

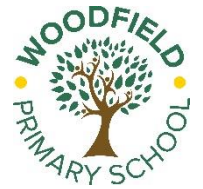


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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break and it was lovely to see all the children back on Wednesday. You should now have received your class newsletters, which will detail exactly what your children will be learning this term. Lots of parents ask me how they can help to support their child's learning, and I would say there are three things that can have a huge impact:

- Read with your child; either letting them read to you, or reading with them. If this is only 10 minutes a day, or before bed, it is really important. Talking about the story, the characters, the setting, can help children understand the books they read, and it will be something they have for life.
- Learn the times tables. Whether it is for 2 minutes, 5 minutes or 10 minutes a day, just repeating the times tables, or helping them learn one, can be valuable. Other mental maths (adding to 10, 100, mental addition and subtraction) can also help. It shouldn't be a burden, but the more often you can do it, the better.
- Finally, talking to your child about their day and their learning. Now this gets harder as they get older, as I know full well from my boys who, when I asked them what they had done in school, said 'Nothing' from the age of 7! But talking about their learning helps them to understand, it helps them to speak (and then write) in sentences, and it has huge benefits.

We really appreciate the support we get from you as parents, and we are hoping to have more events soon where you can come and share in your child's learning. We are continuing with our celebration assemblies on Fridays, and we will be in touch soon about other events. We do have school trips coming up soon (and the Year 4 residential), so please look out for any letters from your child's class teacher.

A reminder of some dates:

Friday 18 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 28 th February	INSET day
Friday 8 th April	School closes for holiday
Monday 25 th April	School opens

We are continuing to partner with East and West charity, and the distribution of food, as it has been a huge success, and I would like to say thank you to Mrs Sra for organising it. Every Thursday after school the food is available on the infant playground and, again, if you don't take it, then I will have to eat it and I really don't need to.

As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am proud to be Headteacher to your wonderful children, and we are all really looking forward to the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury
 Headteacher