

Dear Parents,

Wow! Last term was a very busy half term. This has seen us administer KS1 and KS2 SATs and compete in Woodley Sports Week. This is not to mention all the wonderful work that has been going on in school (see Phase Leader sections reflecting on the children's work).

Sports Day - Thursday 4th July - After consulting parents through a recent survey, the vast majority of parents were in favour of not changing our sports day format. It will continue to run in the morning followed by a family picnic. It was nice to know that parents like the "family feel" of our sports day.

Uniform - uniform is important to our school. Please ensure that children are correctly dressed for school and have everything else that they need for the day. Recently, I have been concerned to see the following:

- Transfers on arms (temporary tattoos)
- Nail varnish
- Long hair not tied back
- Trainers - without prior notification to the school.

KS1 and KS2 SATs - Well done to all our children who undertook SATs tests this half term. The children have worked really well in the run up to SATs and completed them successfully. We are all proud of you.

Best wishes

Mrs Louisa Gurney
Head Teacher



Curriculum News

Foundation Stage:

Foundation have had another brilliant half term which started with our fantastic trip to Rushall Farm. In the lead up to our trip the children learnt about keeping safe on the farm and wrote a list of rules that we needed to follow whilst we were there. They also worked in partners to think of some questions that they wanted to ask the farmer. Some good examples included 'What time do you have to get up in the morning?' And 'What do cows like to eat?'. We then wrote some of these down making sure that we used a question mark.



The children were so excited when the day of the trip finally arrived and couldn't wait to hop on board the coach. Once there we enjoyed a rather bumpy tractor ride through the woods and cow field to get to the farm. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of the animals and learning all about a real working farm. Some of the children even got to see a lamb being born! Thank you to all of the parents that offered to help with the trip.



Over the next couple of weeks the children made their own books about their trip to Rushall Farm. We used photos that we took on the trip for the children to use as a writing stimulus. The children worked really hard on orally rehearsing their sentences before writing and making sure that they had used a full stop. We were so impressed with the final outcome - please feel free to have a look at your child's book in their red learning journey during the next Family Friday!

We have spent the last week learning about the story of The Little Red Hen. We first learnt the story by heart using actions and then explored the story further by hotseating the characters and acting it out in groups. We then created story maps which we have used whilst having a go at writing the story independently this week.

In Phonics we have been working on ensuring that all of the phase 3 sounds are securely embedded. We have been writing the sounds daily and have also been practising reading words and sentences that include these sounds. The children have worked so hard during phonics sessions this year and we are so pleased with the progress that they have made.

In Maths we have been learning about money. The children have had lots of fun investigating what all of the different coins are worth. We set up a shop where the children had to choose the best coin to pay for their chosen item. We then extended this further by challenging the children to purchase 2 items from the shop and then add up what the total cost would be.

Reminders - now that the sun is beginning to make an appearance please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream applied.

After half term our topic will be Under the Sea and Pirates which is always a favourite with the children! We hope that you have a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming you back for the final half term before the children move on to Year 1!

Many thanks for your continued support. Mrs Emma Luzolo – EYFS Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Key Stage 1:

Summer is here [apparently!] We have had yet another full on half term despite the short weeks. Our Year 2's have blown us away with their hard work during KS1 SATS. They all demonstrated how 'BRAVE' they are whilst taking part in 'Victorian school' and we are proud of their efforts.

During this time, Year 1 have been working hard revising phonics in preparation for the Phonics Screening in June. Thank you for your support in reading with your children. If you would like further information about the Phonics Screening Test, please look on our website where we have uploaded some information and resources.

We have been busy sawing, plaiting and designing our fishy mobiles for D&T. The children have learnt how to measure carefully and cut safely. We are sure you will enjoy the finished product.

Our topic has been 'Under the Sea' and the children have written some beautiful poems which have included; similes, adjectives and metaphors.

The children have enjoyed learning some songs linked to our topic including 'The Big Ship Sails'. We have discussed tempo and rhythm. Ask your child to give you a rendition of the songs we have been learning.

During PSHE, we have been learning about the 5 steps to happiness. The children have explored these steps and have discussed what they like to do to help them when they feel sad. We especially enjoyed doing some Cosmic Yoga to help us be active and mindful.

The children have been looking forward to our beach afternoon planned to celebrate all their hard work.



Mrs Lucy Powell, KS1 Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Lower Key Stage 2: (Years 3&4)

The first half of the Summer Term has been short and fleeting in the Lower Juniors.

Our topic this term has been on America. Firstly, concentrating on modern Northern America, leading onto Native America over the coming weeks.

In English, we have been looking at the traditional native American tale of Coyote and the Star. The children have seemed to enjoy the story; discussed its lessons and ideas and are now starting to think about their own ideas for a similar tale. We are all excited about the writing they will produce.

In Maths, we started the term with a revision of the four operations and challenge cards. LKS2 children definitely like a challenge and it was great to see their growth mindset, and yearning to push themselves further than they had gone before. Our main Maths focus has been on statistics - producing tables for tally charts, drawing graphs and finding information from graphs. The children have obviously learned from the activities showing their enjoyment in this. The adults have also learned important things, such as bubble gum is the favourite ice cream flavour (SHOCKER!) and that the children still think that teachers will not notice if a ruler is not used to draw a graph! We have also been stressing to the children the importance of learning their times tables. We have been practising several times per week and getting them to write the questions/times tables they find tricky in their home-school diary. Please check so that you can help them learn their tricky ones.

After the glorious exhibits received for our Space Topic, we are more than excited about the work and effort that will be put into the topic homework for Native America. Last term we were saddened that we had not bought shares in the polystyrene globe market, this term we are expecting feathers to be the in-thing. Please ensure that you send videos, photos and exhibits into school. It is so beneficial for the children to talk about their learning with each other and is lovely for the class adults to be involved in what is going on at home.

Design and Technology for this term has been exciting and for many finding a new skill – sewing. It requires patience and perseverance from all concerned and many have been surprised at how good they are at learning something new and tricky. The children have researched, designed and are now making their own Native American-style headdresses. We look forward to photographing the children in our LKS2 catwalk show which will happen once all headdresses are complete.

In Science, we have been learning about plants and living things. We have watched caterpillars growing and turning into pupas, with the children asking some amazing and well-thought out questions leading to class research, for example, “What is the difference between a pupa, chrysalis and cocoon?” For our learning on plants we have dissected a bean, noticing that there is a tiny plant inside of a seed; learned functions of parts of a plant and looked at them individually, through dissection. We have also started our own potato growing section in the playground outside of Rowan and will be harvesting these for a potato feast in July.

As always, thank you for your support. We would like you to continue to read 5 times a week (and signing the diary); it's really helping in reading stamina, fluency and pleasure. Times Table Rockstars continues to be popular in the classrooms; children need further encouragement to log on at home – please continue to encourage them to get rocking. They can do anything from 5 minutes to half an hour.

It's been a pleasure to see the children excited about their learning and we look forward to seeing their topic homework over the next few weeks.

Mrs Michelle Jay, LKS2 Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Upper Key Stage 2: (Years 5&6)

Although a short term, we have already immersed ourselves in our topic of Preservation and Conservation. In Science, we have looked at classifying plants and animals and their life cycles.

In Topic, we have been learning about the geography of the British Isles and in particular Scotland. This is where 'Sky Hawk', our class novel by Gill Lewis, is set. Our writing is inspired by the main characters and the exciting discovery of Osprey on their farm. We have had some good debates around the subject of protecting eggs from poachers and will be looking at birds of prey in more detail after half term.



In Design and Technology we have had fun exploring upcycling and what we can do with plastic bags. We made 'plarn' (plastic and yarn) and created a table mat from plastic. Taking the theme of upcycling further, during SATs week, Year 5 had an 'Enterprise Fair' and created a product out of recycled materials. Year 6 were very impressed when they got to go round and listen to the pitches then vote for the most creative and useful product.

Finally, a huge well done to the Year 6 for their positive attitude towards their SATs. Everyone did their best and are now looking forward to half term. Enjoy being creative with the topic homework and remember that your birds - made from recycled materials - will go on the carnival float.



Mrs Alison Sharman, UKS2 Phase Leader.



Sporting News

Some of our Year 4 children received a medal from Mrs May for their hard work this season playing for Wargrave Women & Girls Football Club. All the girls got to meet Mrs May and were an absolute credit to Wargrave and Woodley C of E.

We like to hear about achievements that children have celebrated outside of school and welcome any news.

A big thank you to all our families who helped make Woodley Sports Week a success. We appreciate your help making sure children were delivered or picked up at various venues.



Mr Clare, PE Co-Ordinator

Reminders from the Office

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

Absence:

If your child is unwell please phone the school office and select option 1. Please make sure you phone and give a reason for your child's absence. The Attendance Officer will make contact with anyone who has not phoned in to find out the reason why a child is not in school. Please include the date and day in any messages.

If your child arrives after the gates have shut please make sure you accompany them into the school office and sign them in. Even our older children need to be signed in by their parents.

Water bottles:

Children should bring a water bottle into school everyday. Currently school do supply children with a plastic cup if they forget their water bottle which we are trying to phase out due to cost and for environmental reasons.

Sun cream and sun hats: Hopefully we have some nice warm days ahead of us. Please make sure children come to school with sun cream on and a sun hat. If your child needs to apply additional cream throughout the day please speak to a member of the office team. On particularly hot days we will provide provision for children to be able to get out of the heat and the sun.

School Uniform: If you would like to order uniform ready for September please order with the school office. Deadline 7th June 2019.

Parentmail App: If you have not yet done so, please try and download the App to help school start to make significant savings on communication.



Airfield Club

Opening Times: 7.45am - 8.40am / 3.15pm—6.00pm

Due to popularity, we are finding that both Breakfast Club and After School Club are becoming full for most sessions. It is therefore really important, if you rely on the club for childcare, that you book online at far ahead as possible. We are not able to go over our numbers even if you regularly use the club.

Please do not add children to the bottom of the list if you arrive in the morning and they are not on the printed register. This means we are full. We have had to turn families away.

If you would like to use the Airfield Club to help with childcare support please fill in a registration form and return to the school office. Please allow 48 hours for your confirmation letter. This letter will enable you to go online and book sessions and make payments. Please remember the "48 Hour Rule" - 48 hours to book and 48 hours to cancel. Any queries please email TheAirfieldClub@woodley-pri.wokingham.sch.uk

You will still be charged if your child is sick or unable to attend the club unless you have given 48 hours' notice



SUMMER TERM 2019 - DATES

JUNE

Thursday 6th June - September school uniform order deadline

Friday 7th June - Year 6 trip to Waterside Water Centre

Saturday 8th - Woodley Carnival

Thursday 13th - School photographs

Friday 14th - Bags to School (details to follow)

Saturday 15th - PTA Quiz Night

Tuesday 18th - F2 Stay and Play 2.15-3.00pm

Wednesday 19th - New Parent Meeting 6.30pm

Monday 24th - Sex Education Meeting - Year 6 - 6.30pm

Wednesday 26th - Universal Year 6 Transition Day when all year 6 children visit their new secondary school

Saturday 29th June - Summer Fair 11.00-2.00

JULY

Thursday 4th - Sports Day/Family Picnic

Monday 8th - last week of clubs

Monday 15th - Upper Junior Performance 6.30pm

Tuesday 16th - Upper Junior Performance 2.15pm

Thursday 18th - Upper Junior Performance 6.30pm

Monday 22nd - Upper Junior Leavers Party 6.00-7.30

Tuesday 23rd - Leavers Assembly 1.30-2.15

Tuesday 23rd - School finishes **2.30pm**

