

WOODLEY

C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents

Life never goes to plan! I am so sorry that I am not in school today to share the last day with you. I have picked up a bug that will not let me leave the house!

Firstly, I would like to wish all my Year 6 children good luck at secondary school. I know they will all go on to achieve great things at secondary school and make us proud of them.

I would also like to wish the staff who are leaving good luck for the future and thank them for all they have done for the children of Woodley C of E.

I would also like to thank the PTA committee for all their hard work and the money they have raised for the school. The PTA committee are as follows

Liz Sainsbury Chair person for 6 years

Taryn Parker Vice Chair for 2 years

Rebecca Maddams Treasurer for 2 years

Gail Murray Secretary for 5 years

Lindsey Claydon Secretary for 5 years

Beverley Collett Secretary for 1 year

The money raised has helped purchase:

Laptops, funded workshops, Ipads, playground equipment to name but a few including the money raised towards the new hall sound system.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the ladies for being such a great team to work with and they will be greatly missed.

PTA fund raising is crucial to the school and I hope there will be new parents volunteering to fill the role in September.

All that remains for me to do is to wish you and your children a great summer holiday. Thank you for the support you have given to your children's education and the school over the last year.

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Best wishes

Louisa Gurney, Head Teacher



Science Week

The children here recently switched their pens and paper, for test tubes and beakers during the engaging week organised by teacher Mrs Boulton. Science Week 2018 aimed to give the students opportunities to learn and discover the inner meaning of Science, to understand what jobs in Science Technology, Engineering and Maths were all about, but most of all it was about enjoying Science and having fun.

The activities varied from growing cress in the Infants, to the Upper Juniors exploring bath bombs with Dr Jenny Eyley from University of Reading. Every child seemed to enjoy themselves and were asking many questions to extend their knowledge further. There was also a range of visitors to talk to the children and share their passion. Everyone seemed to pick up the facts coming at them quickly, wanting to know more.

Down in the Infants, the children were exploring the life of cress and what happened if the plant's environment changed. The variables went from no water to all sunlight. After much debate, deep thinking and visitors, the conclusion was in sight! Can you find out from your child which environment was the best?

The Lower Juniors seemed to enjoy the week just as much; a similar theme kept them occupied each lesson. 'Clouds in a bottle' with Professor Ellie Highwood was a memorable activity that the students cherished every moment of. They learnt a lot during the week and when a break came to just look and listen, they leapt at the chance; the children were fascinated by some rocks Mr Olatoke brought in from BP and especially admired the 50 million year old shark tooth!

The Upper Juniors had fun and a trip to University of Reading to meet Professor Bob Rastall really inspired them to put their thinking caps on. Earlier the previous week (and with the help of Dr Afroditi Chatzifragkou), they had taken some swabs from selected areas across the classroom, their hands or behind their ears. When the children visited the university, they saw the developed bacteria from these swabs on agar plates. Many of the children could be heard saying, "This is disgusting!" or "It's so cool!"

The week was rounded off with an assembly sharing the events and investigations. Each class got a few minutes to present their work and what they liked. Everybody agreed that Science Week 2018 was a big success.

By Abigail Emms, Aspen Class.

Science Week 2018 was indeed a success. This was not only due to the visitors we had, but also the hard work of all the teachers for putting together exciting investigations for the children, so my thanks goes to them. I would also like to thank my Science Ambassadors Ellie Sainsbury, Harrison Judd, Billy Russell and Abigail Emms for being my 'eyes and ears' during the week. Finally, well done and thank you to Abigail for the super report of the week. I would really value your feedback on how you think Science Week 2018 went, so please don't forget to complete the survey when you have a few minutes,.

Mrs Boulton, Science Subject Leader



PTA News

PTA Newsletter Update July 2018 End of school year:

So we have raced towards our yearly target of £10,000, thank you so much to each of you parents and teachers for helping us along the way. Final end of year figures will be released in time for the PTA AGM in September, but we are very hopeful that we have raised enough to be able to buy the school sounds system for the main hall that we have been aiming for.

Update on recent events:

The Summer Fair was a massive success, and so much fun! Everyone really looked like they had a great time and we have received lots of lovely feedback. Thank you to everyone that was able to help and to everyone that came, and for understanding the last minute time reschedule due to the England match. The total raised currently stands at the grand total of £2328, this includes the extra cake sale we had straight after the fair. This amount will go up considerably when we are able to include the matched giving, this amount will be shared hopefully in time for the PTA AGM in September.

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents that ordered hoodies for your Leavers, the colours that came through were all fab and the kids seemed happy to collect them. Total raised was £60.

Ice lollies sold extremely well raising in excess of £200, much needed refreshment on a hot day!

Important committee members update:

The current committee are stepping down as of September 2018, we are all extremely sad but for some of us it has been 6 years and we feel it may be time to let someone else take the lead. We have loved every minute of being involved in raising much needed funds for our school, it has been so rewarding to have been able to buy laptops, ipads, playground equipment etc to help our children.

The positions available are Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested or have any questions please approach us, or get a message to us via the office.

The PTA AGM will be on Monday 24th September at 8pm. At this meeting we will step down and these positions will need to be filled in order for the PTA to continue running. The school and our children need a PTA. We will always be available to help and answer questions.

Thank you to all of our PTA Year Reps for all their help this school year with events and the very successful year group cake sales. And thank you to all you parents and teachers for your support.

One last important message is please print and return your PTA GDPR consent forms to school as a matter of urgency, without these back the school cannot communicate to you details of events such as kids discos, Christmas fair, santas grotto etc and your child may miss out.

Many thanks and if you wish to email us with any ideas etc please do so at: woodleycofe.pta@googlemail.com
Liz Sainsbury – PTA Chair, Taryn Parker – PTA Vice Chair, Gail Murray/Lindsey Claydon/Beverley Collett – PTA Secretaries, Rebecca Maddams – PTA Treasurer



Dates

Date	Event	Time
05/09/2018	School returns	8.40am
18/09/2018	School Photographs	All day
21/09/2018	Junior Harvest Festival - St Johns Church	9.00am
15-18/10/18	Year 6 Residential visit to Little Canada, Isle of Wight	
19/10/2018	INSET Day—School closed to pupils	
22-26/10/18	HALF TERM	
29/10/2018	Head Teacher/Chair of Governors Parent Surgery	2.30pm