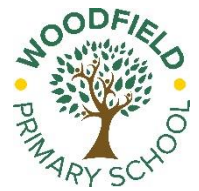




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Thursday, 12 November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

After considering ourselves lucky that we had not had to close any 'bubbles' in the first half term, last week began with us having to do just that! Unfortunately, Year 5 had to stay at home for five days last week, but they have returned to school just as smoothly and sensibly as ever. I would like to say a big thank you to all the Year 5 staff who worked so hard to plan and deliver an online curriculum that was almost as good as the children being in school! We had over 75% of our children accessing these lessons online, but I cannot stress to you how important it is to make sure your child continues with their education whilst they are at home. Our teachers have set up full school days of lessons (in every subject) so the learning can continue. They are online all day to help your child with their work, and the children will receive feedback on the work they submit. If you are having any problems at all accessing, or with devices, **please** contact us as soon as possible as we may be able to help. We have been preparing our on-line learning for a long time now, and it was good to see how smoothly the transition was.

It has also highlighted how important it is for us to have email addresses from you that are up to date. If you are not receiving emails from school, then please check your junk mail folder as they sometimes end up in there! We have also produced a number of tutorial videos and help sessions that can all be found on our website. The marvellous Mr. Wills has also made these videos for you, and they can be found on our website:

Accessing and Interacting with Class Blogs

<https://youtu.be/QHNeDZ6zWZ8>

Accessing your 2Do's

https://youtu.be/wxWwiYL8_SA

Since the (latest) change to guidance, some of our teachers are now having to shield and stay at home. This has not, however, stopped them from delivering their lessons to the children. We are lucky in that we have wonderful Teaching Assistants, who are also in the class helping to make sure the curriculum is being delivered to the same high standard. But we have, as you can imagine, had many staff absences and we have had to make changes almost daily to staffing in some classrooms. We do everything we can to avoid getting supply teachers, and we try desperately to make sure there is continuity in the classes, but I am grateful for the calm and professional way all the staff adapt to what is being asked of them. It is also a credit to your children that they take all these changes in their stride. Again, they have been brilliant this term. It is our ultimate aim to ensure the school remains open to all children, and we are doing everything we can to ensure this is the case. I am aware that some schools have closed to some students, but this is something we are trying to avoid at all costs.

I have to inform you that we received the information about shielding at 9.00pm the night **before** we had to act on it. Unfortunately, the guidance we receive is often only given to us the night before and it is often the case that Sky and BBC know what is happening before we do. But it also reminded me that, when it comes to your children, we are relying on you to keep us informed. If your child tests positive, we need to know immediately please. This will help us plan any changes we have to make here at school.

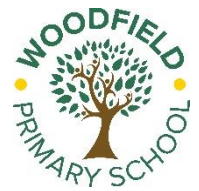
We have sent emails and texts to you requesting that you join SIMS Pay. It now comes with an easy-to-use APP that we think you will find helpful. If you require assistance, then please let us know.



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Dates for your calendar:

Break up for Christmas	Friday 18 th December at normal time
INSET day	Monday 4 th January
Return to school	Tuesday 5 th January
Break up	Friday 12 th February
INSET day	Monday 22 nd February
Back to school	Tuesday 23 rd February
Break up for Easter	Thursday 1 st April

We will let you know about any dates for events at Christmas as soon as they are finalised. We are trying to work out the best way to ensure Christmas at Woodfield is as special as usual, and we are determined this term will be as magical for the children as ever.

Finally, can I remind parents about parking and road care outside the school. There have been a number of instances recently where people have parked on the zig zag lines outside school, or even on the pavement. Those lines are there for a reason, and we had a near miss two days ago which could have been a tragedy. **Please** be considerate to our neighbours and other road users when parking, and please try to use the car park at the social club. The staggered start to school has reduced congestion considerably, and I appreciate sometimes we are late, or in a rush. But the thought of something happening to a child outside our school is one of my biggest fears and it is something we need to do together. So thank you again for your consideration.

It just remains for me to say thank you again for your support and patience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury
 Headteacher