

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all our children and families! We hope your family had a lovely Summer break and enjoyed the special time together.

We have had two successful training days at the beginning of the week; one was safeguarding and planning for the year ahead. On the other day, we were led by Educational Consultant Richard Mason in a focus on 'Making It Stick'. I often hear the cry from despairing staff - last term they were experts in this learning and now they can't remember any of it. So, we have been learning strategies to support our children in transferring learning from their working memories to their long term memories. **Making It Stick** is going to be a key phrase for us this year...

Lots of learning for staff in these busy days, but school is never the same without the children. So it was wonderful to welcome back our smiley children on Wednesday. They were full of news about their summer adventures and enthusiastic to see their friends and teachers. It is difficult to believe that it is the beginning of the new school year when the majority of our children have settled so quickly into their new classes. Already their learning journeys have begun...

We welcome new additions to the Woodlands team - Miss Birch in Y2 and Miss Smith in Y1, along with Mrs Gayle in the kitchen and Mrs Stone joining the lunchtime team. Already the children have provided a warm Woodlands welcome to our new members of the family.

To return briefly to the end of last term. We calculated money raised from the Summer Sizzler by all our families as £1601.47 and the winning year group was Y3. They raised the grand total of £203.58 which the staff and children, now in Y4, can begin to plan how to spend. Very exciting.

Dates for the year and Autumn term are attached so you can pin them to the freezer! Please note that the 18th October is also a training day when children get to have a day off.

Normally at this time of year we would hold Parent Workshops but there is a change, instead each year group will hold a parent workshop at some point in the year. These IMPACT programmes will have a specific curriculum focus so that we can have IMPACT on your child's progress by working together, linking in Home Learning. More news about this later in the year.

It is lovely to be back, with an exciting year to look forward to.

Mrs Newton

Exciting adventures for Tullia

Tullia in class 5M had a very exciting summer! She went to Disneyland Paris with her performing arts school 'Stagecoach' in the 6 weeks holiday and undertook two performances. One which was singing in front of the Disney castle as the park opened up to the public and the other performance was a singing and dancing pre-parade before the main Disney parade. She is so proud that she got to do this once in a lifetime opportunity and would like to share it with all of Woodlands.



We believe in parent partnership at Woodlands so we are always happy to support any parent.

Here are some of the staff you may need to contact:



Our Office Team:

Mrs Alves (Lead for Woodies) Miss Smith, Mrs Headley and Mrs Fieldhouse

Root Phase Leader: Mrs Price

Nursery Mrs Thomason

YRB Miss Bushell and Miss Seale

YRP Mrs Price and Miss Roberts

Shoot Phase Leader: Miss Harvey

Y1P Miss Pottle

Y1S Miss Smith

Supported by Mrs Lowbridge

Y2H Miss Harvey

Y2B Miss Birch

Supported by Miss Townsend

Branch Phase Leader: Mrs Purcell

Y3CP Mrs Purcell and Mrs Corbett

Y3R Mrs Rich

Supported by Mrs Wilkes

Y4G Miss Gregory

Y4G Mrs Garcha

Supported by Mrs Ward

Oak Phase Lead: Miss Evans

Y5P Mrs Pitt

Y5M Miss Martin

Supported by Mrs Clift

Y6E Miss Evans

Y6C Miss Chapman

Supported by Mrs Steventon and Mrs Meredith

Mr Lawrence

Chair of Governors

Mrs Newton

Headteacher

Mrs Macpherson

Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Garcha and Mrs Jackson

Assistant Headteachers

Mrs Baker

Finance and Operations Lead

Mrs Dickson

SENCO

Mrs Graham

Parent support, pupil welfare and safeguarding

Miss Price

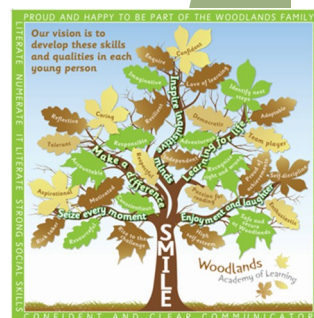
Parent support, pupil welfare and safeguarding

Mrs Jones

Health and wellbeing

There are many other members of our family who work hard for your children, who you also might meet along the way.

Everyone is always happy to help.





Controversial Question for the Fortnight

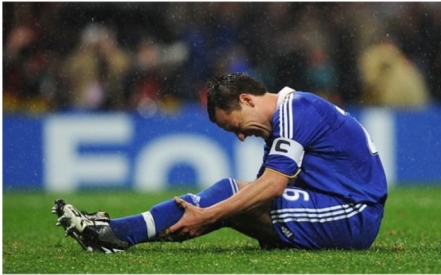
Last year, we found that we just didn't have enough time to fully debate our controversial questions in school, so we are moving to a question per fortnight.

To start the year we are thinking about the pressures of being a professional sportsperson

We will be discussing what it might be like to undertake sport for a career, whether the professional sportspeople are good role models for us all and considering the kind of pressures that they might face.

KS2 Controversial Question

Do we expect **too much** from **Sportspeople**?



KS1 Controversial Question

Is being a **sportsperson** too **stressful**?



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(SCHOOL) =
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OUT**

Attendance and Punctuality

Thanks to the dedication and commitment of our children, and their families, for ensuring our children have great attendance and great punctuality. Our attendance percentage at the end of the year was ABOVE the National Average.

FANTASTIC!

169 children had 100% attendance for the Summer Term, and the name picked from the hat to receive an attendance prize was Darcey R

49 children had 100% attendance for the whole year - WOW!

Noah W was picked from the hat to win the attendance prize for the full year.

Please help your child achieve in their learning and their friendships by attending school every day and arriving on time.

Every lesson really does count!





- 16.09.19 Y6 Visit to Severn Valley Railway
- 19.09.19 Y4 Visit Black Country Museum
- 25.09.19 6C Class Assembly 10:20
- 27.09.19 Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 1.10.19 Harvest Festival
- 2.10.19 3CP Class Assembly 10:20
- 3.10.19 Y5 to Holy Trinity Open Door
- 9.10.19 6E Class Assembly 10:20
- 9.10.19 Y2 Harvest Visit to Short Heath Church
- 14 - 17.10.19 Book Fair after School
- 15.10.19 Parent Consultation
- 16.10.19 Parent Consultation
- 17.10.19 Y3 have exciting visitors in school
- 18.10.19 **Teacher training, school is closed to children**
- 21.10.19 Y6 at Bryntysilio for the week
- 21.10.19 Explore and Discovery week
- 21.10.19 EYFS Pumpkin Party 4:30
- 24.10.19 Halloween Disco
- 28 to 1st November Half Term
- 8.11.19 Parent deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch
- 8.11.19 Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair
- 11.11.19 Odd Socks Day (Anti Bullying Week)
- 13.11.19 1P Class Assembly 10:20
- 8.11.19 Non Uniform Day for Christmas Fair and Children In Need

- 20.11.19 2B Class Assembly 10:20
- 21.11.19 Flu Vaccination for children YR-6
- 27.11.19 3R Class Assembly 10:20
- 29.11.19 Christmas Fair
- 3.12.19 YR Christmas lunch
- 4.12.19 Y1 Christmas lunch
- 5.12.19 Y2 Christmas lunch
- 6.12.19 Y3 Christmas lunch
- 9.12.19 Y6 to the Theatre
- 10.12.19 Y4 Christmas lunch
- 11.12.19 Y5 Christmas lunch
- 12.12.19 Y6 Christmas lunch
- 17.12.19 EYFS and KS1 Concerts
- 18.12.19 EYFS and KS1 Concerts
- 19.12.19 Christmas Jumper Day and end of term
- 20.12.19 Teacher training, school is closed to children
- 6.1.2020 Start of Term for everyone

Dates for the year

- Autumn Term 2nd September to 20th December
- Half Term 28th October to 1st November
- Spring Term 6th January to 3rd April
- Half Term 17th February to 21st February
- Summer Term 20th April to 20th July
- Half Term 25th May to 29th May

Teacher Training Days

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Friday 18th October
- Friday 20th December
- Monday 20th July