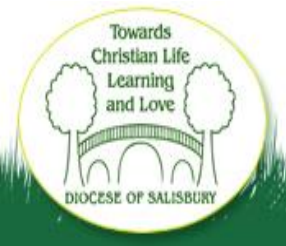


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Woodford Valley C.E Primary Academy



18th October 2022

Dear Parents

It is nearly the end of the first school term. We break up on Wednesday 19th October. It has truly whizzed by as usual. Our new little friends in Lake have done especially well as this has been quite a long term. Make sure you get the chance to unwind and refresh those batteries ready for the start back to school on Monday 31st October. Our term leading up to Christmas is a busy one and the children will need all their energy!

We had a couple of excellent Parents Evenings – it was lovely to welcome you all and to receive your helpful responses to our questionnaire. We will look at the areas that are a concern for some of you, but overall it was a very positive response. Thank you.

Just to remind you all that our new school website is up and running where you will find the planning for your child for the year (Home page - EYFS/KS1 or KS2) and under the curriculum tab the curriculum subjects and the progress each child is expected to make in each year group. I hope that this will answer some of your queries. Also please be advised that the majority of letters home are emailed from the school via Parent pay so remember to regularly check your emails for any updated correspondence.

We have a few items in the lost property box by the School Office Reception area so it's worth a rummage. Please check that all items of clothing are named so that we can try to reunite them with their owner. Any outgrown uniform is always greatly received by the PTA. Please remember to send in coats, hats and gloves in next term. Also, please can you ensure that the children bring in their P.E. kits- they need the appropriate footwear to be able to participate in any P.E. lessons.

A few children have come to school with their hair down – please can you ensure that long hair is tied up. We do have the occasional outbreak of head lice and it seems to spread more easily if there is long hair untied.

If there is chance of snow next term then please check with the school website.

Please could I remind you that dogs are not allowed on school grounds, by the school gates or on the field area by the car park unless you are walking them over to the adjacent field.

I would also like to remind people that we try to use the carpark as carefully and considerately as possible. We want to try and fit as many of you as possible into the space we have and so ask that you allow enough space for others when parking.

We have had a super book week and some truly inspirational costumes and competition entries on our theme of Courage. A special thank you to Mrs Conduit and her team who worked so hard to get it all up and ready for us to enjoy.

It is the annual PTA firework evening on Thursday 3rd November and tickets will be available for purchase in advance for this popular event – information will follow on a separate email. The PTA Chair, Angie Smith, is the person to find if you are able to help on the night. Any help is always greatly appreciated.

Our first week back leads up to our Trussell Trust Christmas box packing day, this is on Friday 11th November, for the whole school. Please sign up to help us if you can. Also send in shoe boxes and items to put in them. The list of suitable items has been sent out via ParentPay. If you can manage to get hold of any bulk items – toothpaste, shampoo etc. then that would be great!

I hope you all have a fantastic break and fill it with lots of family time and fun.

Remember to keep taking those photographs – there have been some amazing shots so far. I am short on photographs from August though so please send if you have some.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Carson

Dates for this term:

Monday 31st October – first day of term

Thursday 3rd November – School Nurse visit for Y6

Thursday 3rd November – PTA Firework night 5pm-6.30pm

Friday 11th November - Remembrance Day

Friday 11th November – Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Friday 2nd December – Christmas Bazaar 2.30-4.30pm

Thursday 1st December – Dress rehearsal for the Christmas show

Wednesday 7th December – Christmas show performance

Thursday 8th December – Christmas show performance

Monday 12th December – School Pantomime, Wind and the Willows

Tuesday 13th December – School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas Party

Friday 16th December – Reception Class Nativity

Friday 16th December – Last Day of Term

Monday 2nd January – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd January - TD day

Wednesday 4th January – Return to School