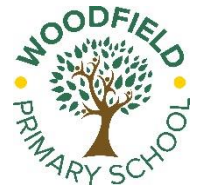




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Monday, 14 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we go into the final week, we are glad to welcome back Year 5 from their remote learning and we hope that this week will pass without incident. Considering other schools in Wolverhampton have had to close, and the size of our school, I think we have done extremely well to be as affected as little as we have (unless you are Year 5!) this term. Your children have, as ever, been amazing in adapting to the changes that were implemented and they continue to make the school the special place it is. It is incredible how quickly things become normal in schools, and it is a credit to our staff and children how easily we all settled into our new routines.

Despite the restrictions, school life has been continuing at a pace. The children have been working very hard in lessons this year and we have continued to have our celebration assemblies, which we do online. We have a nativity presentation going out to parents this week, and watch out for a special video from the staff to all the children that we will send when Mr.Wills has finished editing! Four of our Year 6 children came second in the City-wide reading competition, losing by only half a point, and we worked hard over the summer to make sure all our children would access the library this term, as we want to really focus on the importance (and enjoyment) of reading this year.

As you know, we will be closing school at our normal time this Friday, and opening again on **Tuesday 5th January**. Two more INSET days will be:

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday 28th May 2021

We have one more day, of which we will notify you in the New Year.

Quick reminders please for the New Year:

- Please make sure we have your up to date mobile numbers and email addresses.
- Please do not park on the zig zags outside school. It is extremely dangerous and, also, illegal. The vast majority of you are courteous and considerate when driving outside the school, but sometimes people are in a hurry and stop here. **Please** don't.
- Can you continue to be prompt for drop off and pick up times please. There really is no point coming to school early, as we can not open the doors before the allotted time, as this is one of the key ways we keep bubbles apart, and we do not want people congregating outside school for any reason.
- If you have music lessons, can you make sure you have paid the relevant amounts for Autumn term please. Mrs. Palmer-Hayward has worked extremely hard to keep our lessons going, but we can only do so with prompt payment for the service.
- As some of you may know, we are saying goodbye to Mrs. James (Year 4) who is leaving for a new challenge in Key Stage 1. We will miss her a great deal and we thank her for all her hard work. She will be missed. But we are lucky to have two experienced teachers replacing her, and I know the children will soon love being taught by Mrs. Wootton and Mrs. Godfrey.



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- Mrs. Henry is beginning her maternity leave, and we are delighted to welcome Miss Malcolm to the school to replace her. All our new teachers have been in contact with the teachers they are replacing in order that they are fully prepared for their new classes. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions, the children did not get chance to meet their new teachers in person, but I know the transition will be smooth and calm.
- Two weeks ago we received the fantastic news that Mrs. McDermot has welcomed Millie into the world. Born on November 26th, we look forward to meeting her soon!

Since we opened again in September, we have been delighted with how the school has worked together to minimise the disruption this term. Back in September, it was a strange new world and we did not know what we were about to face. Thanks to your sensible actions, and consideration for each other, your children come to school calm and ready to learn and the atmosphere has remained positive and cheery. May this continue in the New Year...

It only remains for me to wish you all a wonderful holiday and a healthy and safe new year. Despite everything, this year has made me, again, extremely proud to be your Headteacher and in adversity we have shown ambition, courage and belief.

Stay safe and see you all in January. As always, if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Philip Salisbury
Headteacher