

A word from Mrs Milner



Friday 21st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I promise this week's newsletter will be short. I cannot believe that it is the half term already. Looking back, I would like to reflect on all the things achieved during this half term. First of all, all children settled well after the summer break, and I am also pleased to report that our Year 3 pupils appear happy and enjoying their 'big' school. Well done! Mrs Harrison, together with all our teaching staff, have been working very hard ensuring that our curriculum is tailored to the needs of our pupils -thank you! As always, we provided a wealth of curriculum enrichment activities for our pupils, and this ensured that our children's experiences of learning are as enjoyable as possible. Works on our running track have already started and progressing well - today our contractors continued laying the top layer (click [here](#) for photos), and I am hoping to give you details of our 'grand opening' shortly. So, on and all – a very busy half term, and from experience, I know that it is only going to get busier as we approach Christmas.

On Tuesday I was able to watch Year 3 Harvest Assembly. It was thoroughly enjoyable! I sincerely hope that you agree with me Year 3 parents, that children put on a fabulous performance -their singing was excellent, and they all were able to recite their lines with gusto. Thank you to all the Year 3 team for working so hard with the children -absolutely fantastic. Thank you also to our PTA for organising the Harvest Food Collection for the Chiltern Foodbank.

My sincere apologies as I forgot to mention in my last week's newsletter an author's visit. I was not able to participate in this special event but was told by members of our staff that he was engaging as well as funny. Children absolutely loved listening to his stories. A huge thank you to Mrs Jonwood – our Reading Lead for organising this enjoyable event. Meeting an author in the proverbial 'flesh' helps pupils to realise that they are also capable of creating the same things – they can be a writer too, just like a person standing in front of them.

Today is Show Racism the Red Card Day and although, we as a school, are not participating in a fundraising event, I would like to bring your attention to this event. Show Racism the Red Card is the UK's leading anti-racism charity that provides educational workshops as well as a whole host of resources. It was established in 1996 and the organisation utilises the high-profile status of football to publicise its anti-racism message. We as a school subscribe to a notion that all people who work here and children who attend our school have a right to work and learn in an equitable environment, where cultures, identities and languages are recognised and valued and where curriculum responds to the diverse needs of our learners. This reflects the uniqueness of our community, and I am pleased to say that we have pupils attending this school whose heritage is rich and varied. Luckily, at our school, racist incidents are extremely rare, and this is a credit to you, as parents, for helping us to instill in children that everyone ought to be treated kindly, equally, and fairly.

Please can I remind all parents and carers that we expect children to be back on **Tuesday 1st of November** at the usual time. After half term all children should wear winter uniform. Please click [here](#) for a reminder of the correct uniform. Parents consultation evenings will also be held during that week, and I sincerely hope that most if not all of you will be able to attend this event. I will be available throughout the evening on Tuesday 1st November if any parent/carer would like to speak to me – no appointment necessary. Please remember that I "reserve" Friday morning between 8.30am and 9am in my diary for any parent who would like to come in and briefly see me. You do not need to make an appointment to drop in. If you have a more detailed query, please ring the office to make an appointment.

I was reminded today by one of the Elm House pupils that the Elm house is owed a mufti day due to winning house points during the last year's summer term. My apologies boys and girls of Elm House and I can only say -well done for having such a fantastic memory! I told that children today that **Elm House pupils can wear their 'mufti' clothes on Friday 4th November 2022**. I really need to take up some memory games to improve my functioning memory

I sincerely hope that you all have a lovely half term. Thank you for your continuous support for the school and the work that we do we, our children. To all the staff – thank you – it has been a very busy half term but your dedication and commitment to the education and welfare of our pupils made it all worthwhile. Hope that you enjoy your well-deserved break. I am going to visit Poland, my home birth country, and looking forward not only to see my family but also to sample some delicious Polish food such as pierogi (dumplings), makowiec (a poppy seed cake) and barszcz (a beetroot soup) – amongst others.

Boys and girls – enjoy your well-deserved break. You all worked so hard this half term. Have a rest, enjoy playing and come back 'bright eyed and bushy tailed' on the 1st of November.

With my warmest wishes from all Woodside staff.

Mrs Milner, Headteacher

Reminders!

- Return to school Tuesday 1st November 2022 (INSET day on Monday 31st October 2022)
- If any child gets their ears pierced across the half term, they will need to have their studs covered with tape while in school
- Please ensure that your child's hair style complies with the school's expectations as stated on our [website](#)
- Please check that your child has all the stationery they need for the classroom—you can purchase items via MCAS (Bromcom) if required

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Half Term	Break up Friday 21st October. Return to school Tuesday 1st Nov.
31.10.22	INSET day (staff only in school—children return on 1.11.22)
1.11.22	Parent/Carer Evening (day 1) - please book on MCAS
1.11.22	PTA meeting (at school) 8pm— all welcome
3.11.22	Parent/Carer Evening (day 2) - please book on MCAS
4.11.22	Children in Elm House only— MUFTI day
12.11.22	PTA Quiz Night (timings tbc)
16.11.22	Bag2School (all bags of clothing to be in school by 9am)
19.11.22	Cross Country Event at Hervines Park
24.11.22	Yr6 Visit to Natural History Museum
1.12.22	Deadline for entries for Young Artist Competition
13.12.22	Rocksteady Concert @10am
16.12.22	PTA Christmas Cheer event (afterschool)
End of Autumn Term	Break up at 1.30pm on Tuesday 20th December 2022. Return to school Thursday 5th January 2023.
20.3.22-24.3.22	Yr6 Residential
17.6.22	Advance notice!! PTA Summer Fair—SAVE THE DATE

House Point Totals

This Week	244	283	164	271
Since Start of Term	1186	1301	980	1156
	Maple	Willow	Elm	Cedar

Mrs Harrison's Weekly Curriculum Update

Curriculum update 21st October 2022

Last week, you would have seen some lovely photos in the newsletter. This was all thanks to our Well-being Ambassadors who ran two highly successful photo booths during their lunch breaks. We have been planning this for a while now so it was really lovely to finally make it happen. Our photo booth was a chance for pupils to celebrate their friendships as well as take a stand against bullying and promote kindness. It was a real success and the children in all year groups had such a lot of fun! I personally had a great time with all of the children and it was so nice to be immersed in such a happy activity. Thank you to the wonderful team of pupils who led this for us with such incredible enthusiasm!



Knowledge organisers

We use knowledge organisers during our history, geography and science lessons. They are used by the children throughout their units of work when learning new knowledge and vocabulary and each week as a way of helping them to recall their prior learning. Your children are now coming to the end of their first units of work in history and geography, so if you can, please take some time to discuss what they have learned with you at home. You can find them here:

[Year 3 Stone Age](#)

[Year 4 Europe](#)

[Year 5 North America](#)

[Year 6 Black British History](#)

Reflecting on a busy half term

I am incredibly privileged to be able to spend so much time popping in and out of classes and seeing what the children are learning. They are always enthusiastic to share their learning with me and are so happy and engaged. The children have opportunities to learn in many interesting ways and some of my favourite things this half term have included:

Getting to know the year 3s and looking at the beautiful work they have produced on the Stone Age.

Watching the Year 4s orienteering in PE every week and learning many interesting facts from them about Europe.

Year 5's English using 'The Highway Man' whereby the children used their very best investigative skills to scour the courtyard for clues.

The incredible quality of year 6's writing.

Sticking with the theme of well-being, hopefully you will be able to enjoy an Autumn stroll or two over the half term break. Nothing beats the colours of Autumn and the great outdoors.

Mrs Harrison ☺

This week's book recommendations:



Let's Celebrate



CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S TALENTS

EVERY WEEK IN OUR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY, WE ALLOW TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE CHILDREN OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL .

THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF:

Jack D

Connor V

Oliver V

Raffy

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO LET MRS MILNER KNOW THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS BEFORE FRIDAY MORNING SO THEY CAN BE INCLUDED IN OUR ASSEMBLY

More Woodside News

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern during this half term, please contact Mrs Milner using the e-mail address: dsl@wsd.odbst.org

Alternatively, please contact Buckinghamshire County Council -Safeguarding Team:

First Response Team tel: 01296 383962

Monday to Thursday 9am to 5.30pm, Friday 9am to 5pm

If you need an urgent response outside of these hours, call the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) on 0800 999 7677

*If a child is in immediate danger, call **999** or report a crime on 101*

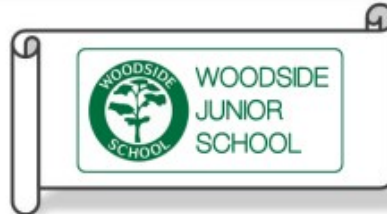
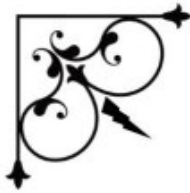
Community Links & Wellbeing

As October half term is just around the corner, please find a link [HERE](#) to a website page where you can find all the activities that are occurring around Buckinghamshire.

Some of them are free and some of them will require a payment and I hope that you will be able to find something that is suitable for your family.

From our PTA

Calling all parents! Please join the School Lottery and support your PTA in a simple and regular way. PLUS, you have the chance to win cash and other exciting prizes each week. Visit the website or scan the QR code now for more on how to take part, and support the PTA to enhance the children's experiences at our fantastic school. Thank you.



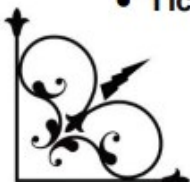
Calling All Wizards

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:



Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher & Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket

- Please help boost our school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000!
- Tickets cost just £1 a week



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and search for: Woodside

