

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 10th June 2022



Dear Parents,

I am sure that for you as well, the half term break is now a very distant memory ☺. Schools are such busy places and Woodside is no exception! This term is going to be particularly busy, so please keep 'your beady eye' on our calendar of events. I do not know about you, but I so thoroughly enjoyed watching the Jubilee celebrations. It made me very proud to be part of such an important historical event and I sincerely hope that you enjoyed it as well –either watching it on a television or in person. Mrs Carver and Mrs McCarthy joined the crowds in London and mentioned to me that the experience was absolutely amazing. This was on Sunday, during the pageant, where an international parade and carnival took place –celebrating not only Her Majesty's 70 years as our Head of State but also our diverse society. I myself will be celebrating, this year, 40 years of living in this country and I am and will forever be grateful for all the opportunities given to me that perhaps I would have not had in my native country all those years ago.

We are currently advertising vacancies for a Midday Supervisor as well as Playworker for Hideout Zone. Both vacancies are on our [website](#) so if interested –have a look and apply! ☺ If you know anyone who may be interested –let them know.

As our annual summer fair is quickly approaching, I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who donated bottles for our bottle tombola. I am always humbled by your generosity, especially during these challenging times. Our PTA is working very hard to organise a wonderful event that will bring our school community together. As you know, the PTA plays an absolutely vital role in raising funds for the school that allow us to purchase all the 'extras' such as Chrome Books for example. Without their tireless work and your generosity, this would have not been possible. As some of our PTA members will unfortunately be 'retiring' due to Year 6 pupils leaving Woodside, there is a very strong need for new members to join in. It is such a rewarding role that requires as much or as little time as you can afford and all your work will benefit our pupils. *Please have a look at the PTA section and many thanks in advance to everyone who will volunteer for this very rewarding role* ☺.

As you know, the school decided that we will be mixing classes 'on entry' in Year 3 and then again at the end of Year 4. This is to allow pupils experience of working and learning with a wider variety of peers, enabling greater social interaction between pupils as they move through the school. Children obviously still play and interact as a whole year group during break and lunchtimes. Because we mixed classes in all year groups last academic year, we will not be doing this again this academic year. So all classes will stay as they are and current Year 3 classes will be mixed at the end of Year 4 (2022/2023 academic year). I can now inform you of our teaching teams for the next academic year. Your child will know who his /her class teacher is on the transition day itself (5th July 2023).

Year 3 – Mrs Fox, Mrs Jonwood

Year 4 – Mrs Tandara, Mr Ahmed and Mrs Bannister

Year 5- Mrs Webber, Mr Harvey-Mott and Mrs McCarthy

Year 6- Mrs Drake, Miss Croot and Miss Richer

Our Year 3 team will be joining St. George's School on Wednesday to get to know Year 2 pupils. I, personally, cannot wait to say hello to all new pupils as well as parents on the transition day itself.

Today Miss Terebas, our Midday Supervisor leaves for her maternity leave. We wish Miss Terebas well for the birth and send her our best wishes at this special time.

Thank you to all Year 5 parents who attended the Admission to Secondary School 2022/2023 presentation. My apologies again if it appeared rushed. I hope that all of you received the copy of Admissions Power Point presented. I cannot emphasise enough -we are here to help so if you have any questions / uncertainties, please contact our office. It was so lovely to be able to do this presentation' face to face' - the first time in two years, thank you!

A word from Mrs Tandara

Some Year 6 pupils have been participating in 'Bikeability' training this week. The children have enjoyed improving their bike riding skills and confidence for cycling on smaller roads, with simple junctions. This is all good preparation for cycling to secondary school. Well done!

Very shortly, we will be sending a survey to all parents (anonymous) to ascertain their views about the school. I will be very grateful if you can spend 5 minutes to answer the questions as it will help us to shape the future of Woodside. Many thanks in advance.

Dear Parents –many thanks again for your continuing support for this school. It is, as always, very much appreciated. I strongly believe in an open communication and solving small problems before they escalate. If there is anything that you feel needs to be resolved or brought to our attention, please speak to your child's class teacher – in the first instance. I continue to have my 'Open Friday' mornings but you can always make an appointment to see either myself or Mrs Harrison, our Deputy Headteacher. If you have any questions relating to Special Educational Needs, please see Miss Richer –our SENDCo

Have a lovely weekend ☺

Dorota Milner

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
Mon 13th June	Drum Workshop Yrs 4-6
Mon 13th June	Yr 3 Visit to West Wittering Beach
Tues 14th June	Bags2school
Sat 18th June	Summer Fair Click here for details
Tues 28th June	Year 6 Games Dr Chal- loner's High School
Wed 29th June	Year 4 to St Albans Verulamium Museum
w/c 4th July	Last week of after school clubs
Tues 5th July	Transition Day
Thurs 7th July am	Sports Day Parents welcome
Mon 11th July	PTA 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' whole school
Mon 11th July	BMT Music Concert 3.30-5pm
Wed 13th July	Yr6 Production Matinee 1.30 - 3 pm evening 6 –7.30pm
Fri 15th July	PTA Raffle drawn (tickets on sale after school fair)
Mon 18th July	Yr6 Leavers Assembly Starts 1.45pm All parents welcome
Tues 19th July	Rocksteady Summer Concert 11am-12pm

Upcoming term dates for your diary

Close Wed 20th July	1.30pm
Term starts Tues 6th September 2022	Gates open: 8.35am

More Woodside News

Safeguarding

From Safeguarding News

The chaos at UK airports this half term has left holidaymakers frustrated, at a time when post-COVID normality appeared to be on the horizon. For those waiting to embark on their summer holidays and with fraudulent deals on the increase, Safeguarding News highlights holiday scams and how to avoid them.

To avoid scams when making a booking for your package holiday, hotel, flights or caravan, Lloyds and MoneySavingExpert.com suggest following the tips below:

Don't trust a deal that's offered directly to you out of the blue. Scammers put adverts for fake holidays on social media but can also directly contact customers by email or text pretending to be from a real company. If you've been personally contacted by someone (or a company) advertising a holiday then make sure to check it's legitimate as it may well be a scam.

Scrutinise the company's contact details. Is there an address and a working phone number? Can you easily get through to customer service? Are they responsive? Is there an online chat? A lack of working contact details could indicate a scam.

Check the firm is ABTA or ATOL protected. Take your time when placing a booking and ensure what you're purchasing is protected. If a company is ABTA or ATOL protected, then you should be financially protected if anything happens. With ATOL, you can check it's legitimate by finding the reference number on it - this is usually four to five digits long and it may include a 'T' at the start.

Protect how you pay. The safest way to pay for a holiday is via debit or credit card. If you're being asked to pay another way, such as via a bank or wire transfer, it could be a scam. If you pay this way and things go wrong, you're less likely to get your money back.

What do to if you've been scammed

Below is a checklist of what you should do if you think you've been scammed:

If you've already responded to a scam, end all further communication immediately.

Call your bank directly and cancel any recurring payments – for speed and ease, you can alternatively call the new 159 hotline.

Report the scam to the police through Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040, or report a scam anonymously on the Action Fraud website.

If you wish to seek further help, contact Citizens Advice Scams Action via the Citizens Advice website, or call its Scams Action helpline on 0808 250 5050."

PTA Messages

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

As we approach another year's end, we inevitably lose a number of PTA volunteers, as our lovely Year 6's move onto High School. With this in mind, we are appealing for new volunteers to come and join the PTA committee. We are aware that life is busy, and most people are back in the office or have a new dog ... as well as looking after family and well, just normal life – but the simple truth is that without volunteers coming forward to take on these mandatory committee roles, the Woodside PTA will fold. There is no other way round this without volunteers.

The roles required are:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Co-Chair

Please note that all support given to the Woodside PTA directly enhances our children's educational experience and that all your help is entirely appreciated, but right now – if no one steps forward to volunteer for these roles the PTA can no longer operate.

So, if you have ever even remotely considered volunteering for the PTA, please come forward – the more people who can help means the more the roles and responsibilities can be shared and the PTA can continue.

We are a friendly, down to earth, inclusive, positive group and everyone is very welcome:)

We really hope to hear from you (by all means approach school or email woodsideschool08@googlemail.com)

Thanks

The PTA

Wellbeing

Mixing age groups — a trial in progress

As the weather gets warmer we allow pupils to play on the field. Normally, we keep Year 3/4 on one side of the field and Year 5/6 on the other. In the last few weeks, some older children requested that they would like to play with our younger pupils. This has been very successful. On the basis that mixing cohorts during playtime will be beneficial to both younger and older pupils, we decided to allow all cohorts to play freely on our field. Children still had the option to be on separate 'mounds' (Year 3/4 and Year 5/6). Unfortunately, this arrangement led to some problems during lunch and break play. Perhaps older children were not as careful and mindful of our younger pupils and this led to misunderstandings. I was also told that a game of football took place and some of the problems stem from it. I do not want to lay the blame squarely on older pupils and we had some lovely play as well. I am, however, disappointed as I firmly believe that potential benefits outweigh any risks. I am going to talk to the children during our Monday assembly and will decide whether we will continue with the current arrangement or not.

Transitioning to new schools

Transitions are a particularly challenging time for children and their families. Buckinghamshire Family Learning is offering some free courses to support parents and children with the start of primary school and the move to secondary school. Please click [here](#) for the secondary school flyer. This is open to all families and I hope that many of you will be able to benefit from this service.

A word from Mrs Webber

Healthy Eating Week –next week is a national Healthy Eating Week. Theme is 'Eat Well and Save our Planet.' Healthy Eating Week aims to promote healthy eating, drinking and physical activity. By doing all these, it is hoped everyone can achieve a healthier way of living.

Healthy Eating week - 13th – 17th June 2022

'Eat well for you and the planet'

Our global population is growing, with an increasing demand for food but it is important for the health of the planet that we find ways to produce this food using less land, water and energy. The environmental impact of different foods can vary but there are some general principles we can all follow to aim for a healthier and more sustainable diet.

This year's Healthy Eating Week aims to help everyone learn more about what they can do to have a healthier and more sustainable diet by focusing on five themes:

- **Focus on fibre** - for meals and snacks. Have more wholegrain foods, fruit and vegetables, beans, peas, and lentils.
- **Get at least 5 A DAY** - put plenty on your plate. Have at least 5 portions of a variety of fruit and vegetables every day.
- **Vary your protein** - be more creative. Eat a wider variety of protein foods and choose plant protein sources more often.
- **Stay hydrated**- fill up from the tap. Have about 6-8 drinks a day and choose reusable or recyclable drinks containers.
- **Reduce food waste** - know your portions. Aim for the right amount when you shop, cook and eat to avoid throwing food away.

Let's all take this opportunity to help ourselves and the planet by considering these themes next week and hopefully every day moving forward!

Please send in any photos of you and your family enjoying a more sustainable diet and your child will receive a Healthy Eating certificate

Please follow this link for more information <https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthy-sustainable-diets/healthy-and-sustainable-diets/eating-healthily-and-sustainably/>

Notices



WANTED

Our Eco-Council are always looking for ways to REDUCE, RECYCLE & REUSE and we have come up with a fantastic idea.

We would like for you to donate any used plastic pots or tubs that you may have at home. These can be take-away tubs and pots, ice cream tubs or any other plastic container that you think might be useful for lunch boxes.

Our aim is to try reduce the amount of plastic and packaging that is used in lunch boxes, which include cling film and foil.

Please send in any tubs and pots from Tuesday 7th June.

Thank you for your on-going support

**Please Donate!!
THANK YOU**

Bags to School

If you are having a clear out this half term

please bring in any donations

on **Tuesday 14th June 9am**

Please click [here](#) for further details



Cedar



Elm



Maple



Willow

House Points: Weekly Totals