

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is determination

Another week has flown by! Lots of different activities taking place this week and everyone has been super busy and working hard.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Josephine, Clay, Toby, Freddie, Toby, Callie, Max, Lucas, Marcus, Morgan & Tyler

Achievement: Hattie, Riley, Noah, Nyla, Bodhi, Elliana, Jake, Dylan & Lily

Reading: Demaris, Edith, Bertie, Bartie, Layla, Maisy, Elena, Ellyn, Jensen & Sofia

Pros-Star of the week: Serin, Sienna, Lily, Maeve, Ellyn & Harry

Congratulations to Callie, Theo, Monty and Skye for their achievements in rugby, Elena for her judo belt, Joshua for his football achievements, Georgina for dance achievements and to Lily for her horse riding rosettes. Brilliant!

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the Harvest Festival collection. You have helped to raise £721 that will go towards the over 60's Christmas party. Special thanks to Archie, who helped at the event and supported the auctioneer in getting people to bid for items, collecting money and taking the items sold to the buyer. Well done!

Home time

If your child is going home with someone other than parents, please can you let the office know so that we can keep the children safe.

Wet weather arrangements

If it is raining heavily in the morning the main gate will be opened and children can come straight in. We try to give the children some fresh air if possible during the day. This includes if it is raining. Please send your child in with a suitable coat thank you.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn term 2023

Sept 4th—22nd December

Half Term: 30th Oct—3rd Nov

Spring term 2024

8th January—22nd March

Half Term: 12th—16th Feb

Summer Term 2024

8th April—22nd July

Half Term: 27th—31st May

INSET days:

September 4th

November 6th

December 22nd

May 24th

July 22nd

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.

**Congratulations to
Ava
who is the winner
this week!**

As a reminder our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are on the website should you wish to view them.



West Gloucestershire
Schools Partnership

Joint activities for the children at Soudley, Steam Mills and Woodside Primary Schools

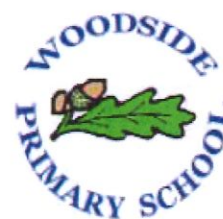
This year, staff across the three schools are organising several joint activities for different year groups. Children will meet their year group peers, make friends, share learning activities, share resources- and have fun! The idea is to enrich children's experiences and build on what is already happening at each school.

This Autumn, Y1 and Y2 children will join up for Harvest activities; Y3 and Y4 for activities related to their Black History month Play-in-a-Day event; Y5 and Y6 for Remembrance related activities. We haven't forgotten EYFS children-they will join together in the Spring/Summer!

Children and staff will join up at one of the schools; transport will be organised and funded. Please look out for the dates on newsletters, so that children can bring (or book) a packed lunch. We intend to offer 2 joint activities this year for EYFS and 3 for the other year groups.

The parental consent form you have completed for trips will cover these events. We hope that children will enjoy these opportunities and thank the staff in advance for planning these enrichment events.

In addition to this, the School Council at Steam Mills will be sharing information about Rights Respecting Schools with Woodside and Soudley's school council members via a Teams meeting, in early October. This is because Woodside and Soudley schools will be learning more about Unicef's 'Rights of the Child' this year and work towards their Bronze Award. We look forward to helping our school council members lead this initiative and are grateful to Mrs Gibbs at Steam Mills for this additional opportunity.



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

Children in Little Dormice, Dormice, Fallow Deer and Woodpecker classes have enjoyed their Forest Schools sessions. They have been learning about our nature area, spotting any hazards including litter and fallen branches. Children were treated to a biscuit at the end. (Only after they'd washed their hands with water and soap!) Lots of our older children have joined our choir and started their practising with Mr Kemp for the Young Voices concert. Amazing singing from you all!

Parents Evening

Letters will be sent home this week, please respond promptly. If you would like an appointment with our SENDCO please email Mrs Jeavons directly and she will arrange a suitable time.

PE Days— Red Squirrels Monday, Dormice Wednesdays, Fallow Deer Thursdays, Woodpeckers Fridays. Green tshirt and dark shorts/joggers/leggings required as per our school uniform. School jumpers are preferred please.

Swimming—Year 2 and 6 Wednesday afternoons. Swimming kit required.

Forest Schools—Thursdays for Little Dormice, Dormice, Fallow Deer and Woodpecker children. Outdoor shoes and trousers required please.

Upcoming dates

29th September—individual school photos

3rd October—Macmillian Coffee afternoon

10th October—Play in a day Year 3 and 4 children

11th October—Parent's Evening

18th October—Parent's Evening

24th October—Year 3 and 4 federation morning

30th October Half term

6th November—INSET day

23rd November—Nasal Flu vaccinations

4th December—life education sessions

Free Childcare

What is the existing offer for free childcare?

Currently, **all parents are entitled to 15 hours per week childcare for 3 and 4 year olds**. Parents who work more than 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000 are entitled to 30 hours free childcare a week for children aged 3 and 4. Parents of disadvantaged 2 year olds are also entitled to 15 hours per week childcare.

How will this change up to 2025?

By September 2025, working parents of all children over the age of 9 months will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare. So that nurseries and childminders can prepare to deliver such an expansion it will be rolled out in phases:

- **From April 2024**, working parents of 2 year olds can access 15 hours childcare
- **From September 2024**, 15 hours childcare will be extended to all children from 9 months old
- **From September 2025**, working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours child care a week.