



## Welcome!

Welcome to new children in Fallow Deer, Woodpeckers and Red Squirrels as well as lots of new faces in Little Dormice and Dormice! Welcome also to Mrs Bushell (TA in Fallow Deer), Miss Southgate (PGCE student in Fallow Deer) and Miss Sargent (TA in Dormice).

## Assemblies:

We are striving to maintain our whole school ethos, even though classes are in their separate bubbles. In order to visually connect our classes and help the children remember that we are still a whole school community, we will be holding our weekly Celebration Assembly via Zoom. Please be assured that this is password protected and is not recorded or shared outside the school.

## Breakfast and After School Club:

Please contact the school office of you would like to book sessions for these.

## Hot school dinners:

Caterlink have asked if we would like hot lunches to be offered after half term. We can make arrangements if this service will be taken up, so please contact us to say if you are likely to book them if offered.

## Your child's data:

We will not be sending out annual data forms for you to check this year. Instead, please inform the office via telephone or email [gmatthews@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:gmatthews@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk) if your contact details have changed recently. The phone numbers we hold for you must be up to date.

## Class communication:

Teachers have put class newsletters on the website on the class pages. Please contact school to make a phone call appointment if you would like to speak to your child's teacher. Parent evenings in October will be by phone appointment this term and appointment times will be allocated. If the appointment is not feasible for you, school will endeavour to rearrange it. The phone numbers we hold for you must be up to date.

## Social distancing reminders:

- Parents need to maintain social distancing when dropping off/collecting
- At drop off, any late KS2 children need to wait with parents to go in through reception after Dormice parents have gone, in order to maintain social distancing. Please avoid this happening by arriving on time.
- At collection times, could KS2 parents come right across the yard towards the KS2 door, so that teachers can hand over safely and children aren't running through parents to reach you at the gate end.
- Please leave promptly when you collect your child as schools need to discourage gatherings.

## For parents of Year Six children:

Secondary schools are unlikely to be able to offer on-site tours/open evenings/open days. Please check their websites for information.

## Covid-19 testing:

Thank you to all parents who are following the advice regarding keeping children off and trying to get a test if any of the following symptoms are evident:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change in taste or smell)

It is encouraging to know that parents are trying to get tests if needed and disappointing to hear that there are such difficulties. If you can't get a test within 5 days of the onset of symptoms, your child has to continue to isolate for the entire 10 day period and your family does for a minimum of 14. There have been no positive cases reported here. In the event of a positive result, parents will be immediately informed and the appropriate action taken.

Please contact us with any queries. Stay safe, be kind!

