



Woodside Matters 4

from Mrs Davis

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Thank you for attending Parents' Evenings. Please contact school to make an appointment at any time throughout the school year if you wish.

National Anti-bullying Week 12-16th Nov

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2018 is '**Choose Respect**' which is perfect for this term's school value of respect! We raise awareness about bullying and anti-bullying strategies during anti-bullying week. Please encourage your child to talk about anti-bullying with you.

Bullying is defined as deliberately hurtful behaviour, repeated over a period of time, where it is difficult for those being bullied to defend themselves. The three main types of bullying are: Physical (eg hitting, kicking, theft), Verbal (eg name calling, remarks about race, gender ect) and Indirect (spreading rumours, excluding someone from social groups)

We will hold **Odd Socks Day** for Anti-Bullying Week next Monday, on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week (Mon 12th November). Please encourage your child to wear odd socks (as plain or colourful as they wish!). The idea is to celebrate that we are all different but all equal, too.

This idea is from the Anti-bullying Alliance and they suggest a donation of £1 for each child who participates, which goes towards their funding raising for the resources used by schools. Please donate this if you wish.

The aims of the campaign are to support schools and other settings to help children and young people, school staff, parents and other professionals who work with children to understand:

- The definition of respect
- That bullying is a behaviour choice
- That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- That we all need to choose to respect each other, both face to face and online

We will be emphasising on-line bullying as this seems to be becoming more of an issue.

Woodside School has a zero tolerance approach to bullying. This does not mean that incidents of bullying will never occur; what it does mean is that staff will be alert to signs of bullying and challenge all behaviour which may lead to or result in bullying. Our Anti-bullying and Behaviour Policies are on our website. Please contact us if you have any queries or concerns as if we don't know about an issue, we can't do anything about it.

This term's school value is...respect

KS2 Science day!

Many thanks to Mrs Hall from John Kyrle High School for working with our Key Stage 2 children and organising a range of activities. The children had a fantastic day and photos will be on the website shortly. The science sessions included Mrs Hall demonstrating how to dissect an eye before the children were able to have a go for themselves. The children also learnt about shadows, built periscopes, used pinhole cameras and used prisms to separate light into rainbows. We have had great feedback from children and parents and are very glad that these extra opportunities have been well received.

KS1 are having a science day shortly

Hygiene

We are using e-bug to teach children about useful and harmful microbes, hand hygiene and how to prevent the spread of infections. If you wish, your child could access the games on www.e-bug.eu (junior students section for all ages) as they will learn a lot from these. Please remember that the Health Protection Agency rules state that parents must ensure that if their child has sickness/diarrhoea they **must** be off school for 48 hours after the last incident. We have had children this week saying in school that they have been sick at home, but they have been sent in. We then have to arrange for children to be collected. If this continues, we will have a real problem with infection control and lots of disruption to many families.

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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Please do not book term time holidays

Internet safety:

Year 6's will be on a free trip to the Police Headquarters at Quedgley in Gloucestershire on Friday 23rd November 2018 to see an internet safety play organised by Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board. This builds on the play that Y4 across the county see. As this is in school time, we do not need to collect permission slips. Children will be back in time to eat lunch at school (a packed lunch would be advisable for that day). They will be accompanied by myself and Mrs Smith and we are going in a mini-bus.

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.

PTFA

Christmas Raffle tickets are now on sale. **Non uniform day on 10th DECEMBER** in lieu of donating an item for the hampers please.

School Closure website:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/

Christmas dinner date is 20th December