



Woodside Matters

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Happy New Year!

We all hope that you enjoyed a peaceful Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

Thank you so much for supporting our Christmas raffle! An amazing amount of £465 was raised and we would like to buy lots of lovely new story books for the children to enjoy. We intend choosing books with diversity themes as this will help to promote awareness of diversity (one of our curriculum's 'Golden Threads'). Thank you to Mrs Phelps and Mrs Matthew for organising this.

We are very grateful to have received £332.55 from Mr Bent's collection and we will use this to extend our outdoor provision with a permanent structure. We thought this would be a fitting and lasting tribute.

We are also very grateful to hear that we will have a donation raised through the Santa lorry that went around Woodside and Ruardean Hill! Thank you to all involved in this lovely community event and for thinking of us and the play area on Ruardean Hill. This is so generous and we thought that we could put donations towards a whole school trip to the beach in the summer. We would love your views on this (or alternative suggestions).

The inset day on 4th Jan was for staff refresher First Aid training and curriculum evaluation.

We are all set for a fun term ahead and we sincerely hope we will avoid too much Covid disruption. We avoided class closures last term but came close a few times. Please continue your brilliant vigilance with symptoms and book a PCR test if your child shows any of the main symptoms.

Congratulations to Bethany, Erica and Lily as their Christmas card designs were chosen for Mark Harper's Christmas cards. As the overall winner, Bethany has been invited to visit the Houses of Parliament!

Covid update:

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11 January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

School's latest risk assessment is on our website in the Letters and Covid info tab.

Term dates:

Term 1

3rd Sept to 21st Oct

Term 2

1st Nov to 17th Dec

Term 3

5th Jan to 18th Feb

Term 4

28th Feb to 8th April

Term 5

25th April to 26th May

Term 6

6th June to 20th July

Inset days:

2nd Sept 2021

22nd Oct 2021

4th Jan 2022

27th May 2022

21st July 2022

Other dates:

- Please see website for clubs
- 11th –13th July 2022
Y5/6 residential trip

This term's
school
value is
tolerance



Promoting Diversity

Here are some special days in Term 3, which we will be talking about in our Zoom assemblies:

4.01.22 World Braille Day
16.01.22 World Religion Day
17.01.22 Martin Luther King Day
1.02.22 Chinese New Year
4.02.22 Rosa Parks Day
14.02.22 Random Acts of Kindness week
15.02.22 Nirvana Day-Buddhism

Our curriculum

Spring term overviews are on our website class pages, so that you can see what your child will be learning this term

We have three main 'drivers' or Golden Threads which run through our curriculum. These are overarching themes which we feel are important to our school context and children's needs. They are:

Vocabulary, Knowledge of the World and Promoting Diversity

How can you find out more about these three important Golden Threads? Please see the class pages on our website for termly maps about the texts used in English teaching and the subject specific 'knowledge of the world' taught.

The main curriculum tab has information about the wider curriculum, including:

<http://woodside.gloucs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Woodside-Primary-School-Curriculum-Overview-2021-221.pdf>

Community News:

Woodside Village hall:

- Every Thursday 10.30 - 12.00
coffee morning all welcome

Ruardean Hill Rec

- **1st Ruardean Hill Brownies** -
meeting during term time at
Woodside School. Open to girls
aged 7-11 years. For more de-
tails/register visit [https://
www.girlguiding.org.uk/](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/)

Please refrain from sending
in birthday cake or sweets
due to allergies. We are a
nut free school and thank
you for your consideration
when planning your child's
packed lunches.

Thank you

Have your details changed?

If you have a new mobile number or if
any other details we hold have
changed, please inform the school
office.

Please email your child's class email address, so the
teacher can send class specific information.

These emails are not checked every day, so please
contact the school office if you have a query which
requires a prompt response.

Dormice@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Fallow-deer@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Woodpecker1@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Redsquirrels@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Woodpecker Recycling project

Pens are now recycled at
school along with foil and
crisp packets, thanks to
the endeavours of Mrs
Cotterell and Woodpecker
class.

Well done everyone
involved!

REMINDER:

Please drive slowly around the school area.
Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag
lines.

Thank you

**Please download the free app
called ourschoolsapp to receive
notifications, messages and
reminders about dates.**

Please see our website for
information on our curriculum,
school organisation, useful links
and policies/documents.

**Please do not hesitate to contact
school if you have any queries.**