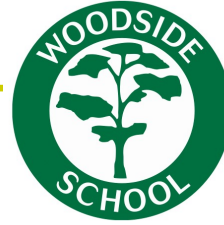


A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely week, despite some very variable weather over the last few days! Please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather, with a coat, just in case we get hit with some sudden downpours. At break and lunch, we always try our hardest to get the children out on the playground, so they will usually be outside unless the rain is very heavy or the ground is unsafe.

On Tuesday this week, I attended the ODBST's launch day for this academic year. It was great to meet all of the other Headteachers in the Trust and to hear their aims and expectations for Woodside this year. It is very clear that Woodside is in a great position to excel within this Trust and I'm grateful for the support and challenge that we receive from our partners.

Recently, I have started to receive several requests for unauthorised leave for term-time holidays. I must stress that the expectation from school and Government is that children are in school every day. Any request for term-time holiday will be unauthorised and the school may seek to refer to the County Attendance Team who have the power to issue penalty notices. This is not something which the school takes lightly, so we encourage all parents to ensure their children are in school every day.

In assembly today, we revealed the winners of the Year 6 House Captain elections. Congratulations to our new House Captains and commiserations to anyone not elected; the standard of speeches was incredibly high this year, well done to all of you!

Open Days

We now have confirmed dates for our 'open' morning and for any prospective parents of Year 2 pupils (Friday 6th October 2023 at 9.15am and Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 9.15am. These dates are predominantly for any prospective Year 2 parents. I will be holding an introduction in the main hall, allowing the opportunity of any questions, which will be followed by our Year 6 students taking groups of parents on a tour of the school.

Best wishes,

Mr Lloyd

Headteacher

Link to Year Group Termly Newsletters

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Please note, if your child has a school meal through our catering company 'The Kids Lunch Company', they have asked us to share the following message: **Orders must be placed by Friday for all lunches commencing the following week. If an order is placed after this time, lunches may not be delivered but you may still be charged.**

We are pleased to announce the New House Captains for this Year-

Elm: Dylan and Beatrix

Cedar: Max and Edie

Willow: Lucas and Molly

Maple: Olivia and Joey

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
23.9.23	Cross Country event @ Gayhurst Park
26.09.23	Year 3 trip to the Elgiva Theatre
27.09.23	Individual and sibling photos
04.10.23	Open Classroom for Parents 3.20pm-4pm
06.10.23	Open Morning from 9.15am
09.10.23	Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum
10.10.23	Year 4 and Year 6 Cross Country Amersham
10.10.23	PTA AGM Meeting at school @ 8pm
12.10.23	Flu Vaccinations
13.10.23	Year 5 Ultimate Frisbee @ DCHS
17.10.23	Parents Evening 1
18.10.23	Harvest Assembly to Year 3 Parents
19.10.23	Parents Evening 2
20.10.23	Last day of first half term (Autumn) School finish @ 3.15pm
30.10.23	First day back to school for second half of Autumn term
30.10.12	School Nurse Team for year 6
07.11.23	Open Morning from 9.15am
11.11.23	Cross Country event
14.11.23	Year 4 Ancient Greek Day

[Click here for the calendar of 23/24 Term Dates](#)

Congratulations to Florence in Year 5 for her Grade 1 certificate for PQA over the Summer.

Thank you to Jack in Year 4 for sharing some lovely photos of the activities he took part in over the Summer!

House Point Totals

This Term	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

House points will start from W/B 25/09/2023

Hockey training for Years 4 and 5



Amersham and Chalfont Hockey Club is offering weekly hockey training for children in years 4 and 5 for just £3 per session.

Training will take place at ACHC, off Stanley Hill, Amersham from 5.30 - 6.30pm every Monday from 25th September until end of March 2024 (excluding school holidays).

There is no membership fee but children will need shin pads and mouthguards. Sticks are available to borrow at the club.

For further information, please contact achcjuniors@gmail.com.

This offer is for children in Chartridge, Great Missenden, Woodside, St Joseph's and St Mary's schools.

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