

WOODLEY

C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Year 6 SATS

This month has been very busy in school. I would like to say “well done” to all our Year 6 children. I am sure they will tell you that I always say to them that no one can do any more than their best and I am pleased to report that everyone did this. I was very proud of the calm, serious and hard-working way that our children approached their SATS. Thank you to the Year 6 parents for the support you have given your children leading up to SATS. I would also like to thank the Year 6 staff, the other teaching assistants who were involved in access arrangements and Mrs. Smith, who helped me to administer the process.

Taking Children Out of School During Lesson Time and Holidays

I am well aware that there are times when children need to come in late or be taken out of school but this is supposed to be under “exceptional” circumstances. Things such as emergency doctors or dentists, funerals, family emergencies are of course understandable but children seem to be missing school for things that really are not “exceptional”. It is important that children come to school when possible as it has been proven that poor attendance affects progress. Thank you to those parents who support me in valuing school attendance and can I ask that you consider the governments “exceptional” rule before make the decision to take your child out of school.

Just a reminder that I cannot authorise family holidays in term time. Whilst I understand that prices are often cheaper and family birthdays fall in term time, it is important that children do not miss valuable days at school. If you apply for family holidays, we will be asking you to reconsider your plans and remember how important school attendance is. Once again, thank you to the many families who manage not to take holidays in term time.

The Term Ahead

As usual, when we return after half term, school life will be very busy. We have the many carnival events, including the carnival float. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help our year 6 team. The staff are working hard to make their final assessments of your children’s progress culminating in your child’s end of year report.



We will also be deciding on classes for next year and starting the transition work to ensure that all children are fully prepared to move on in September. This is really important for our year 6 children who will be moving on to secondary school but they still have much to do with us including their end of year production and leavers' assembly.

I hope you enjoy reading about what your children have been doing this term in the following pages and as Head Teacher, I am proud of the achievements of every one of our children. Children often come to me with their work and I give out Head Teacher's awards for excellent work or effort. In the last few weeks I have been really proud of the Foundation children who have read their writing to me about their visit to Rushall Farm.

Best wishes Louisa Gurney Head Teacher

Data Protection

DATA PROTECTION 2018 (GDPR)

You will have received an email with attachments from us this week regarding the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) being introduced as part of the Data Protection Act 2018.

This information is very important so please take the time to read through this documentation and complete, sign and return the photographic consent form before the 8th June 2018 deadline.

If you have any questions, please email DPO@woodley-pri.wokingham.sch.uk.

Thank you.

Curriculum News

Foundation Stage:

Wow, what a busy half term we have had! We started off the summer term by visiting Rushall Farm. We were very lucky with the weather and the children had the most amazing day. They had the opportunity to ride on a tractor, join the lambs in their pen and take part in various farm activities. We used the trip as a starting point to make our very own non-fiction fact books. The children were very enthusiastic writing when about their trip to the farm. Following on from this we read the story The Little Red Hen. We learnt the story with the actions and then had a go at writing it. We even made some bread rolls just like the Little Red Hen.



We can't believe that it is nearly time for the reception children to move onto KS1. To aid with the transition we are asking that after half term the children come in to school independently. There will be a member of staff from each class stood outside the doors to welcome the children. Please say goodbye to your child at the bottom of the ramp to ease congestion at the doors!

We hope that you have a restful half term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Luzolo – EYFS Phase Leader



Key Stage 1:

Mrs. Emzy Blakely, KS1 Phase Leader

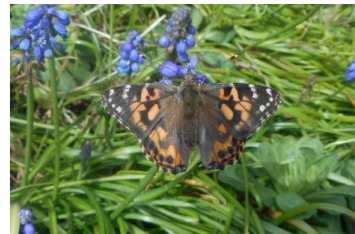
When we returned to school after Easter, the children were delighted to find that their beloved caterpillars had changed into butterflies! We fed them with sugar water on flowers and, when the temperature was right, we named them and let them go. It was a beautiful moment and the excitement amongst the children was amazing.

Our topic, this half term, has been 'Wacky Weather' and what a wacky time we have had! In English, we made wonderful poems about the seasons. In art, we studied trees by Mondrian, Van Gogh, Klimt and Gestel. In science, we have made all kinds of experiments from making a tornado in a glass jar to water that 'walks' from one cup to another. Phew!

Of course the Year 2 children have also been very busy with their 'special papers' for 'Victorian day'. We are very proud of how hard they worked and think they have thoroughly earned their half term break. The Year 1 children have also been brilliant working hard learning about alien words and practising their phonic skills.

When we come back, our school trip is in the first week back (Oak/Fir - Weds, Ash - Thurs). Children will need:

A drink with a cap/lid which can be opened and closed (no drinks are provided). A packed lunch (if you haven't ordered), trainers, sun lotion applied before school, school uniform (legs covered as we will be going through long grass and there will be bugs), light rain coat and a hat. Please return your forms/money ASAP if you haven't already.



Curriculum News

Lower Key Stage 2: (Years 3&4) Another busy half term for the Lower Juniors, in all areas of the curriculum. We invaded the summer term with our new topic 'The Romans' which all of our children were eager to investigate. Part of our topic included a trip to The Reading Museum where not only were we able to dress up, but we were able to handle artefacts that were more than 1,000 years old. Our guide answered many of our burning questions and told us lots of information which informed us how clever the Romans were. In English we used the story 'Escape from Pompeii' to travel back to the Roman times and witness the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children watched videos of exploding volcanos to help them imagine what it would have been like to watch the eruption live.



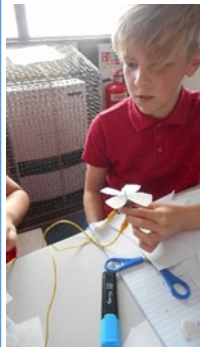
Through drama, the children interviewed each other to practise using emotive language when writing from the perspective of an eyewitness of the eruption. The children used these experiences to write quality newspaper reports. The children have enjoyed relating their maths skills to the Royal Wedding. They used their knowledge and understanding of money to plan a party and were given a budget, which they *had* to stick to. They also tested their skills in converting between measures to help work out the perimeter and

area of items such as tablecloths. Next time you have a party, why not ask your child to help you plan. In art, the children have enjoyed learning about mosaics. They have designed and made their own mosaics in the style of The Romans. Solids, liquids and gases have been the focus of our learning in science this half term. We have investigated the properties of different states of matter and looked closely at unusual substances such as jelly and shaving foam, which challenged our classification skills. In PSHE, the children took part in 'Mental Health Awareness' week where we explored the different ways to promote mental wellbeing. The children discussed these strategies in a mature, empathetic way, and we are proud of their attitudes towards such important topics.



Mrs Lucy Powell, LKS2 Phase Leader

Upper Key Stage 2: (Years 5&6)



Although Year 6 have been working hard towards their SATS, we have still enjoyed learning new topics - starting with science. Making our own vacuum cleaner is proving to be challenging, however we are now experts at electrical circuits and are following an engineering process. So you never know, a new 'Dyson' may emerge.

King Arthur was the focus of the Year 5s in literacy and they were proud of their own legends centred on Camelot. They also worked hard on a project about castles during SATS week.

In topic, we now have a deeper understanding of why the Anglo Saxons and Vikings invaded England and how our country changed as a result.

In art this term, we are making a sculpture of an historical figure of our choice. We have now completed an armature using pliers to bend the wire and have created form with newspaper – they already look great without any mod-roc or paint so we can't wait to finish our models soon.

And finally, we are learning about Buddhism in RE: their beliefs, special places and Holy books. Following on from the Mental Health week, we are incorporating more mindfulness into our day. Practising mindfulness can help to calm our thoughts and let our stress and worries go.



**Yesterday is history,
Tomorrow is a mystery,
Today is the present – it is a gift!**



After half term we will be entering our Heroes float in the Woodley carnival (thanks in advance to all those who have volunteered to help in the week running up to the carnival). Then it is on to practising our end of term production 'The Key Master'. Auditions have taken place and everyone is really excited.

Again well done year 6 for all your hard work and positive attitude towards your SATS – enjoy a relaxing half term everyone. Mrs. Alison Shaman, UKS2 Phase Leader.

Sporting News

It has been a quiet start to the summer term but we have just finished Woodley Schools Sports Week which the children thoroughly enjoyed and is a very busy time for us all.

On Monday we headed to Woodford Park for the cricket tournament between schools in the Woodley and Earley area. Our boys played well as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We made it to the semi final where we unfortunately lost to Rivermead. It was great to see the way the boys worked as a team.

We have also competed in an upper junior swimming gala and various activities for our year 2, 3 and 4 children.

After half term the Carnival football tournaments will be taking place.

Mrs Jane Poole, PE Co-ordinator



Reminders from the Office

Safeguarding

Please may we remind parents that inline with our safeguarding policy parents are not permitted into the building before school starts. This is valuable time for teachers to prepare for the start of the day and not an ideal time to catch up with parents. If you need to meet with the class teacher please arrange an appointment through the school office. Alternatively please leave a message with the member of staff on the door in the morning or leave a message at the office.

New Half Term

It is important that children have a water bottle in school every day. As the weather remains warm it is important the children stay hydrated throughout the day. On very sunny days a hat is advisable and if possible applying sun cream before school will also help protect your child.

School Dinners

We have an increasing number of children who are arriving at school without a hot dinner pre-ordered. If you do not yet have access to the online booking system please let the office know and we can arrange for an activation code to be sent home.

Waste Collection

Following a successful pilot in other schools in the borough, our waste collection contractor are rolling out food waste recycling to nominated schools. We have been selected and this scheme will start immediately after the half term break. All food waste will be taken to a local anaerobic digestive facility in Basingstoke where it is processed and converted into renewable energy. We will be talking to the children about this scheme on the first day back after half term.

Please note that all waste from packed lunches will be kept in children's lunch boxes to be taken home. This will mean that you can see exactly what your children are eating in school. Only food waste will be collected and disposed of in school. This is a good time to remind everyone that we are a nut free school so all nut snacks and sandwich fillings are not permitted. Thank you for supporting us with this initiative to keep our children with allergies safe.

Holiday Club

Funtastic Kids will be running our onsite holiday club again this half term. Please visit www.funtastickids.co.uk for more information.

Fundraising

Mr Johnson, one of our dads, has begun his challenge to cover the 900 miles between Lands End to John O'Groats on his push bike to raise money for Alzheimer's Society and our school. His journey started on 10th May and he is due to finish on 23rd May. Please support him by visiting his page <https://www.gofundme.com/paulslejog> and donating.



PTA News

Funds raised so far this school year are being split 60/40, 60% going towards the main hall refurbishment and 40% towards all other items school need. The current amounts are: Hall £5516 and All other items £3677. And we still have quite a few fund raisers to go in this last term, we are hoping to smash through our yearly aim of £10k and appreciate everything you all do to help us achieve this.

The Year 5/6 cake sale at the end of last term raised £265.56, this money is going towards an Ipad. With matched funding we will be able to raise enough for this. Thank you for all your donations and also your generous donations when buying the cakes.

The end of April children's disco raised a total of £788, and with matched given this will take the total profit to over £1000 which is amazing!

Bags 2 School raised a further £229.60 so a big thank you to all of you that were able to fill a bag to donate.

Please remember to look into whether your workplace offers matched giving, it is a great easy way to help increase funds raised at each event. If you are able to help please let us know on the email below or tell the school office.

Upcoming fund raisers:

For those of you with children in Year 6, the Leavers Hoodies will be available to buy again this year, letters will be out in the near future.

One last very important issue is this years school Carnival Float. Mrs Humphreys has left the school and so it is very important that to keep this tradition going for our children we all offer our help if we can to make, build, paint, put together etc. the artwork and props to make this float happen. A letter has been sent out with a bit more detail, but without your commitment, our school float will not go ahead this year.

Many thanks and if you wish to email us with any ideas etc please do so at: woodleycofe.pta@googlemail.com

The PTA Committee

Governor News

Homework Survey

Thank you for your excellent responses to the homework survey recently sent out, your feedback helps us to work with the school on improving and taking on board the parents thoughts/views.

Parent Surgery's

We are proud of everything the school and especially the teaching body have achieved but we are also aware some parents have ideas/suggestions/thoughts that could further enhance our school. So a date for your diaries..... in the Autumn term, Monday following half term we will be holding our first Parent Surgery. This is a drop in session with the Head Teacher and Chair of Governors to discuss any ideas/concerns/suggestions you might have about our school. These sessions will not be to discuss specifics on any child but the overall ethos/education in the school.

I do hope that many of you will join us, I look forward to meeting you and hearing your suggestions. Further dates and times will be confirmed when we return in September.

Gemma Plowright - Chair of Governors



Airfield Club News



We have been in operation since September 2017 and we think the club has been a great success but we wanted to hear your views. So, we ran a survey to gain some parent feedback. The results of the survey were so positive we wanted to share them with you all. The comments we received show that children love coming to Airfield Club and our club staff have created an engaging environment with a full schedule of activities and tasty food as well.

If you have any feedback, we would love to hear it so please either pop into the office or email the club at TheAirfield-Club@woodley-pri.wokingham.sch.uk

Question	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree or disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My child enjoys Airfield club				2	11
My child feels safe at Airfield club					13
My child enjoys the food at Airfield club			1	2	10
My child enjoys the activities at Airfield club				2	11
I/we find the club good value for money				6	7
I/we find the club times suit our requirements				4	9

Comments from Parents and children

I have found the afterschool club an extremely friendly and positive environment. Mrs Hickmott and her team have made it such a wonderful place for the children to go.

The Airfield Club is wonderful! It is a great service for the school to offer and as parents, we really value it. The staff who run the club create a happy and caring environment for the children.

My daughter is always happy when I pick her up from Airfield Club. She never complains and always has lots to talk about.

The online booking is very user friendly.

For full details of the survey, visit the school website. www.woodleyceprimary.co.uk

Green Fingers

The Green fingers have been planting flowers and litter picking to keep us all smiling .

There are 5 different sessions each half term, so 30 children can try something new.

Mrs. Glass



Dates

Date	Event	Time
25/05/2018	INSET Day – school closed to pupils	
04/08/2018	Carnival Float Preparation Evening	5.30-7pm
06/06/2018	Carnival Boys Football	2.00-4.30
06/06/2018	KS1 Trip (Oak Class and Fir Class)	All day
07/06/2018	KS1 Trip (Ash Class)	All day
07/06/2018	Carnival Girls Football	5.30-7.30
08/06/2018	Maths Trip to Waingels (selected children)	9.15-12.00
12/06/2018	“How we teach sex education” Information Evening for Year 6 parents	6.30pm
13/06/2018	School photographs (class, team and leavers)	All day
14/06/2018	F2 Stay and Play Afternoon	2.00pm
15/06/2018	Year 3/4 trip to Madjeski Stadium	
20/06/2018	New parent meetings (September starters)	6.30pm
21/06/2018	PTA Meeting	8.00pm
22/06/2018	PTA selling ice lollies after school	3.15pm
26/06/2018	National Police Week - Police visit to Foundation	
27/06/2018	Yr 6 Transition Day visits to new secondary schools	
29/06/2018	Sports Day Practice	PM
02/07/2018	Year 5 Little Canada Meeting - further information evening	6.30pm
02/07/2018	Bikeability (4 days Monday – Thursday)	
06/07/2018	Sports Day	9.30
07/06/2018	PTA Summer Social	12-3.00
09/07/2018	Reserve sports day	9.30
10/07/2018	EYFS Group 1 visit	1.30
11/07/2018	EYFS Group 2 visit	1.30
11/07/2018	UJ Dress Rehearsal	PM
12/07/2018	EYFS Group 2 visit	1.30
12/07/2018	Whole school visit their new phases	PM
12/07/2018	UJ Performance	6.30
16/07/2018	UJ Performance	6.30
17/07/2018	UJ Performance	2.00
19/07/2018	Whole school transition / new children in for lunch	
20/07/2018	Reports home	
23/07/2018	Teachers available to discuss reports	3.30
23/07/2018	Woodley's Got Talent	1.30
24/07/2018	Leavers assembly	Time tbc
24/07/2018	School finishes	2.30
24/07/2018	Rounders match Staff v Year 6	2.30
18/09/2018	School Photographs	All day
15-18/10/18	Year 6 Residential visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight	