

WOODLEY

C of E Primary School



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Dear Parents,

As it comes to half term, I am sure the children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned rest.

As you see from this newsletter, great things have been achieved this half term with many exciting opportunities for your children. Mr Blakely and I have been teaching in Year 5 and 6 to help the children with Maths and Reading Comprehension respectively. We have also had a great time with Maple class who are currently learning the ukulele with us and we look forward to performing to you in the Year 3/4 show at the end of the term.

Due to the success of Friday Forecast, newsletters are now going to be published on the last Friday of each half term. I hope you and your children have a pleasant half term holiday.

Best wishes

Mrs Louisa Gurney, Head Teacher

Airfield Club

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

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.

A reminder to please not park in the car park. It makes it very difficult for staff to park first thing in the morning if spaces are taken up by parents.

Forms and hand book can be found on our website www.woodleyceprimary.co.uk under the parent tab.



Curriculum News

Foundation Stage:

This half term we have been learning about the story of Cinderella. We have read different versions of the story and had fun using actions to re-tell it. We then used our re-telling skills to create story maps. This process helped us to then have a go at re-writing the story.

We had lots of fun designing our own carriages where we planned the materials we were going to use and then actually made them using items such as Lego, crates and the big blocks outside! We made some castle prints where we learnt about the process of printing. The children really enjoyed this!

To end our Topic today we have held a Cinderella Ball. The children enjoyed making jam sandwiches and cakes and even learnt a dance to perform at the Ball.

In maths we have been working hard on our addition and subtraction skills. The children have learnt the mathematical vocabulary associated with addition and subtraction and have learnt how to read number sentences. We practised using a variety of strategies to help us to solve subtraction and addition calculations including using our fingers, objects and counting on or back to find the answer. We have been very impressed with how quickly the children have picked these strategies up!

Over the next couple of weeks we will be learning all about Chinese New Year so look on Tapestry to see what the children have been learning about.

Reminders - please remember to read with your child at home 5 times a week and sign the diary so that we know you have done this. Please also remember to log on to your child's Tapestry account regularly to see what your child has been learning about at school.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Emma Luzolo – EYFS Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Key Stage 1:

This term our Topic has been 'Happily Ever After' which meant only one thing...baking gingerbread men! The children built on their prior learning from last term; weighing and measuring their ingredients carefully. They were then able to eat their biscuits to help them understand why the little old lady in the story was desperate to catch the gingerbread man!

We have been really impressed with the writing that the children have produced during this Topic. They are now working hard on using adjectives in their work to make their writing more interesting for their readers.

The four operations and solving word problems has been a focus for our children this half term. We have been working hard to learn and understand mathematical vocabulary in order to read and solve word problems accurately.

In Design Technology, we have chosen characters from Fairy Tales and have designed our own puppets. The children have really shown off their brave attitudes to learning; especially when sewing! We are looking forward to seeing the end results and using our puppets to retell some traditional tales that we know and love.

We have seen an increase in the amount that our children are reading to adults at home. This has made a considerable difference in our children's fluency and understanding and we thank you for your support in this. Please remember that Home Learning is due to come into school every Tuesday. In order to give time for teachers to mark work and replenish new work, please ensure that your child's Home Learning is completed and handed in on time. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

We have lots of exciting things planned for KS1 next half term, including a trip to Hampton Court Palace.

Mrs Lucy Powell, KS1 Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Lower Key Stage 2: (Years 3&4)

This half term has been very busy in the Lower Juniors. We would like to thank both the children and parents for welcoming Mr Hall and myself to Woodley CE Primary School. We feel that the warm welcome has helped us settle in quickly, allowing us to strengthen our relationships with the children and build upon their learning from last term, as well as working well as a team.

Our Topic theme this term has been 'One Giant Leap' and we are beginning to look at aviation and space.

In English, we have been reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. The children have enjoyed looking at the genre of science fiction, retelling parts of the story using science fiction features. We are culminating with them writing their own chapter 4. They have had some amazing ideas bringing in real-life problems such as plastic in the oceans and Brexit!

In Maths, we have been focussing on word problems, learning how they are set out and the best way to understand what they are asking us to solve. This builds on the arithmetic and the 'formal written method' for each of the four operations from last term. The children have used their Growth Mindset and Bright Learning attitudes to really push themselves on which has been evident in our recent work on perimeter and area.

Topic has been based around Woodley CE Primary and the local area – we have looked at maps from 1854 and compared them with more recent maps ranging from 1932 to 2018. It has been fantastic to see the children realising how their school has changed in both daily routines to location. They all seemed to enjoy their afternoon in a Victorian classroom, although we were all relieved to return to 2019 learning the next day. We will be looking more at the aviation side of the Woodley area in the coming weeks.

In Science, it has been a pleasure to see discovery learning – we have covered forces, magnets and light via investigations that the children have decided on themselves, again, great Growth Mindsets on show.



Please continue to sign the Home-School Diary after your child has read to you, 5-times-a-week. It really does help instil a love of reading for both pleasure and information. Also, the learning of times tables are an integral part to understanding and applying maths concepts – please encourage your child to log on to Times Table Rockstars.



Seeing the fantastic work that the topic Home Learning produced at the end of last term, we are all very excited about the marvels we will get to see this term. Again, thank you for the welcome, it has been a pleasure to work with such enthusiastic children who are striving to show their best learning.

Please may I ask that you start to collect up cardboard boxes of varying sizes and bottle tops etc for our junk modelling after half term.

Mrs Michelle Jay, LKS2 Phase Leader



Curriculum News

Upper Key Stage 2: (Years 5&6)

This half term we have had a positive attitude to our learning and earlier this term made some thoughtful New Year's Resolutions. We have also reflected on our core value Truth and on our bright learning focus for this term 'I' for Improving.

Our spring Topic is 'Ancient Greece' and so far we have enjoyed learning facts about the geographical features of this country. We have looked at its' climate and maps of Greece, modern and ancient – going back in time is fascinating.

In English, we have been learning about persuasive language. We created our own short radio adverts and were proud of our brochures which persuaded people to visit Greece. They included some thoughtful feel good words, persuasive techniques and rhetorical questions. Some even managed to persuade Mrs Sharman to give them an extended break for working so hard.



Maths has involved lots of arithmetic work this term and making sure we know our key skills. We have taken part in several in-house TT Rockstars competitions and are becoming more excited about our times tables. We have learnt about statistics and how to record data in clear graphs. We used these new skills to create graphs relating to Greece.

Labelling forces has been a focus of science this term whilst also investigating friction, air resistance and up thrust. Running with a large piece of cardboard proved surprisingly difficult.

Music has been great fun, as we are attempting to write our own class anthem (using the Greek National Anthem as a model). So far, we have learnt about notation and rhythm and had a go at composing.

RE this term has been enlightening, as we have learnt more about the Sikh religion, its founder Guru Nanak and the stories in The Guru Granth Sahib. We have enjoyed thinking about what is important to us.

Mrs Shaman, UKS2 Phase Leader.



Sporting News

It has been a fantastic start to the term for Woodley C of E's sports teams.

The Year 5 and 6 girls had their first friendly football match against Southlake. The game finished with a Southlake win but the girls took plenty of positives and I'm sure they will take them into the next match.

The cross country team have also continued their good start with some high finishes. A special mention for the year 3 and 4 team who had our strongest ever finishes with a 1st, 2nd, 6th and 44th.

The year 5 and 6 netball team have also been in action and were rewarded for their hard work with a first win against St Nicholas 2-1!

We also took part in the Wheelpower Sports camp for the first time. The children enjoyed lots of different sports with wheelchair basketball being a firm favourite. The children did exceptionally well and represented the school brilliantly.

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

Absence:

If your child is unwell please phone the school office and select option 1. Please make sure you phone and give a reason if your child is not in school. 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.

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.

Parking:

Please can we remind you to park considerately in our neighbouring streets. Some of our residents are finding it very difficult to access their driveways. We are still noticing that parents are using the school car park to drop children off for Breakfast Club. Parents are not to use the car park. Please make sure everyone who drops your children into school know that they are not to use the car park.

Water bottles:

Children should bring a water bottle into school everyday.



SPRING TERM 2019 - DATES

FEBRUARY

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd - Half Term

Tuesday 26th - PTA Meeting - Conker Room

Wednesday 27th - WASMA Rehearsal - 4.00-5.30 - Addington School

Thursday 28th - Head Teacher/Chair of Governor Forum 2.00-3.00 - please wait in school reception.

MARCH

Friday 1st - F2 Stay and Play - 2.15-3.00pm

Monday 4th - Year 1-6 Maths Curriculum Evening - 6.30pm (details to follow via electronic sign up after half term)

Wednesday 6th-Thursday 7th - Book Fair

Thursday 7th - World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite character.

Tuesday 12th - UJ trip to URE Museum (class, time and details to follow)

Wednesday 13th - WASMA Rehearsal - 4.00-5.45 - Addington School

Friday 15th - Charity Red Nose Day (details nearer the time)

Monday 18th - UJ trip to URE Museum (class, time and details to follow)

Tuesday 19th - Lower Junior (Yr 3 & 4) Production - 6.30pm

Wednesday 20th - UJ trip to URE Museum (class, time and details to follow)

Wednesday 20th - Lower Junior Production - 2.15pm

Thursday 21st - Lower Junior Production - 6.30pm

Monday 25th - Final weeks for clubs

Monday 25th - Parent Consultations (times to be confirmed)

Thursday 28th - Parent Consultations (times to be confirmed)

Thursday 28th - Head Teacher/Chair of Governor Forum 7.00-8.00 - please wait in Central Area.

APRIL

Monday 1st - KS1 SATS Information Evening - 6.30pm

Thursday 4th - KS1 trip to Hampton Court

Friday 5th - Term ends school finishes at 2.30pm

