We have 'Request for term time leave of absence' forms which must be completed in full for consideration. This does not include medical appointments. Thank you for your cooperation.

Home-school contact

Working in partnership with families is very important to us. If you have any queries or concerns about lunches, uniform, events etc please look on our website, check the app or contact the school office. For any class-based queries, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. For special educational needs queries, please ask for an appointment with your child's teacher and/or Mrs Jeavons. For family support queries (eg Teen in Crisis referral, food vouchers, behaviour support, parenting advice) please arrange an appointment with Gina in the first instance. For other concerns or queries about whole school provision, please make an appointment with myself. Apologies, but we are unable to arrange drop-in appointments before school. Please note that abuse of staff (whether verbal, written or physical) is not tolerated under any circumstances. Visitors will be asked to leave in the event of abuse occurring. Please note that CCTV is used in school and telephone calls may be recorded. Our complaints policy is on our website in the event of issues not being resolved through discussion with staff.

And finally.... If any of you shop at Aldi we would be very grateful for their sports vouchers which we are collecting in Breakfast Club, thank you.



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