

Woodside Matters 11

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Food Bank Friday, 7th Feb

We had an assembly recently all about the Forest of Dean Food Bank and our visitor, Mrs Baird, thanked everyone for donations before Christmas. She explained that after Christmas, the food bank needs topping up a bit so the children thought it would be a good idea to have a donations day. Therefore, children can come to school in **non-school uniform on Friday 7th Feb** to raise awareness and we ask that they bring a non-perishable item for the Food Bank. Thank you.

World book day, 5th March Children to come dressed as a book character, bring a book to school to swap £1.00. All monies raised will go towards whole school fund raising.

Celebrating great things!

It is a pleasure to see children working so well in class. Our Celebration Assemblies on Fridays are a lovely way to celebrate good behaviour, good work and friendship as well as to celebrate achievements out side school. If your child has been awarded a certificate, trophy etc in a club please encourage them to bring it in to share in a Friday assembly.

Attendance

Our overall attendance remains good. In line with our Attendance Policy, please ensure your child is in school on time and if they are absent please phone before school to leave a message on the answerphone.

Little Dormice pre-school sessions

Two-year olds are coming on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday Thursdays and Fridays at the moment and we will increase this as needed.

100 Club

If you want to take part, this term's 100 club payment can be made on Parent Pay.

Parent Pay System Support

There is an **auto-top up option** in Parent Pay and you can set it to send you **automatic messages** when your account gets low.

Home-school contact

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 Teens in Crisis referral, food vouchers, behaviour support, parenting advice) please arrange an appointment with Mrs Matthews in the first instance.

For other concerns or queries about whole school provision, please make an appointment with our Deputy Head, Mrs Fawkes, or with myself.

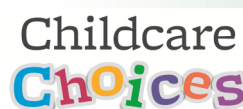
We do not offer drop-in meetings before school except in exceptional circumstances.

Curriculum

Topics have a history focus this term, with Y1 and Y2 children focussing on Toys and Y3-6 focussing on Mexico and The Mayans.

Arrival

Children should come to the playground gate between 8:40 and 8:50. If you are late, please do not ask to accompany your child into the class to speak to staff as it is a very busy time of the day and **all visitors to school are required to make appointments and sign in** due to safeguarding and fire regulation procedures. Mrs Matthews and Mrs Phelps will pass on messages if needed. Thank you for your co-operation.



This term's value is TOLERANCE

Dates for your diaries:

Fri 7th Feb-Food Bank Friday (non-uniform and bring in an item for the Food Bank)
Fri 14th Feb Inset day
Mon 17th Feb-21st Feb Half term
Mon 6th April to Fri 17th April Easter holiday
Fri 8th May Bank Holiday
Mon 25th May to 29th May Half term
Weds 24th June Sports Day
Weds 1st July reserve date for Sports day
Fri 17th July last day of term

Shoes

Please make sure your child has sensible flat shoes for running around at playtimes. Some girls are starting to wear heels, which is not safe or appropriate for a busy school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please discourage boys from wearing shorts in very cold weather. Girls should also be appropriately dressed for the weather, wearing warm tights or trousers.

Uniform, jewellery and hair

Please refer to the below, from our Parent Handbook on our website.

Jewellery and Hair The only earrings that are acceptable are plain studs. During P.E. sessions earrings and watches must be removed for safety reasons and given to the class teacher for safe-keeping. Hair must be tied back if long, to help minimise the spread of head lice. As in all schools, we have incidences of head lice and when we are made aware, letters are sent to all parents in a class to let you know with advice on how best to treat it. We do not approve of shaved designs or hair colouring, in line with rules in secondary schools.

Communication Slip

Rarely, children miss a playtime for poor behaviour. Parents sometimes ask us if they can be informed about this so they can support at home, so a communications slip will be sent home.

Gaming at home-raising awareness

Teachers have supported some very upset children recently as there have been issues with online gaming at home. We have also been made aware of some KS1 children playing or watching Grand Theft Auto, which is really concerning. If you have any concerns please contact us.

Reception and Year Six height and weight checks will take place on 23rd April 2020.

Look out for...

...joint events with Steam Mills Primary coming up over the rest of the year eg KS2 sports fixtures, KS1 puppet play and the Y4 In The Net play which we can extend into a Y3/4 joint morning/afternoon between the two schools. Governors at both schools are very keen to make the most of opportunities for sharing good practice between the schools and on joint events like this that the children can enjoy. Watch this space!

Illness: If your child needs prescribed medicine in school time, please label it and complete the medicine form (from school office). We have **emergency** Calpol but do not administer that unless it is an emergency and we have been able to contact a parent.