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Woodford Valley C.E Primary Academy



1st September 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome back to old friends and a special welcome to our new families. I hope you all had a restful summer and managed to enjoy time together this holiday.

We welcome a new face in the office. Mrs Vicki Mates will be joining us and we hope that she will soon settle in to her new position here.

Our worship theme this term is on **Courage**. We will explore the courage we have all needed to start school, this is a great theme to kick start our new school year. **So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD! Psalm 31:24**

Each class will be putting more information on their class page on our new website – please have a good look at this once we have managed to launch it. The expected date will be very soon. It will no doubt grow over the year so any feedback would be very helpful.

It is essential that children arrive on time so we can get started with the day.

We will be continuing with the drop off in the mornings. This has worked so well and I know that people feel that it helps them to move on quickly, it also makes sure we are not blocking the roads too much for those travelling through. Please be ready to drop off from 8.30 till 8.45. Our new reception pupils will wait till 9 for the first Friday and the following week so that they have longer to arrive and settle.

Pick up will be the same too. Key Stage 1 will be 3 pm and Key stage 2 will be 3.10pm. Wait along the field and we will bring the classes to a gate for collection. Just follow the crowd!

Please use the car park considerately. It makes pick up much easier for everyone if people park sensibly and move in and out of the car park carefully. Please try to avoid parking on the road as this upsets our neighbours and makes travelling through the Valley harder for residents. The road in and out of school is often monitored for speeding offending, please keep to the 30 miles an hour and ensure it is not the school community who are causing this problem.

The school will be monitoring attendance very closely this year. We need to make sure we make the very most of all the learning opportunities we can. Please make sure you call in on any absences on the first and then all subsequent days.

All clothing and equipment needs to be labelled. It is much quicker to find the owner if we know who to track down. PE kits need to be in school at all times but can go home at weekends for a wash.

Please ensure long hair is worn up at all times.

The Year 6s are busy choosing their next school for September 2023. Most of the visits have already happened but if your child is taking part in a visit this term please email the school office to let us know.

Any pupil not at school because of illness needs to let the school know in the morning and then each morning they are away. This needs to be followed with a letter when they return.

Please do not send any foods to school that contain nuts or nut products in them. We have children with nut allergies and ask that we make sure that we all help to keep them safe.

Children regularly visit the church, the field at the back of the school and at times the village hall. We ask for a blanket permission slip for these occasions. Please could you fill in and return the slip below.

Please do come along to our **free coffee or tea greet on the first day from 8.30 onwards** – all parents are welcome to come. It is a great time to welcome our new parents.

Also consider joining the PTA. The PTA do a fantastic job in raising much needed funds for the school. This is much easier if there are more people to help. It is a great way to meet others and feel part of the school community too. They also run a very successful second hand uniform shop so look out for the next shop meeting!

Below is a diary of key dates for you.
Yours sincerely

Rebecca Carson

Dates for this term:

- Friday 1st September – first day of term, all children, please stay for a coffee in the Green Room
- Tuesday 6th September – Food tech classes commence Salterton Class only
- Monday 12th September – all school-led clubs commence (separate letter to follow)
- Wednesday 14th September – 2.30pm PTA meeting, all parents welcome
- Friday 16th September – Jeans for Genes Day (details to follow)
- Wednesday 5th October – Flu (nasal spray) vaccinations years R to 6 (details to follow)
- Friday 7th October – Harvest Festival church service (more information to follow)
- Monday 10th October – School Photographs
- Tuesday 11th October – Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm (separate letter to follow)
- Thursday 13th October – Parents Evening 3.30pm to 6.00pm
- Friday 14th October – World Book Week dressing up day
- Monday 17th October – Salterton Class 3 day residential trip to Braeside (separate letter to follow)
- Wednesday 19th October – Trussell Trust visit to school (request for empty shoe boxes and donations to follow)
- Wednesday 19th October – LAST DAY of TERM

General Consent form:

I give permission for (child's name)
..... (child's class)

to be taken out of school to visit the immediate local area.

SignedParent / Guardian