

WOODLEY

C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come towards the end of another year, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to your children to support their achievement at school. Education is a partnership between home and school and I hope you enjoyed reading the school report of your child as much as I did. School life incorporates many things and I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.

Goodbye Year 6

I would like to congratulate all the Year 6 children on an excellent final year here at Woodley C of E. There have been many highlights throughout the year starting with Little Canada and finishing with "Pirates of the Curry Bean". All the children worked really hard leading up to their SATS tests and achieved good results. I would like to wish them lots of luck at secondary school and I know that they will go on to demonstrate the good values that Woodley C of E promotes.

Meet the Teacher

The rest of the children will return to school on Thursday 5th September and I wish them luck in their new classes. Please put this date in your **diaries, MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER**. We will be holding our annual "Meet the Teacher" meetings. This is an opportunity for you to find out about the expectations for your children in their new classes.

PTA

I would like to thank the PTA for an excellent year of fund raising. This PTA came forward when we thought we would have to disband the association and have exceeded all expectations. Notable events this year have been the extremely successful Easter Egg Hunt and our Summer Fair. The education of our children would not be as rich without this additional funding. Moving forward into the Autumn Term, we will see the introduction of a new scheme (Read, Write Inc.) in both Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, which has been totally funded by the PTA. The Spring Term will see Accelerated Reader being introduced into some classes in the Juniors.

And Finally

Woodley C of E is a great school and that is down to the hard work of all the staff and governors. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their dedication over the last year. It has been a good year for the school with us retaining our "good" grading from OFSTED and continuing to promote all the other things that we value as a school.

All that remains is for me to wish you and your children a very happy summer holiday.

Best Wishes

Louisa Gurney, Head Teacher



Curriculum News

Foundation Stage:

We've had yet another busy half term in Foundation. We have focused our work around Under the Sea where the children have been learning to retrieve information from texts. We have then been using the information that we have retrieved to create our own fact files. We have worked really hard on modelling to the children how to construct sentences properly. This has involved rehearsing our sentence aloud a number of times so that it sticks in our heads. We then use our phonic knowledge to sound out each word and make sure that we are using finger spaces correctly. Finally, we make sure that our sentence has a full stop at the end. We repeat this process with each sentence that we write and encourage the children to re-read what they have written to check for any mistakes. We were super impressed with the final outcome of the fact files. Well done Foundation!



Over the last couple of weeks, we have been learning all about pirates. We have learnt about famous pirates, made pirate maps and flags, pirate wanted posters and pirate pizza boats amongst other fun activities!

In Maths we have been consolidating all of the areas that we have worked on this year including reliable counting techniques, addition and subtraction, ordering numbers and solving mathematical problems.

Please remember to keep up the reading over the summer holidays as this will be very beneficial to your child.

Please visit the library to choose some suitable books to read as we will be collecting in the reading books over the holidays.

What a fantastic year we have had teaching and getting to know your children. We can't quite believe how quickly the time has gone! We are all so proud of the progress that the children have made this year and would like to wish them good luck as they move up into Year 1. We know that they will all continue to work hard and show a really brave attitude towards their learning. We hope that you have a fantastic summer break and thank you for all of the support that you have given your child with their learning at home over the past year, it really does make a difference!

Mrs Emma Luzolo, Foundation Stage Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Key Stage 1:

Time really flies when you are having fun! At the end of last half term, we celebrated our hard work by having a seaside day. The children were thrilled to paddle and play with sand and of course, they enjoyed eating ice-pops! We hope you enjoyed looking through our photos which are on the school website.

This half term, our topic has been 'Around the World'. We have explored landmarks around the world; comparing man-made to physical landmarks. The children have developed their skills as geographers and have been investigating Australia. We have discussed famous Australian landmarks and compared life in Australia to life in the United Kingdom. The home learning we have seen has, yet again, impressed us this half term. KS1 have excelled themselves creatively and have produced work to be proud of.

In English, we have been investigating 'Dreamtime' stories and have looked carefully at 'Tiddalik'. The children have created their own characters and have re-written the stories which have included adjectives, similes and adverbs.



We have been learning about the inverse especially in multiplication and division. We have been revising multiples and looking at patterns of number to help us learn our times tables. The children were brilliant at spotting patterns and enjoyed thinking of ways to help them remember multiplication and division facts.

In Science, we have been investigating different types of animals. The children have been keen to extend their scientific vocabulary and compare differences and similarities between animal types.

Music has been a real highlight in KS1 this half term. We have learnt some songs which originate from Australia, including an Australian lullaby. The children have explored rhythm, pitch and body percussion. They have even composed their own rhythms using notations of their choice and have

performed as a group. If you haven't already, ask your child to sing you one of the songs we have been practising; you are in for a treat!

Sports Day was a real success! All of our children took part with a smile on their face. It was wonderful to see how hard the children tried and the encouragement and support they gave each other when competing.

Writing this final newsletter fills me with sadness. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, children and families for making the last 9 years at Woodley so special. I came here 10 years ago as a student teacher and I am leaving as a Phase Leader with 9 wonderful years of teaching under my belt. I have been lucky enough to do a job that I love whilst working with both amazing colleagues and children. I will always have a piece of Woodley in my heart and I hope to share the 'Woodley Way' with the staff and children at my new school. I wish the best of luck to all of you in the future. Happy Holidays!

Mrs Lucy Powell, KS1 Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Lower Key Stage 2:

Wow! How time flies. This is the final newsletter before we break up for the summer holidays.

Once again, we have been astounded by the effort and dedication into the topic home learning. We had a lovely mixture of totem poles, Native American scenes, dream catchers and marble runs. Showing the best of the children's skills.

In English, we have been imagining we are Pilgrims enduring the long, arduous journey across the Atlantic Ocean to America, on the Mayflower. The children have acted out their parts, listened to accounts from the journey and finally, written their own diary entry.

In Maths, we have had the excitement of co-ordinates, 2D and 3D shapes along with using our measuring skills to make play dough which leads us onto mass and capacity. Lots of practical learning opportunities and the use of different apparatus.

We experienced Native American day where we got to sit in a real-life tipi, play Native American instruments and listen to stories from different tribes. The children were able to choose an animal to represent, play their instruments, dance and experience a Pow-wow where we all participated **together as shown in the picture below**.



Also as part of our experience we made talking sticks – we are hoping these can be used well at home.

The aim is that the person who is holding the stick is the only person who should be speaking. We hope that the children have communicated that to you.

We have completed circuits with copper tape and an LED bulb which the children incorporated into a picture of a Native American nature.

We all had a fantastic time at the Woodley Sports day which showed the children's inclusive nature and let them have a little healthy competition. It was

lovely to see good sportsmanship with cheering each other along and congratulating. It was also a pleasure to see the children having picnic lunches with their families.

Design and Technology, again, has been exciting. The children are really extending their sewing skills with making headdresses at the end of Summer term 1 and moving onto making their own mini tipis which includes cutting out patterns and attaching sticks.

In Science, we have been looking at magnets and attraction and repulsion. The children used these skills, junk modelling and their imagination to produce some spectacular games which showed many elements of the science curriculum. We know that some of the games have been extended at home which is a pleasure to hear.

As a final point, please continue to read over the summer holidays. Local libraries are a great source of up-to-date, varied books and always run a summer competition. Times Table Rockstars participation has dipped slightly but the holidays are a perfect time to get rocking once more and keep those skills up to scratch, ready for next year. This will be great for the year 3s going into year 4 where they will be the first year to do the Multiplication Tables Check in the final term.

It has been a pleasure to work with the children over this year, it has gone by so quickly. We wish you all a great summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Mrs Michelle Jay, LKS2 Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Upper Key Stage 2

What an eventful month Upper Juniors have had. Starting with the float and Woodley Carnival, which was a fantastic day and a great turnout. Our float, 'Pirates of the Caribbean and the Curse of the Black Plastic' won best school float. It was a memorable day for Year 6, who dressed up and waved enthusiastically all around Woodley.



In Literacy, we are continuing to read Sky Hawk and have produced some moving pieces of writing based around this book. We were very proud of our 'Warning stories' – which showed how our writing has progressed this year.

Year 6 had a trip to the Riverside Centre and thoroughly enjoyed canoeing and kayaking along the river (in torrential rain). It was a fun day for all and a good way to celebrate the end of SATs.



In science we have looked at life cycles and adaptation. We looked at the anatomy of an egg and compared a hen's life cycle to that of an Osprey.

As part of our topic Preservation and Conservation, Sadie, from Feather and Fur, visited us with her magnificent birds. This is always a highlight and we actually had the privilege of holding 'Bournville' the kestrel.

We hope you managed to come and watch our end of term production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. The children worked hard learning their lines and the songs and enjoyed performing to their friends and families. We hope you also enjoyed our entertaining production.

On behalf of all the staff at Woodley C of E, I wish our Year 6 children good luck as they move on to their new schools in September. It has been a pleasure teaching you these past two years and you are all ready to enjoy all the new experiences that secondary school will give you.



Mrs Alison Sharman, UKS2 Phase Leader



Sporting News

It was a busy end to the first half of the term with Woodley Sports Week. Most of the children in the school had the opportunity to take part in an organised sporting activity. As always Woodley C of E was well represented showing our sporting ability and sportsmanship.

After the half term our concentration turned to Carnival Football competitions for Year 5 and 6. The boys competition was on the Wednesday afternoon and both teams played very well resulting in a 5th and 10th placed finish. The girl's competition was on the following evening and they were full of excitement. Despite the results they had a wonderful evening and represented the school very well.

This is also a good opportunity to mention that one of our pupils has played for the Wokingham District U11s this year. He has helped the district to win 3 competitions including The Berkshire Cup, The Surrey League and The 2019 Jersey Tour.



Thank you to all the parents for your support this year.

Mr Michael Clare, PE Co-Ordinator

Reminders from the Office

Office hours: 8.00am - 4.25pm Peak times: 8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.15pm

Preparing for the New School Year Booklet 2019-2020: If you have not yet returned your completed booklet please return this to the office as soon as we return in September. Spare copies are available from the office if you have lost the copy sent home.

Crossing Patrol: Mrs Holmes has now officially retired from crossing patrol. Work will be carried out over the summer holidays and a new crossing management system will be in place ready for September. Mrs Holmes will still be part of our site team and continue to do the wonderful work keeping our school clean and tidy. Thank you Mrs Holmes for helping our families cross the road safely for many years.

School Dinners: The Autumn Term menu will be available online ready for September towards the end of August. Please ensure meals are pre-ordered. If you have a child currently in Year 2 you will need to start paying for school dinners from Year 3 as Universal Free School Meals only covers children up to the end of KS1. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the office staff.

September 2019: School returns on Thursday 5th September. Please make sure children are in the correct uniform (Uniform Policy enclosed with email) and items are clearly named. Every child should bring a water bottle to school every day.

Meet the Teacher: Monday 9th September - more details will follow at the beginning of term.



PTA News

Thankyou!

Well, our first year as the new PTA committee is nearly over. We really appreciate all the hard work all our members together with teaching staff have put in to enable the children to experience some great events resulting in the purchasing of some fantastic equipment. This though can't be done without your very needed input, and we would love every parent and carer to feel a part of this too.

We can tell you that we raised a fantastic £2,990 at our Summer Fair. We are still awaiting some matched funding from Microsoft. Anyone interested in what Matched Funding is please ask, many companies offer this and it's an easy way of topping up our totals.

This term has seen our summer disco, cake sales and Frozen Friday Ice Lolly sales which together have raised an amazing £236.00. Such an easy and yummy way to raise money.

Look out in September for our termly newsletter that will fill you in on all that we, as a school, have raised for the school year of 2018/19.

If you are keen to volunteer (however short-just 10mins for the lolly sales!) or help and give input in anyway, please let one of the PTA know, shout out on our Facebook group 'PTA Gang and Supporters', or email the PTA at 'woodleycofe.pta@googlemail.com'.

Over the Summer holidays please consider-

Pre-loved school uniform

Refreshing your school uniform wardrobe over the summer? Please save any unwanted uniform for the next PTA school uniform sale and drop it of in the basket at reception at the start of the next school year. Good quality, clean clothes only please with no marks or holes.

Stikins Name Labels

You ought to have received a Stikins name label leaflet in the book bags this week. Please consider using this scheme when labelling new school items. The school gets 30% commission on all sales which have the school fundraising number **25843** entered. It will all add up!

Our recycling program

Please keep up with the recycling projects we have started. We will still be collecting crisp packets, Pringles tubes and lids, Ella's kitchen pouches, biscuit and cake wrappers, cleansing wipe packets and more, check out our parents and carers Facebook page for updates.

Waitrose

We have been chosen as a charity Waitrose are supporting for their Community Matters token boxes! All of August our school will have a box for anyone who would like to support us to put a token in and Waitrose will send funds raised to us.

Many thanks,

Your PTA Committee

