

# Woodside Matters

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*This term's school value is determination*

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been lovely to see how smart everyone looks in their uniform and how much taller everyone has grown during the holiday! It has been great to see how everyone has become used to the new times, systems and routines for their classes, thank you for your support with this particularly at the start and the end of the school day. We are pleased to welcome Mr Bird back teaching Red Squirrel class along with Mrs Smith whilst Miss Waugh is away.

## Uniform

Lots of children are wearing beautifully smart new jumpers and cardigans. Please label these with your child's name so we can return them to the right owner. We also seem to collect little pots at break time—if there is a way to label these this would be amazing. It isn't always easy depending on the design so we do appreciate any help you can give us with this.

## Forest Schools

Children in Little Dormice, Dormice, Fallow Deer and Woodpecker classes will all have the opportunity to take part in Forest School sessions from next Thursday. This is a wonderful chance to use our nature area and school grounds even more. Children will need to bring some outdoor trousers / leggings (not shorts) and some suitable shoes. At the moment some old trainers would be fine, as it gets cooler wellington boots would be better. Please send these into school in a named bag so they can be used throughout the term, thank you.

## Reading

The children in Fallow Deer, Woodpecker and Red Squirrel classes have all got their new reading books and reading records. Please help us to keep them tidy and smart. We expect the children in Fallow Deer and Woodpeckers to be reading to an adult at home at least 3 times a week, Red Squirrel children at least 5 times a week. These should be recorded in the reading record please.

## 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.



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



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### Harvest Celebration

This year we will be supporting the local community as a part of our Harvest Celebrations. Every year we help children understand where their food comes from and how we can be thankful for it. Parents kindly donate food and this year we will be working together with Woodside Village Hall to auction off the donations on Saturday

16th September at 7.30 pm , all welcome. Money raised will contribute to fund a Christmas lunch for the over 60's.

Donations of tins/packets by Friday 15th would be gratefully received.

### Term time holiday requests

Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorised or the request will be granted. 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 Head teacher the discretion to consider authorizing a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances". In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the Head teacher 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.

### Upcoming dates

5th September—school starts **8.45am to 3.15pm**

6th September—swimming for children in Year 2 and 6

14th September—forest schools starts for children in Pre-School, Reception to Year 4

29th September—individual school photos

10th October—Play in a day

30th October Half term

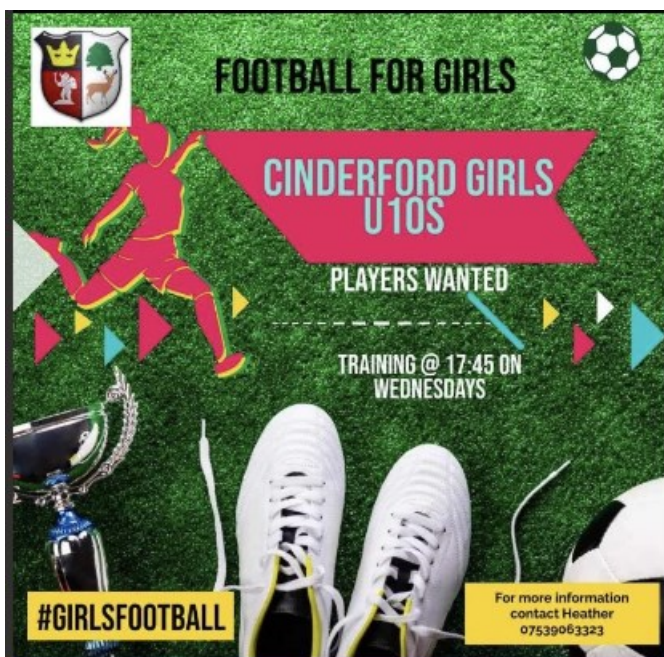
6th November—INSET day

23rd November—Nasal Flu vaccinations

4th December—life education sessions

6th December—Panto at Village Hall

22nd December—INSET day,



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

Children have all been settling into their school routines really well this week. There has been lots of vocabulary being used with all of the new topics we are covering in each class. Our website will be updated with the curriculum maps and knowledge organisers so you can see what each class will be covering in more detail.

**PE Days**— Red Squirrels Monday, Dormice Wednesdays, Fallow Deer Thursdays, Woodpeckers Fridays.