



Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is respect

What a busy week this has been! Children have been busy learning their lines and songs for the plays that are coming up soon. We've also had our annual pantomime visit, wearing Christmas jumpers, an author webinar with Joseph Coelho, as well as a visit from the life education team. As a reminder our younger children do the Christmas performances, whilst our older children are responsible for our summer performance.

This is a very busy time of year and we do try to put any dates and events onto our newsletter as well as the website and our school APP. Recent road closures and the endless amounts of traffic lights have caused us all issues trying to get to and from the school site. We do understand that sometimes things are beyond your control. We do encourage you to come and talk to us if you need clarification or help, you can email or phone Mrs Matthews if you'd prefer.

A big thank you to our PTFA who work incredibly hard to raise money to benefit the children. Events such as the pantomime this week would not be possible without their fundraising efforts.

Our Christmas raffle tickets have been sent home, if you are able to sell any more we'd be very grateful. Items for the hampers can be dropped off at Reception. Thank you.



Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Frankie, Vinnie, Bodhi, Arthur, Sophie & Marley

Achievement: Clay, Fern, Nylah, Jasper, Chase & Niamh

Reading: Seth, Sabrina, Clara, Ruby, Chase & Phoebe

Pro-Star of the week: Charlie and Maggie

Well done to Skye for achieving her Stage 4 swimming badge. Maggie and Morgan brought in their Harmony Twirlstars trophy and shared some of the moves they have learnt. We were all very impressed! Bodhi showed us his model Spitfire and then Jasper showed us his rosette for being a young handler. He explained some of what he has to do which was amazing too!



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
Ellyn
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

11th December—Year 1 and 2 evening performance 5pm

12th December—Year 1 and 2 afternoon performance 1.30pm

13th December—Drama club performance to Luncheon Club

14th December—Little Dormice and Dormice Play for parents 9.30am

18th December—Severn Trent to visit Woodpeckers

19th December—KS2 Christmas party in the afternoon

20th December Christmas dinner day wear Christmas jumpers.

21st December—KS1 Christmas party

21st December—Drama Club performance

22nd December—INSET day, Christmas holidays start

8th January 2024—Spring term starts

24th January—Skillzone trip Woodpecker Class

29th January—Chance to Shine Cricket Day

1st February—Height/Weight check Reception and Year 6 children

Joseph Coelho federation webinar

Children in Woodpecker Class enjoyed a webinar by the Children's Laureate, Joseph Coelho, this week. We joined the Year 3 and 4 classes from Soudley and Steam Mills schools and worked collaboratively to write our own poems with children from across the country. We learnt about MORERAPS (please ask a child from Woodpeckers to explain it to you!) as a way of improving our writing and how it can be used to write a poem. We were able to ask questions at the end of the session and we found out about his own favourite books and how he got into writing. He shared some of his new book—Frankenstiltskin—which we all enjoyed listening to. Thank you to Mrs Gibbs from Steam Mills for organising it for us.



Parents' Relationships Matter Gloucestershire



Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

Arguing Better Group Course

How do I access a group?

Groups take place in just two 90 min sessions (over two consecutive weeks) on Microsoft Teams. You will need access to Wi-Fi, a smart phone, laptop, or tablet. And it's free!

Who is it for?

- Anyone with a parenting role for a child or young person
- Adoptive Parents
- Foster Parents
- Guardians/family members with parenting role

Parents are welcome to attend alone, with a partner, friend, or family member.

How do I book on to the next group?

For more information about future Arguing Better group dates or to book on contact:

The Family Information Service.

Email: familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk