

Woodfield Primary School

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Dear Parents

We have had a wonderful half term here at Woodfield and I am delighted to be able to tell you about some of the things we have had going on in school. We have had photographs, swimming, music lessons, the Wolves trust, clubs, trips and all the things that we have missed so badly over the last 18 months or so. It has been great doing all these things that make school special for our children, and we have many more things planned for next half term and the end of the year.

Parents evening will be Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th November. We will be sending out MS Teams invites and it will be organised exactly like last time, as it worked so well. If you would prefer a face to face meeting with your class teacher, then we will be happy to organise this. Here are some more dates for your diary:

| Monday 1 st November | INSET Day |
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| Tuesday 2 nd November | School opens |
| Tuesday 9 th November | Parents evening |
| Wednesday 10 th November | Parents evening |
| Tuesday 7 th December (PM) | Rocksteady concert |
| Wednesday 8 th December | Reception Nativity performance |
| Thursday 9 th December | Reception Nativity performance |
| Friday 17 th December | School closes |
| 2022 | |
| Tuesday 4 th January | INSET day |
| Wednesday 5 th January | School opens |
| 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 |
| Friday 27 th May | School closes |
| Monday 6 th June | School closed for public holiday |
| Tuesday 7 th June | School opens |
| Friday 10 th June | INSET day |

Details for individual year groups about performances will be sent in due course. We are also planning to visit the church this year, as well as hold a Year 2 performance. Details will follow as soon as we have finalised them.

One of the highlights this term has been having parents along to celebration assemblies. Look out for the slips from the teacher telling you that your child has been chosen; we love having you into school to share these assemblies.

I was contacted by the Fire service yesterday and was asked to pass on to you that the Fire service are doing free home safety checks. This will include fitting smoke alarms and CO2 detectors free of charge. If anyone would like to take advantage of this excellent service, please call 0800 389 5525.



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I get a lot of requests for information about how parents can help their child do better in school. Two of the ways in which you can help, simply and easily, are by reading and practising times tables. I can not tell you how important these two things are. Even if it is for five minutes each an evening, doing these two things with your children will help a huge amount in everything they do at school. If you want any help at all in how best to do these things, please contact me or your class teacher.

Another way in which we can all help our children in the long term is through diet. Eating well is a habit (one that took me far too long to establish!) and we try our best here to encourage healthy eating habits that will help our children all through their lives. One of the areas is the snacks that children have between meals. In my experience, high sugar snacks (chocolate in particular) are useless in filling the child up or giving them energy that lasts through the morning. As a snack, the ideal thing is fruit, and then cereal bars, so please can we try to ensure the snack we give our children is appropriate.

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Fellows from Year 5, who has been given the opportunity to pursue a different career in education: we wish her well and good luck for the future. We are very lucky in that Mrs Faul-Geal can take over from half term, in a role she is very familiar with. We also have to say goodbye, for a little while, to Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Brown, who are both beginning their maternity leave. We wish them very good luck and look forward to seeing the baby pictures!

Finally, I want to inform you that we have a new Chair of Governors. In fact, our Chair and Vice Chair are swapping roles, so our new Chair is David Willetts, who will be continuing the excellent work that Mrs Cooper (our new Vice Chair) has been doing for the last four years. We also said goodbye to Joyce Jeavons, who is stepping down as a governor. I would like to thank Joyce for all her advice, commitment, challenge and support throughout the last four years.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Don't forget to alter your clocks (I can never remember which way they go!), and we will see you all back on Tuesday 2nd November.

| Yours sincerely | |
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| Philip Salisbury Headteacher | |