



Woodside Matters 3

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Thank you

Many thanks to all staff for their extra help in school during my absence and thank you to parents for all your kind words. This is very much appreciated.

Ethos, Aims and Values

We pride ourselves on our ethos and thank you for all the positive feedback during Parents' Evenings. It is a pleasure to work with you. Please see our full 'Ethos, Aims and Values' statement on the back of this newsletter. Term 2's Value will be 'respect'. We are impressed at how the children have demonstrated this term's value of 'determination' and staff have really enjoyed sharing their work with you at Parents' Evenings.

Reading Workshop

Mrs Fawkes is holding a Reading Workshop for parents of younger children on Friday 8th Nov at 2.30pm. Please look out for a letter from her.

Flu nasal immunisations on 14th November.

These will be administered to all children who have had parental consent, so please return your form.

Discos Weds 23rd Oct are cancelled due to not enough uptake. Apologies for any disappointment.

School photos

Tempest will retake photos on Mon 4th November if you request this. Please contact our school office.

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.

Healthy Snacks

Thank you for your support with this. We will do a little survey with children before Christmas and this will help towards renewing our 'Healthy Schools' status, which is an award from Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning.

The Big Mile

For information, on Fri 18th October we are taking part in The Big Mile, which is a Gloucestershire-wide celebration of the Daily Mile. Your child will be encouraged to take part during the school day with us and will come home with a lovely sticker!

Website

Our website is full of information for you about our curriculum and policies. Please have a look when you can and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask. The 'Parent's Handbook' in the Policies and Documents tab is useful and Newsletters are posted in the Parents' Tab.

Feedback

Please contact us directly with any feedback you have.

Dates:

24th and 25th October INSET days, no children on these days please.

28th October to 1st November is half term - children return to school on Mon 4th Nov



Mental Health
Champions



This term's value is DETERMINATION we need to try hard to achieve our goals

Ethos, Aims and Values

School Ethos

We strive to establish a caring community, whose attitudes and values are built on mutual trust and respect for all. Our intention is that every member of the school community feels valued and respected, and that each person is treated fairly and well. We promote an effective learning environment, so that everyone can feel happy, safe and secure. We endeavour to show compassion, understanding, good manners and conduct in all that we do so that Woodside School and all the people within it are proud of where they belong.

Aim

Our aim is to provide an enriched and secure learning environment in which every child can achieve their potential across all areas of school life: academic, creative, sporting and social.

To achieve the above, we aim to:

- raise achievement, setting high standards in learning and teaching
- provide the best possible education, ensuring all children make good progress
- ensure that all pupils experience high quality and purposeful teaching and learning
- actively involve children and their parents in their learning
- focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills and to balance the remaining teaching and learning time across the range of subjects, so that our children will be confident in a wide range of skills and abilities
- develop a school which relates to and respects the immediate environment, the wider community and the world beyond. To achieve this we emphasise outdoor learning; a commitment to promoting environmental awareness; links with local schools and our development of international cultural awareness

Our Values are:

Friendship, Respect, Self-belief, Tolerance, Determination and Courage

The Five Ways to Well-being are:

Keep learning, Be Active, Connect, Take Notice and Give

Home-school contact

Communication about events is mainly through the newsletter, paper calendar and app. We appreciate that some parents cannot get internet connection so paper copies are provided on request. App messages are copied onto the newsletter; there is a delay between the two types of communication as the app is instant. The newsletter is copied onto the website. Please check frequently for communications from school and please contact us if you have any queries or concerns-we are always willing to help.