

Woodside Newsletter

Price: free!

Welcome back to a new year at Woodside.

I hope you had a good summer and managed to get away for a break or have a good chillout at home. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year with lots of events and good progress! Welcome also to any new families at Woodside. I hope

Diary Dates

September

Weds 11th – Whinell Class Swimming at Brookvale Swimming Pool 11am-12.30 (every Wednesday until Xmas)

Fri 27th – Macmillan Coffee Morning, 9am onwards

October

Weds 13th – Flu Immunisations

Weds 16th – Family Learning Morning for KS1 Parents (Fun with Reading)

Weds 23rd – Family Learning Morning for KS1 Parents (Fun with Reading)

Friday 25th – School closes for Half-Term

November

Tues 5th – School re-opens

Weds 6th – Sherwood, Delamere & Grizedale Class to visit Cineworld Runcorn to watch Secret Life of Pets 2

Fri 8th – Thretford, Whinell & Epping visit to Cineworld Runcorn to watch Dora & the Lost City of Gold

PE Kit

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure children have the necessary equipment for school so please make sure children have a PE kit.

A lot of lesson time is lost every year due to teachers having to find spare kit and this is not fair on other children.

If you have any kit that has been outgrown then we would appreciate donations to act as spares.

(particularly footwear)/football boots)

Thank you for donations over the last year.

Values

This year we are starting with the value of Kindness. All the children know what it means to be kind but hopefully they will learn that kindness doesn't just mean giving things to people and saying please and thank you.

I will be helping them to understand that saying no, being firm and having rules are also part of kindness. Sometimes we have to be cruel to be kind!

Obviously the simple aspects of kindness are just as important (especially for younger children) so please encourage an ethos of sharing, good manners and being pleasant to friends, family and neigh-

Diary Events

There will be a Macmillan coffee morning on 27th September. We have done this for a few years now and it has been really successful. We would appreciate your support and donations nearer the time.

Money

School dinners are now £2.50

Toast is still 20p a slice

Milk is still 20p

Juice is 30p (up from 25p)

You can buy a better value juice for

Please remember to sign and return permission slips for walks, Internet etc. It wastes a lot of time making phone calls to individuals. I'm sorry that there are quite a few but they are important.

Contacts

It is vitally important we have up-to-date contact details please. We are always hearing from parents who didn't receive our texts or we can't contact in emergencies.

Ofsted

We will be due another Ofsted inspection within 12 months or so. With this in mind, can I draw your attention to the Parent View internet page. Some of you may have used this in previous inspections but they have changed it a bit now to reflect changes to the education system. There are 12 questions to answer and it is anonymous. Registration just requires an email and password.

You don't need to wait until Ofsted are coming, you can answer it any time. Now would be a good time and then maybe again when Ofsted come calling.

School Performance

At the end of term, we received a letter from Jill Farrell who is Divisional Manager for Education at Halton. It reads as follows...

Dear Richard

I am just writing to congratulate yourself, staff, children, parents/carers and governors of Woodside Primary School for your recent improvements in educational performance across Phonics and Key Stage One.

It has also been noted your strong performance in Key Stage Two in Writing and Maths results, whilst also achieving positive progress scores. The work involved to achieve these improvements cannot be underestimated. I would like to congratulate you all for these excellent results which take a huge amount of hard work, dedication and commitment from all involved.

Thank you to all concerned for working hard to ensure the children at Woodside Primary School have an excellent start to their school life and receive a broad and balanced curriculum whilst ensuring they are prepared for their next stage in education.

I hope you have a well-deserved, relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Where it says 'Thank you to all concerned' I feel it also means parents. Well done for the support you give. Let's keep it up and continue to make excellent progress for 2020!