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Woodford Valley C.E Primary Academy



10th February 2023

Dear Parents

We break up for the half term break this Friday, 10th February, and return on Monday, February 20th. I hope that you all manage to have a restful break and gain time together as a family. Let's hope the wet and windy weather breaks for some of it and we can look forward to some spring sunshine. The children have worked so hard this term despite the continued rumble of colds, coughs and upset tummies some continue to be suffering with. I hope that we have a better term next term.

Thank you to the PTA for organising the Valentine disco last Wednesday – great fun was had by all including many mums and dads too by all accounts. It was lovely to see them all bouncing away in the hall when we have had to broadcast the event remotely for the last two years.

Key Stage 1 pupils had a very interesting Phonic/Early Reading information session in the lower end of the school at the same time as the disco. It was well attended and very much appreciated. This was an area on the School Improvement Plan 2022/2023 (SIP) and an event that we had planned at the beginning of the year. It was also an area Ofsted had highlighted as needing addressing. We were very pleased to show the new Phonic Programme we are using with the pupils and share the impact it is having already.

We will be holding other parent information events throughout the year so that you can see what the school is doing now we can all enjoy being back to normal. Keep an eye out!

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelming positive comments and support regarding our recent Ofsted report. The staff here are very grateful for your support which has helped to lift their spirits no end.

We have been very pleased with the interest shown in purchasing the calendars. We do still have 4 left if you would like to purchase one. They are in the office to preview and on ParentPay to purchase

We will be looking at the school lunch menu again for the summer terms and would like to receive some feedback on the new dishes found on offer this term. Please let us know what your child would love to have for a school lunch, bearing in mind we are trying to offer a variety over the course of a week, remain healthy and provide both vegetarian and allergen options alongside the main meal.

A thank you to all those parents who are still managing to come in and help us in school. If you are interested in listening to pupils read we would be very grateful.

Please can I remind you all to make sure that children have named coats and gloves in school for the rest of the term. I am sure we will continue to have some cold weather to enjoy. Remember to check the website to see if the school is closed or remains open if we do have some significant snowy days.

We still have some children arriving late. Please can you make sure they are ready to join the rest of the school by 8.45am so that we can start the day off ready to go. We are expected to report on the number of late comers and ensure that every child has the same chances by starting the day at the same time.

Can I also remind you all to use the car park carefully at pick up. We have started looking at ways we can make this as pain free as possible. If you have some ideas please send them in. Please try to park without wasting space so we can all fit in too. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Carson

Dates for next term:

Tuesday 7th March – Parent's evening

Thursday 9th March – Parent's evening

Monday 13th March – Resilience Week

Friday 17th March – Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March – Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 28th March – Easter Walk

Thursday 30th March – Easter Workshop

Friday 30th March – Easter Service

Friday 31st March – LAST day of term (children finish normal time)