

Woodside Matters

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This term's school value is friendship

Welcome back to the summer term! It still feels a bit cold and blustery outside so please continue to send your child in with a suitable warm coat to wear.

We have lots of events planned for this term—please make sure you are aware of the dates that are on this newsletter. We try to put reminders on the APP wherever possible too. Next week we hope to start with a visit from Severn Trent Water on Monday morning. Looking ahead, we have 2 provisional dates for Sports Day this year. This will heavily depend upon the weather as the safety of the children is really important and if it is unsafe we will have to rearrange. Children in Red Squirrel class have their residential to look forward to, lots of activities have been arranged for you and we know lots of you are very excited about going.

We will also be continuing with our work within the Federation with sessions arranged so that the children can work with their peers from Soudley and Steam Mills. Woodpecker class are hopefully going on a joint trip to learn more about our local History and Geography in the Forest of Dean. More details will follow so please look out for it!

Congratulations to our certificate winners this week:

Dojos: Joshua, Demaris, Skye, Lucas, Niamh, Theo, Harry & Lucas

Achievement: Ella, Riley, Olivia, Leyton, Jaicob, Brody, Chase, Georgina & Tyler

Reading: Phoebe, Charlie, Nyla, Layla, Elliana, Morgan & Millie

Pro-Stars: Demaris, Lucas, Marley, Evie & Elena

We heard in our celebration assembly that lots of children had had a great start to the term with certificates for presentation, pace of work, writing, maths, being enthusiastic and reading lots. Well done to William and Demaris who shared their swimming certificates and to Lola who has joined Rookie Lifeguards. Congratulations to Lucy and Ellyn for their martial art red and yellow belts, to Bertie for his rugby medal for being great in defence and to Florrie for her 3rd place rosette for mounted games horse riding. Excellent effort from you all and we're very proud of you!

Upcoming dates

15th April—Severn Trent assembly, KS2 workshops

19th April—Federation football tournament

29th April—class and leavers group photos

13th May—SATS week Year 6 children

24th May—INSET day

27th May—half term

4th June—PSHCE session for Red Squirrels

5th June—Sports Day

12th June—Sports Day reserve

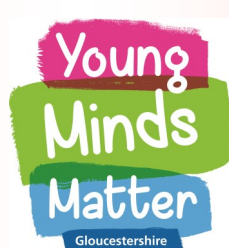
18th June—PSHCE session on mental health Red Squirrel Class

20th June—Year 3/4 Federation trip

24th June—Dene Magna Induction week

We promote British Values and uphold our own school values of **friendship, determination, respect, tolerance, courage** and **self-belief**. As a reminder our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are on the website should you wish to view them.

Childcare
Choices



West Gloucestershire
Schools Partnership

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
Marley
who is the winner
this week!**



**Please do not
park on the
ZIG-ZAGS**

Term Dates 2023
-2024

Summer Term
2024

8th April—22nd
July

Half Term:
27th—31st May

INSET days:

May 24th
July 22nd

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.

You can find out more from the following internet link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Uniform As the weather continues to vary so much please make sure the children come to school prepared. They need a **drink and a raincoat** every day. All clothing should be named please, we do try to return abandoned jumpers to their owners but it helps us enormously if they are named. Children should be wearing dark shoes rather than trainers please.

As a reminder, the only earrings that are acceptable are plain studs, one pair please. Make-up is not allowed. Hair must be tied back if long. We do not approve of shaved designs or hair colouring, in line with rules in secondary schools.

Young Minds Matter

Young Minds Matter (YMM) is a safe and confidential mental health support service developed for children and young people up to 18 years of age in schools across Gloucestershire. The team can offer support if your child is struggling with things like anxiety, low mood and poor sleep or similar concerns.

Staff from YMM have been in school working with some of our classes to help raise awareness of our own mental health and how we can support ourselves. Children in Fallow Deer class worked together on a session about friendship. The children thought about what friendship is, what makes a good friend verses an unhelpful friend. They thought of things we can say to each other to “pick us up” and not put us down.

Woodpecker children found out about resilience and thought about a hot cross bun model which explained a situation and how it might make us feel, how we might behave in that situation. They came up with positive things they could do to turn a negative situation round and make it better.

