

A word from Mrs Milner

Friday 22nd October 2021



Dear Parents,

We are at the end of this half term, a little battle worn as the COVID-19 cases in our community have increased. As communicated to you previously, we put additional measures in place which allowed us to continue with the education for your children. Unfortunately, Woodside is not the only school which has faced this problem. Many schools have seen an increased number in COVID-19 cases and I am worried that this winter is going to be very challenging for the whole of the education system. Please [click here](#) to view the NHS Warn and Inform letter.

However, it is not all doom and gloom. I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed a new Deputy Head teacher for the school. Mrs Julie Harrison, who is an experienced leader, will take up her position in January or before. I am sure that you join me in extending my congratulations to Mrs Harrison, who will be such an asset to this school.

Today is 'Break the Rules Day' and as always it is so lovely to see so many children breaking the rules in support of our PTA. Some amazing hair styles –perhaps I can give my hairdresser some tips. 😊

We had such a busy week.



Well done to all of our football players, please [click here](#) for a more detailed summary of the matches

Thank you to Mr Ahmed for all of the effort and time he has put into organising, attending and coaching our football games.

On Wednesday, we were very privileged to listen to Mr Lenny Henry talking to the children about his new book –The Boy with Wings. The book tackles the issues of friendships as well as bullying, both such important issues. Yesterday our pupils participated in the Ultimate Frisbee completion. Well done, as always, to our pupils as they are such a credit to our school and obviously you, the parents.

Parents' Evening

At the moment we are still going ahead with our face to face parents' evening consultations, as I am hoping that half term will create a natural break in infections. However, we will assess the situation when we are back to school, so please be prepared to have your appointment virtually if necessary. We will obviously communicate our decision to you in advance of any changes.

Children in Need Day

The School Council met recently and discussed fundraising ideas for Children in Need day (Friday 21st November). They would like the children to wear comfy clothes on that day and want to have a sale of USED toys/ books and BRAND NEW stationery items such as colouring pencil sets, rubbers, packs of felt tips etc. Over half term you may wish to have a clear out of toys and books and also buy a small item of stationery to donate to the sale. All donations can be sent in after half term to be stored in Class 4C or 6A . Thank you in advance from Mrs Carver and Mr Ahmed.

The last two weeks were very challenging and to be honest, probably the most challenging since the start of the pandemic. We had to draw on our positivity and resilience. I would like to, therefore, say a huge thank you to our staff, who smiles and worked hard to give the children the educational experiences that they deserve. Thank you for all of your support and most importantly I would like to say to all Woodside pupils – well done! You am so proud to be your Head teacher. Have a lovely half term –re-charge your batteries -rest and play!

We will see you back on Tuesday 02.11 2021

With best wishes,

Mrs Milner

Head teacher

Dates for your diary

Half Term Dates:

Break Up:

Friday 22/10/21 3.15 pm

Back to School:

Tuesday 2/11/21

Bags to School

Collection date:

3/11/2021 Please bring bags to the school office by 9 am

Parents' Evenings:

2/11/21 and 4/11/21

Open Mornings at Woodside Junior School

(for children joining Year 3 in September 2022):

9/11/2021 and 10/11/2021

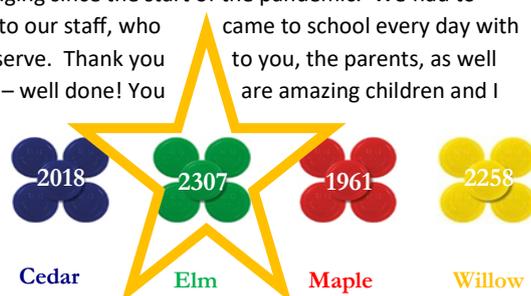
E-Safety Workshop for Parents:

12/11/2021 9 am

Children In Need Day:

21/11/2021

came to school every day with you, the parents, as well as amazing children and I are amazing children and I



The winning house this term is ELM With 2307 points. Well done ELM!

22/10/2021