



Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is friendship

Welcome to the summer term! We'd like to share a warm welcome to Mrs Smith in Red Squirrel class, we hope she will be very happy at our lovely school. Mr Bird will still be part of our staff to cover subject leader release time over our three schools.

Attendance

Thank you so much for your support in not booking holidays in term time. Our school attendance figure from September 2022 to March 2023 is 94%. The national figure is 92.4% so we are doing brilliantly! Our persistent absence is 6%, significantly lower than the national figure of 22.8%.

School Council

School Council elections are taking place to democratically vote in members from Y1 to Y6. Thank you to the children in Red Squirrel class who have been helping with this. We hope to share the results with as soon as the vote has taken place on May 3rd. The School Council will take a lead on 'pupil voice' to share ideas and projects with the senior leadership team.

Celebrations

Well done to the following children for their certificates this week:

Reading: Lily, Phoebe, Florrie, Niamh, Millie, Cameron, & Erica

Dojos: Ruby, Toby, Jasper, Skye, Lexi, Lucas, Cormac & Georgio

Achievement: Everleigh, Otto, Doug, Charlie, Tyler, Ella, Harry & Niamh

Pro-Stars of the week: Freddie, Arthur, Serin, Scarlet, Max & Marcus.

Attendance Cup: Woodpecker class

Term Dates:

Term 5

17th April to 26th May

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

24th and 25th July

Term 1 2023-24

5th September to 27th October

100 Club

For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club please contact the school office. A weekly number will be drawn out with the winner receiving £5.00. If you are already on the list this term's payment of £3.50 is now due through ParentPay. Thank you.

Congratulations to Marley who is this week's winner!

Our golden threads are Vocabulary, Knowledge of the World and Diversity.

Children in all classes will have started their new topics for this term. We have all been thinking about the vocabulary we already know that links to our topics. Children in Fallow Deer class will be finding out about hot and cold places around the world, Dormice children will be learning about traditional tales. Children in Key Stage 2 will be developing their knowledge of the word by studying prehistoric history from the Stone to the Iron ages. Please check the website for the knowledge organisers.

King's Coronation celebrations

Wednesday 3rd May

A street Party will be held at lunch time with a buffet lunch offered or children can bring their own packed lunch.

We would like to invite children to decorate a plain white t-shirt and then wear it for the day as part of the celebrations. The t-shirts need to be decorated along the theme of the King's coronation but this can be drawn, painted, glued or sewn. As long as it can be worn safely!

It will be £1.00 entry for the decorated t-shirt which is payable via parent pay (all money raised will go into PTFA fund-raising.)

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry for each year group.



Upcoming events

25th April—PTFA meeting
2.15pm

1st May—Bank Holiday

3rd May—Coronation Big Lunch and celebrations. School council vote.

8th May—Bank Holiday

24th July—INSET day

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5th September—school term starts

30th October Half term

6th November—INSET day

Internet safety

At Woodside, children are taught ways to be safe online through computing and PSHCE lessons throughout the year. As parents and carers you play a key role in keeping your child safe online. There are many games and online sites that the children talk about but please make sure they are age appropriate for your child.

We are aware that many of our children are using a range of messaging and chat services on their devices at home. It has been reported to us as a school that some of the messages being shared aren't really appropriate or very kind. We have spoken again to the children in KS2 about their use of social media and their online footprint. Nationalonlinesafety.com has some excellent guides that can help you as parents decide what is appropriate for your child to have access to. As a guide Whatapp has an age rating of 16 years +, Bereal, Snapchat and Instagram are 13 years.

Please make sure that you are aware of what your child is playing online, what messages they are sending and that you are happy with the content. If you need any support please do contact the school office.

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

Many thanks to everyone involved with our Easter Egg Hunt at the start of the holidays. Together you have helped to raise over £385, which we are hugely grateful for!



