4th January 2023

## **Dear Parents**

Welcome back to school and to a New Year; a happy **New Year** to all of you. I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and a chance to catch up with family and friends.

A huge thank you to all the cards and presents sent to us all. It is very generous of you all.

Our value this term is Friendship. We will explore how we can be good friends, how we can help others to be good friends and how we can all try to help mend friendships that have a wobble or go wrong.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3.13. It is not easy!

We sent out information before half term regarding the routines for each class for PE, we have also sent out an update for both Durnford and Salterton today. We also ask that long hair is put up for the whole day. We continue to have a number of older pupils who are coming into school with long hair loose and this always get in the way of working and is so easy for head lice to spread quickly.

We still have some pots and containers left over from the Christmas party. Please ask your child/children to check them as they do not have a name on them but may be recognisable.

Please remember the procedure for snowy weather. All potential closures will be announced on Parent Pay and on our website. It might be a good idea to check you know how to find these before you really need it.

There were quite a few nasty bugs circulating school just before we broke up. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please make sure you ring or email (office@woodfordvalley.wilts.sch.uk) to let us know each day that your child is off. We also have to acknowledge lateness and so ask you to make sure your child/children are in school before the gate closes at 8.45am each morning. Thank you.

Please note the dates for this term.

Thursday 4th January – Return to School

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January Teacher led and Sports Clubs commence this week.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - School Disco for children in years 1-6

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Last day of term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Return to School

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening (no teacher led clubs this week, Clubs run by Ben will Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening will still be running)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Last week of clubs Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Last day of term