

## **Woodfield Primary School**

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## Dear Parents and carers

We are close to the end of another fabulous year here at Woodfield, so I want to share a few of the things we have been doing, as well as give you some information about next year.

We are very sorry to lose Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Wootton, Mrs. Siddique, Mr. Moxon, Miss Patel, and Mrs. Saggu this year and we wish them all the best in their new roles (or retirement!); we will miss them all and I want to thank them for everything they have done this year. We are also losing Mrs Young, but only for a while as we wish her all the best for the start of her maternity leave. We are very lucky to have several new staff join us, as well as Mrs. Madeley (formerly Miss Fithern) returning from maternity leave, and I am looking forward to next year and seeing the new teachers continue the improvements we are making.

I also have to inform you that Mrs. Graham is leaving us for a new post closer to her new home. Although she will be greatly missed (by the staff and children) we are very happy for her and know she will be a huge success in her new role. Good luck Jennie.

As you may know, this year our children took SATs in Years two and six, and we were delighted with the results. We are again above national in almost every indicator at Key Stage two and our results were only slightly down on 2019, the last year before Covid. Our progress scores continue to be well above national figures, which demonstrates the impact of the teaching here at Woodfield. It is wonderful that our children achieved so well, and it is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all the staff here at Woodfield. Our Year 1 phonics scores were the highest we have ever had, our Year 4 times table test results were fantastic, and in Key Stage one and Early Years we are delighted by the progress that our children have made, despite all the disruption of the last year (it was only in January that we had 13 teachers off in one week due to Covid!). I hope next year will be increasingly free from the disrupting influence of the pandemic.

## Dates for your diary:

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Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	2.00pm - Rocksteady concert	
Thursday 21st July	Year 6 leavers assembly – 10.00am	
	School closes for summer holiday at 1pm.	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET – School closed	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET – School closed	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens for Autumn term	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Break up for half term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	INSET day – school closed	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	School opens	
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holiday	<u> </u>

Obviously there will be many more activities, trips and events for your children (and you) but we will let you know nearer the time. We have managed to pack loads in this term, including Rock music concerts, Guitar concerts, we had the Mayor of Wolverhampton attend Year 2's assembly, Woodfield's Got Talent and Dan the Music man with his African drumming, polyphone pipes and samba! We have opened the bible in assemblies from St.Philip's, and Year 5 have walked right through the bible! We have had commonwealth athletes visit us, some children went to see the Birmingham International tennis tournament, Year 4 and 6 have been learning to cycle safely, Year 5 and 6 have been swimming and children from KS1 attended Wolverhampton's commonwealth games. Year 4 went to the safari park and Year 2 went to the farm, Year 6 have been to North



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Wales, we had a penalty shootout with our friends from Wolves and we have had Roman, Victorian and Anglo Saxon workshops. The school has been recognised for the quality of our provision in Music, PE as well as getting the International School award. We are very proud of these things and we hope to achieve even more next year. You can follow all these events on Twitter by following @woodfieldschool.

As we are doing more and more each term, the easiest way to pay for anything is by setting up Pay360 Education payments for all trips, milk and dinner monies. If you then download the SIMS parent app, this will ensure you receive all notifications from the school. You can pay what you like, when you like and this helps to spread the cost. **Please** notify us of any changes in email addresses or phone numbers, as these are vital if we need to contact you.

Over the summer, I would like you to consider being a part of our PTFA. They have been amazing in my time here, raising huge amounts for the school, and it would be a dreadful shame to lose it. We have three parents stepping down, but one has kindly offered to stay to help with any new members. It is NOT a huge commitment, but please come to me if you feel you could spare some time each half term to help organise some of the events that bring such joy to the children.

Monday and Tuesday are now forecast to be extremely hot. Please try to ensure your children have suncream, sunhats and water bottle (preferably with chilled water in). If possible, the children should wear school shorts, but if you don't have any then they are welcome to come in PE shorts. We don't want children coming in football or leisure tops please. We will be limiting the amount of time the children spend outside for these days, and there are plenty of shaded areas that the children will be encouraged to use during their brief playtimes. Where there are blinds in the classroom and it is appropriate to use them, we will. We will, of course, be checking the children have their water topped up during the day.

So another year ends, and I get chance to thank you for all your support in making Woodfield the wonderful school that it is. Your children continue to amaze, delight and inspire us and it is genuinely an honour to work with them every day. Have a wonderful summer, please stay safe and we will see you all, bright and breezy, in September.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury Headteacher