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2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday with many happy family memories, your children are certainly buzzing with news of their holiday activities, presents and visit from Santa.



Can you recognise this beautiful lady?

One of the Woodlands team had an extra special Christmas: Miss Gosling became Mrs Gill on a very magical wedding day. We send our congratulations and best wishes for the future to Mr and Mrs Gill, Daya and Pavan.



Dates for the term: As always, there are lots of exciting events on the horizon. Some of these dates are listed on the back page, we shall send you more information as each event draws closer.

On Line Safety: Acceptable Use Policy: The year began with on line safety training for the adults in school, whilst the children enjoyed an extra days holiday. For some of our staff, it was quite an education: Learning about different applications, social media sites and the potential dangers of being online. Attached to this letter is a Pupil Acceptable Use Policy, we ask that you discuss this policy with your child and then both sign and return to school.

Most of us use the internet, for one reason or another, every day, it is an invaluable tool in our daily life. Our aim is to ensure your children recognise these benefits and learn how to use the internet in a positive manner, whilst understanding how to keep themselves safe in the digital environment. We have a filtering system in school called Net Sweeper, which ensures that unsuitable websites are blocked. We also have a monitoring system called Policy Central which monitors individual use of laptops around the school and compiles a weekly report. Therefore, on line access is safe for our children and carefully monitored in school.

A couple of top tips from our on-line safety expert were: Ukids Tv / youtubekids which is a free app to download from the app store for both android and apple products - a child friendly version of Youtube. Or Home Halo (<https://www.homehalo.net/abouthomehalo>) for a one off payment. They are both worth researching for safer home internet access.

It is very important that the acceptable use form is returned, otherwise your child won't be able to access the internet on ipads or the laptops independently within school.

Have a cosy and warm weekend, Mrs Newton

Lost Property Is your child missing a coat, jumper or school bag? We have so much lost property that the 'bin' is overflowing. On Monday and Tuesday, after school next week, we will display all the lost property on Key Stage 1 playground.



Please have a look to see if some of the items belong to your child. After these days we shall be taking the items to charity.

The leaf we are focussing on next week from our vision is: **Rise To The Challenge**

The controversial question we are considering in school and to debate at home is:

What challenges do we face living in Britain?





More details about each event will come home in a letter from the relevant staff.

In the event of school closure
please check

Woodlands website

Radio: Free Radio (Black Country - 97.2 FM)

<http://school-closures.co.uk>

A parent text will also be sent from Woodlands



Week beginning 9.1.16 Y2, Y5 and Y6 parents can sign up for parent consultation times

- 10.1.17 Reverend Deakin leading Assembly
- 17.1.17 R, Y4 and Y6 Height and Weight Checks by the NHS
- 17.1.17 4:00 Dodgeball Competition for identified children
- 17.1.17 4:00 – 6:00 Y2, Y5 and Y6 Parent Consultations
- 18.1.17 4:00 – 6:00 Y2, Y5 and Y6 Parent Consultations
- 20.1.17 Maths family workshop in Reception
- 20.1.17 Nursery NHS Eye tests
- 23.1.17 Owls flying in for Y1
- 24.1.17 2:30 Y2 SAT meeting for parents
- 25.1.17 10:20 4R Class Assembly
- 25.1.17 Chinese New Year lunch for KS2 and Y3 parents
- 30.1.17 Nursery family learning workshop
- 31.1.17 Nursery family learning workshop
- 7.2.17 Swimming gala for identified children (pm)
- 7.2.17 Online safety day
- 7.2.17 pm Maths family Workshop for Y1/Y2
- 8.2.17 pm Maths family Workshop for Y3/Y4
- 9.2.17 pm Maths family Workshop for Y5/Y6
- 8.2.17 10:20 1P Class Assembly
- 20 – 24.2.2017 Half Term
- 28.2.17 Y1 reading family workshop
- 2.3.17 World Book Day - Which character will you dress up as?
- 13.3.17 Y1 trip to Toy Museum
- 16.3.17 Talent showcase performance. (Provisional date)
- 17.3.17 Child reports to arrive home
- 21.3.17 & 22.3.17 Parent Consultations (Not Y2, Y5 and Y6)
- 8.3.17 10:20 6E Class Assembly
- 24.3.17 Red Nose Day (Non uniform)
- 22.3.17 10:20 RJ Class Assembly
- 31.3.17 9:15 Y3/Y4 singing performance for parents
- 2.4.17 Education Sunday at Holy Trinity
- 3.4.17 Explore and discovery week: Born To Perform
- 7.4.17 Last day of term
- 24.4.17 School opens for the Summer Term