

Week 17 Information for parents

Welcome to week 17

As we come to the end of term, this will be the last of my weekly bulletins for 19-20.

I hope these letters have been of some use to you over the last few months. There certainly seems to have been plenty of information to share each week and I would like to thank teachers for keeping me updated with hard workers each week, Revd Emma for her weekly messages and parents for keeping us informed via Dojo and Seesaw.

Please look out for information on the website regarding full opening in September. We start again on Thursday 3rd September. Although there won't be quite as many rules as we have in place now, there will be lots of things for you to consider. Please check the website for this information; it is very important. We will need to make safety a priority for teachers, children and you.

One or two parents were a little confused about classes for next year, apologies for not being clear.

Sherwood class is a mixture of reception and y1

Delamere is a mixture of y1 and y2

Thetford is a mixture of y3 and y4

Grizedale is a mixture of y4 and y5

Whinfall is just y6 this year.

Reception Class

A couple of important points for reception class...

Firstly, I am sad to say Mrs O'Neill is leaving us. We didn't have this confirmed until this week so unfortunately the information packs are wrong now. Reception class will now have Mrs DePrez and Mrs Steadman will be in Delamere class.

When reception start in September, they will be in until 11am on the first day. They will stay for lunch and leave about 1pm on Friday 4th and then full time from Monday 7th September

Water Safety

Around this time of year we usually talk to children about water safety. Sadly every year, children are killed while swimming in canals, rivers and reservoirs. Please talk to your children about the dangers. Even strong swimmers can get into trouble in bodies of water and there won't be any lifeguards. There are materials on the website to talk through.

Uniform

You may be aware that we have changed uniform provider to Touchline, based in Warrington. I am reliably informed that they will be able to deliver uniform by the start of term either to school or home. The website (<http://www.touchline-embroidery.net/woodside-primary-school/>) is now up and running. You need to be very mindful of sizes (order slightly large) as they will not be able to accept any returns. Please feel free also, to keep buying the plain navy blue uniform from Asda in the meantime of you wish.

Y6 Leavers (reminder)

Monday 20th is a day for the Y6 leavers. We are planning a ceremony at 10am, weather permitting. It will be in the afternoon if more promising weather is forecast. Please remember it is strictly 2 adults per child and no siblings. I had to ask for special permission from the local authority and we need to keep the numbers down as much as possible.

Reading Challenge (reminder)

Reading is a massive priority in Halton at the moment. Woodside has signed up to the Halton Reading Pledge to try and get more children and families involved with reading. Obviously the lockdown has put this on hold but there are initiatives starting up again.

One of these is sillysquad.org.uk

Children can earn rewards for keeping a log of everything they read from June through to September. They don't have to read great novels, any form of reading is fine. All you have to do is sign up and start reading.

Finally

It goes without saying that this last term has been the strangest ever. We have faced challenges like never before. Despite all the difficulties I can safely say that it would have been a million times more difficult without the support of my wonderful staff, governors and the local authority. I would also like to say that the support from parents has also been universally wonderful and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

I would also take this opportunity to say well done and a massive GOOD LUCK FOR THE FUTURE to all our Y6s!

Please stay safe, have a lovely summer and I hope we are all together again soon.



Mr Collings and all at Woodside.

Well-Being

Some numbers which hopefully you wont need but just in case...

Childline 0800 1111

Samaritans 116123

Domestic Violence Hotline 0808 2000247

Mind 03001233393 (mental health advice)

Age UK 08001696565

School number 01928 564031, school mobile 07395 126470 or sec.woodside@halton.gov.uk

General advice can be found here <https://hbcnewsroom.co.uk/coronaadvice/>