

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 5th November 2021



Dear Parents,

I sincerely hope that you and the children had a restful half term. Welcome back! With COVID-19 cases rising before the half term, I feel that the week of school closure enabled us to stop the infections going out of control. I am pleased to say that since we have been back there are just a sporadic one or two cases. I sincerely hope that this trend will continue for the sake of everyone's health and children's education.

There were two important milestones that happened this week: face to face parent/teacher consultations and the Year 3 Harvest Assembly. As you probably recall, we were not able to go ahead with either of these events during the last academic year. That is why I am particularly happy that we managed this year, albeit in a slightly different format. Thank you to all of you who attended our Parents' Evening and I hope that the class teachers were able to give you a comprehensive view of your child's progress this year.

Year 3 Harvest Assembly

I have to be honest, I was quite emotional during our Year 3 Harvest Assembly, thinking that this particular cohort probably has not had much experience of live productions. This, I have to tell you, did not present itself as a detriment to the children's performance. They were absolutely amazing – confident and talented and most importantly – so happy to be able to perform to a live audience of parents. Well done to all Year 3 – we are very proud of you. Thank you to all of the parents who worked behind the scenes: helping children to learn their lines and songs as well as providing costumes. Thank you also to our Year 3 team for their work in staging the assembly.

Diwali Assembly

I would like to wish a belated Happy Diwali to all of our families who have celebrated this important festival. Thank you to Mrs Shah for leading our Diwali Assembly as well as to all the children who shared and celebrated their items from home. It was wonderful to see such richness of colour and traditions.

Cross Country

Well done to all of the Woodside children who took part in the second inter-schools cross country event in Hervines Park on Saturday 16th October. In challenging, wet conditions, all successfully completed the course, even with one shoe, Evie! Particular mention must go to Kit who was the overall winner of the Year 6 boy's race; a fantastic achievement. Also to the Year 4 boys; Otis, Isaac and Dylan who won the silver team medals and finally to Year 5 Lydia who won the 10th place medal. Congratulations to all!

Children in Need School Sale

The Children in Need School sale, run by the School Council, will be on Friday 19th November. **Please can you donate used toys and books and also buy a small item of stationery to donate to the sale.** All donations are welcome any time. Thank you in advance from Mrs Carver and Mr Ahmed.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to not park in front of our local resident's driveways as we have received a number of complaints recently. Sometimes parents might think they are only partially blocking the driveways but residents can still find they are unable to get in and out of their drive. Please can we politely ask you to park legally and considerately.

Vacancy for Midday Supervisor

Following the retirement of Mrs Mulqueen, we have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor working with our children during lunchtimes. It is a hugely rewarding role so if you are interested, please click [here](#) for a full job description and application form. The deadline for applications is Friday 19th November 2021.

It is a Guy Fawkes Night today, so I hope that many of you will be able to watch firework displays or attend a bonfire night. Whatever you do – hope you have a lovely time. Keep warm!

With best wishes,

Mrs Milner

Head teacher

Dates for your diary

End of Term Dates:

Break Up:

Friday 17/12/21 at 1.30 pm

Back to School:

Wednesday 5/1/22

Open Mornings at Woodside Junior School

(for children joining Year 3 in September 2022):

9/11/2021 and
10/11/2021

E-Safety Workshop for Parents (no sign up required, please join us after drop off) click [here](#) for details:

12/11/2021 9 am

Children In Need Day:

19/11/2021

Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum:

17/11/2021

Year 5 Swimming Lesson will be focused on life saving (clothes required for in the pool):

24/11/2021

Chartwells Christmas Lunch (click [here](#) for menu) and book via ParentPay:

08/12/2021



Cedar



Elm



Maple



Willow

05/11/2021