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This term's school value is determination

Made it! What a long term that was for everyone! The children are definitely ready for a rest after working so hard all term. As a reminder Monday 6th November is an INSET day for staff training so no children in school that day please.

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Hattie, Josephine, Bertie, Arthur, Eve, Phoebe, Dylan & Scarlet

Achievement: Clay, Phoebe, Doug, Maeve, Joe, Monty, Tyler & Freya

Reading: Arthur, Nyla, Lola, Maggie, Toby, Harry, Z

Pro-Star of the week: Josephine, Doug, Charlie & Marcus

Well done to Sophie who brought in her Level 3 swimming certificate to share with us. We were also very pleased to hear that Toby had an award for his throwing in cricket.



Congratulations to the swimmers from Year 2 and 6 who got their 25m certificates or their Level 2 water safety certificates. We're really proud of you!

Christmas celebrations

Although a bit early, just to keep you informed, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on December 6th. Children will be asked to bring in a donation towards our hampers—chocolates, biscuits, sweets in return for wearing non-uniform Christmas jumpers. In the afternoon we will be watching a pantomime which is funded through the PTFA and school funds. Raffle tickets will be sent home after half term.

Little Dormice will have a party in the afternoon with a special visitor (parents invited to attend also) children who do not normally attend Wednesday PM are welcome to attend.

Christmas lunch for everyone on Wednesday 20th December, Christmas jumpers or dresses are encouraged on this day too.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn term 2023

Sept 4th—22nd December

Half Term: 30th Oct—3rd Nov

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
Bodhi
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

Upcoming dates

27th October—Halloween
Disco 4.30-6pm

30th October Half term

6th November—INSET day

9th November—Year 5 and 6
federation afternoon

13th November—Anti-
bullying week

15th November—special
guest visiting in assembly

23rd November—Nasal Flu
vaccinations

28th November—Year 3 and
4 federation morning

4th December—life educa-
tion sessions

6th December—Panto at Vil-
lage Hall. Wear Christmas
jumpers and bring a dona-
tion for raffle prize.

20th December Christmas
dinner day wear Christmas
jumpers.

22nd December—INSET day,
Christmas holidays start

Anti-bullying week 2023

As parents and carers we all want our children to be happy and safe, and it is natural to worry about bullying - particularly if we have experienced bullying ourselves or think our child may be more vulnerable to bullying.

Every November schools throughout the United Kingdom take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This is an opportunity to spotlight bullying and consider the steps we can take together to stop it. Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November, with the theme 'Make a Noise About Bullying'.

Please do not be surprised if your child comes home and starts to talk to you about bullying and the work that we are continually doing in school. We will be sending home further information and ways that we can help support your child if bullying occurs so please look out for it next term.

Staff training

Staff have attended different training sessions this term including Autism Awareness, Maths Mastery in Key Stage 2, First Aid, Mental Health, Maths in Key Stage 1 and family support opportunities.

Staff feed back any relevant information in our staff meetings so all staff can benefit. Our INSET day will include training on fire safety, reading and Early Years provision.

In case of bad weather please keep an eye on the web-site and APP as that will be updated with any changes to the school day.

Please drive slowly around our school entrance. Many children walk down or ride to school and we want them to be safe. If you are running late, please just let the office know.

Free School Meals

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal. All you need is your national insurance number and an email address.

Remember to look at our wellbeing pages on our school website. There's lots of useful information about holiday clubs, how to apply for free school meals, supporting your child's mental health needs. You are very welcome to come and speak to our family worker, Mrs Matthews, or email: gmatthews@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk