

A word from Mr Lloyd

Friday 2nd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our very busy sporting week at Woodside has gone really well! The Year 6 children were fantastic in their benchball festival earlier in the week, whilst Year 3 really enjoyed their fitness festival on Monday. Unfortunately, the Y5 basketball festival has been postponed, but we still have Y4 Hockey this afternoon and Cross-Country tomorrow to go! It has been lovely to see all the children enjoying these days and taking part in these festivals. Many thanks to all of the parents who have helped with accompanying the children on these visits.

Last Friday, Y3 went on an excellent trip to the British Museum. They enjoyed the day and were able to regale me with stories of Egyptian mummies and other artefacts which they had seen during their visit.

This week has also seen further work on our library project, organised by our Woodside Association. The library is currently being painted as the next stage in the project and it looks beautiful already. I cannot wait to see the finished project in the next few months! Many thanks to the members of the Woodside Association who have helped arrange this, and to Mr Vati who has provided his services to paint the library and help with some other construction work as part of the project.

I am really looking forward to next week at Woodside, as it is Children's Mental Health Week. There are lots of activities planned for the week, culminating in our non-uniform day on Friday, where the children are invited to "Dress to Express"!

Please may parents continue to support the school by keeping Mitchell Walk as clear as possible at pick-up and drop-off times. Please also ensure that no dogs are brought on the school grounds, as they are not permitted.

I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Lloyd
Headteacher

Well Done to Maggie in Year 3 for donating an incredible 12 inches of her hair to the fantastic children's charity: Little Princess Trust.

The Eco Council are keen to improve the planting in the courtyard area to promote biodiversity. We would be most grateful for any donations of bee and butterfly friendly plants such as thyme, rosemary and lavender to reinvigorate our train planter. We also need compost. Please drop off donations during the first week after half term. We will leave a crate outside the main reception door. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Bannister

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
02.02.24	Year 4 Hockey Tournament
03.02.24	Cross Country Event @ Lowndes Park, Chesham
05.02.24 - 09.02.24	Children's Mental Health Week
07.02.24	Year 3 Mega Fest @ DCHS
08.02.24	Year 5/6 Swimming festival @ Chesham Prep
09.02.24	PTA Mufti Day/ Express yourself day
09.02.24	Sam Sedgman Author Visit
09.02.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 3.15pm
19.02.24	Back to school - normal time
21.02.24	Year 5 Visit to Chesham Mosque
21.02.24	Year 4 Basketball @ DCHS
27.02.24	Year 5 Trip to the Living Rainforest
28.02.24	Year 3 Skipping event at Amersham School
01.03.24	Bags to School Collection
02.03.24	Cross Country
12.03.24	Year 4 Frisbee tournament at Amersham school
18.03.24	Year 4 Trip to Bhaktivedanta
Wk. Bg. 18.03.24	Last week of after school sports clubs
21.03.24	Spring Parents Evening 1
25.03.24	School Escape Rooms
26.03.24	Rocksteady Concert 10am-12pm
26.03.24	Spring Parents Evening 2
27.03.24	Year 5 Easter Assembly
28.03.24	Last Day of half term. School finish @ 1.30pm No HOZ after school bookings, but breakfast Club is available.

House Point Totals

This Week	365	388	342	342
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

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



WORLD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

DRESS TO EXPRESS! ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY



SHOW OFF YOUR PERSONAL STYLE WITH



Cool clothes

Wacky hairstyles

Funky footwear (no heels or football boots)

Amazing hair...

and have some fun!



SUGGESTED DONATION £2

**Donations of cash on the day, or via our
justgiving QR code here**



All proceeds go to the PTA Fund supporting your child's educational experience



Please could we kindly ask parents/carers who have children attending the Hideout zone to look in their cupboards/drawers for HoZ food containers?

If you have any take away containers that are unused, these would be very much appreciated as a donation too.



Please see below for some useful and interesting links to webpages shared with the school office for your information...

- To see information regarding a Male Carers Group run by the Bucks Mental Health Support Team, please click [here](#).
- Please click [here](#) to read more about the fantastic charity 'Little Princess Trust' where Maggie in Year 3 very bravely donated her hair to those children more in need.
- Discover Bucks Museum are running some family fun days this half-term. To see more information about this, please click [here](#).
- For further details on the revised costing of the Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops, please click [here](#).

House Competition News!

There are TWO house competitions coming up next half term. See below!

Amersham Town Council Recycling Initiative

Last year we supported the Town Council's efforts to collect recyclable items that are often just thrown in the bin. Not only- through this initiative- can we help to reduce what ends up in landfill, but we will also be supporting the charity Medic to Medic. Money raised through collecting these items, goes towards supporting students in Africa to train in a healthcare profession.

To kick start our collecting again, we have drafted in our House Captains. There will be four collection bins near the office from after half term and the house who collects the most, will receive the most points. We will be collecting:

- Pringle tubes
- Plastic writing implements (pens, felt tip pens, markers)
- Used toothpaste tubes (not pumps)
- Used toothbrushes
- Used electric toothbrush heads
- Used washing up/ marigold gloves
- Used Make up
 - Mascara
 - Lip sticks, lip gloss tubes, lip balms
 - Eye shadow compacts
 - Lip and cheek highlighters
 - Bronzer sticks



The houses will be up against each other in our first ever poetry slam. All entries will receive house points and a final will be held in assembly. If you would like to take part to earn points for your house, you will need to choose a poem to perform. The competition will focus on performance and recital. It would be great if you knew the poem by heart! You can enter on your own or as a small group (although pupils forming small groups will have to be in the same house). You can choose a well-known poem, a funny poem or even write your own. The final poetry slam assembly will take place towards the end of next half term.

Good luck and we look forward to hearing your poems and seeing our recycling bins fill up! From Mrs Harrison and the House Captains

DON'T MISS THE EVENT OF THE YEAR!

WOODSIDE QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY 16TH MARCH
7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**



**A GUARANTEED FANTASTIC EVENING, WITH A
BIT OF HEALTHY COMPETITION THROWN IN...**

**£10 PER PERSON INCLUDES PIZZA
TICKETS ON CLASSLIST**

**SNACKS & DRINKS BAR ON THE NIGHT PLUS ...
THE FAMOUS PUDDING AUCTION!!**

BUY YOUR TICKET NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT



Ready for
early Spring
2024

School library renovation update ...

It's been a busy couple of months planning the renovation work, clearing out the library and boxing up all the books, as well as arranging the work to get started.

We are very pleased to say the project is well underway and looking a little ahead of schedule. This means hopefully we'll have the new library open for the children to start using and enjoying very soon.

So thank you to all those who have come to help. Thanks also to our lovely Year 4 parent whose company **s23construction** have been in the library this week repairing the walls and giving the library a new coat of paint. They will be returning to finish off a few more bits and pieces as well. Without their help and support we would not be where we are with the project, so a huge thank you to them, especially as they've given their time and materials completely free of charge. 🙌

Thanks also to **Amersham Dec** for supplying 15l of paint for free.

We'll leave you with a couple of before and now photos so you can see how we're transforming the library into a lovely bright open space.

More updates to come soon as new flooring is next on the list!!



Before - windows covered



So far - starting to see those views out to the field..