

# Woodside Matters

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## Welcome back everyone!

It has been a lovely week here at Woodside and we hope you enjoy the Celebration newsletter!

This newsletter is for dates, general information, reminders and community news and will be published fortnightly going forward.

As always, if you have any queries or wish to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please contact the school office.

## Thank you!

Thank you so much for support the Going for Gold fundraiser. An amazing £1,500 has been raised so far! We are also very grateful to the local council as a 'Build Back Better' grant application for £2,500 has been approved by Councillor Hale. The gazebo plans are therefore going ahead and we hope to have it installed at half term for the children to enjoy in Term 6. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this and especially to Mrs Phelps and Mrs Matthews for instigating and leading this project. We are sure that Mr and Mrs Bent would be delighted!

## Thurs 26th May

We look forward to welcoming you to Sports Day and our Jubilee Celebrations on Thurs 26th May. Sports races will start at 9:45 am so please bring a picnic mat or chair and enter the field via the field gate at the top of the school's driveway. Families sit on the road side of the painted sports day tracks, to have a good view of the races.

The races will finish at approximately 11:45 am. You are welcome to stay for lunch if you wish, which will finish at 1pm. We will be setting up tables in the yard for children as a 'street' party and we will provide a picnic lunch through school funds for every child. Hot dogs will be available for parents to buy £1 (or bring your own picnic lunch). Please let the office know if you would like to order one, so we know how many to cater for. Cold drinks will be available for all.

## A reminder

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. Make-up and false nails are not allowed. Hair must be tied back if long, to help minimise the spread of head lice. We do not approve of shaved designs or hair colouring, in line with rules in secondary schools. Hair must be tied back (and preferably in a bun) for swimming.

Please see more information in the 2021-22 Parent Handbook:

<http://woodside.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Parents-Handbook-for-2021-2022-April-2022-update.pdf>

## Term dates:

### Term 5

25th April to 26th May

### Term 6

6th June to 20th July

## Inset days:

27th May 2022

21st July 2022

**2022-23** term dates and inset days are on the website

## Other dates:

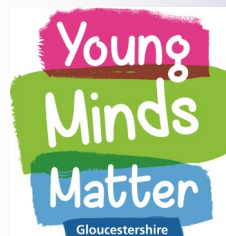
- **Tues 17th May**  
**Dormice and Fallow Deer trip to Slimbridge. Details are on Parent Pay and app.**
- **Thurs 26th May**  
**Sports day and Jubilee Celebration**
- **Tues 5th July whole school trip to the beach**
- **11th –13th July 2022**  
**Y5/6 residential trip**

## Reminder 27th May 2022

is an inset day as staff in Woodside and Steam Mills Schools will have their children protection update training.

## Change of date

Please note a change in the date for the whole school trip to the beach. This will now be on Tues 5th July, not Weds 29th June, as there was a clash with Dene Magna's transition days for Y6 children.



West Gloucester

## COVID isolation update

From 1st April, children and young people and staff who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can return to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they feel well enough.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice is 3 days.

## Residential Update for Y5/6 11th-13th July

Final payment is due by 13th May please. Kit lists and medical form will be sent home shortly.

### **New event:**

Tues 17th May Dormice and Fallow Deer trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre! Details are on Parent Pay and app.

## Wrap around care

Breakfast Club is accessible from 7:45 and after school club runs until 4pm. Please contact the office if you want to book any places.

### Promoting Diversity

There are many national and international special days and events this term.

The fasting month of Ramadan ends next week, with Eid-el Fitr celebrations, which will be highlighted in next week's Celebration Assembly.

Red Squirrels class will be looking into World Fairtrade Day in May and sharing information in assembly.

Woodpeckers will focus on World Environment Day in June.

Mrs Jeavons will organise music workshops to celebrate World Music Day in June.

All children will learn about the bravery of Anne Frank, Mala Yousafzai and Emmeline Pankhurst.

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## **Request for a leave of absence during term time**

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in “exceptional circumstances”.

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this **will be recorded as unauthorised leave**.

**In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.**

**Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.**

**A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.**

**Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates’ Court.**

All leave of absence requests should be completed on the attached form by the parent with whom the child ordinarily resides. This should be returned to the school at least seven days before the start of the holiday. All requests must be made prior to the leave being taken. Leave cannot be authorised retrospectively.

I hope you will support our efforts to maintain good levels of attendance and attainment.

Yours sincerely

Head Teacher



**Request for a leave of absence during term time**

Pupil Name ...../Tutor Group .....

Pupil's address .....

Date of first day of absence .....Date of return to school .....

Number of school days that your child will be absent from school .....

*If a pupil fails to return within ten school days following the anticipated date of return and no reason is provided, there may be grounds (under some circumstances) to delete your child's name from the Admissions Register and register them as a Child Missing Education.*

Please detail the exceptional circumstance for which you are requesting leave of absence (please continue on blank paper if required)

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***I understand that if the absence request is not authorised and the holiday is taken the Headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice.***

***I understand that a Penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school and that this is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.***

***I understand that if I do not pay this it may result in legal action.***

Name(s) of Parent/Carer (s) making application:  
Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Forename.....Surname.....

Address: .....

Signed ..... Dated .....

Dr/Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms

Forename.....Surname.....

Address: .....

Signed ..... Dated .....

(Please ensure you are giving at least seven days' notice of the proposed absence, retrospective applications cannot be authorised)

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For school to complete and copy retained: AUTHORISED/UNAUTHORISED (circle)