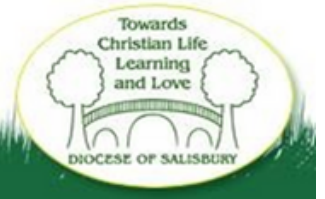


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And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.' John 13:34-35

Dear All,

A very warm welcome back, I hope that you had a fantastic summer, enjoyed the rest and are now ready for the new school year. I am very excited to be leading the school and working with all our fantastic staff to make sure the children experience the best opportunities when they are in school.

Welcome to all our new families, we hope you settle quickly into the life of Woodford Valley where everyone will support you. I look forward to seeing you at drop off in the mornings.

I will be keeping you updated with regular newsletters during this term.

Thank you for your support.

Donna Young

Our Value this term is **Courage**.

We will be thinking about how we use courage in our lives and who gives us courage.

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

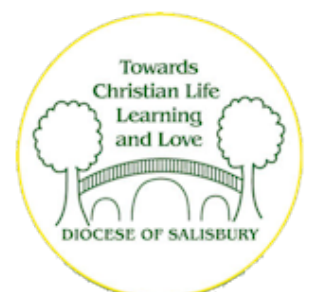
Attendance Changes

From the 19th August, the government published its new statutory guidance about improving attendance in schools. We know the importance of children attending school and are here to work with you if you have any worries or concerns. We will send out the information from Wiltshire LA again to remind you of the changes.



Staffing

We welcome two new members of staff this term, Mrs Miriam McNeer who will be teaching Year 5 and Mrs Chrissy Oldham who will be teaching music across the school and teaching in Yr 5 and 6. We are very excited for them to join us and know they are going to bring great things to our school.



Reminders



Drop Off

You can drop off your child from 8.30 am in the school carpark. Adults will be there to supervise this from 8.30 am, please do not drop your child off before this as no adults will be there. Our new friends will join us at 9am for the first week so they can avoid the busyness of the start of school and experience a bit more of a relaxed start to the day. Their buddies will be waiting for them by the gate.

Please can you ensure that your child is in school by 8.40am so that they can begin their learning and enjoy the start of their day.

If your child is ill, please can you ring the office or email us before 9am on the day so we can record their absence.

Collection at the end of the day

The children will be brought up to the field for you to collect them at the end of the day. Key Stage 1 collection is at 3pm and Key Stage 2 is at 3.10pm.

Lake Class, Wilsford and Durnford leave from the first gate, Lower Woodford, Netton, Upper Woodford and Salterton from the middle gate.

PE Kits

Children need to bring in their PE kits and can leave them in school, please can you make sure that it is labelled as it can wander off on its own!

Uniform

Uniform is an important part of our school identity, and we ask that all children wear the appropriate school uniform each day. This helps to create a sense of community and pride among students. Please ensure that each item of clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix-ups.

Please can we also ask you not to send pupils in wearing jewellery, only watches (not Smart watches) or simple studs or sleepers in ears that are pierced. Long hair should be tied back and no nail varnish or false nails to be worn in school.

Lunch and Snacks

We encourage healthy eating habits, so please provide your child with a nutritious lunch and fruit or vegetable snacks. Remember, we are a nut-free school due to allergies, so avoid including any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please inform the school office so we can accommodate their needs.

Parent-Teacher Communication

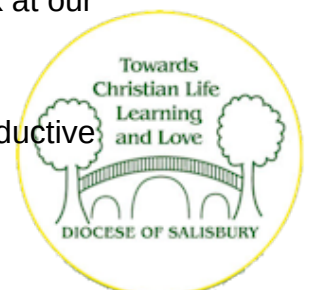
We believe in maintaining open lines of communication between parents and teachers. Regular updates will be provided through newsletters and the Parent Pay app. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher in the first instance through the school office, where an appointment will be made for you.

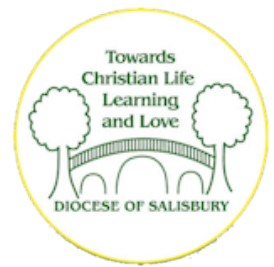
Website

Teachers are busy making sure that class website pages are up to date and these are regularly refreshed so please look at these regularly. We also post important documents on our website with a prompt from Parent Pay so please make sure you look at these to. Please look at our excellent results in the Parent Information section.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to a wonderful and productive school year with your child!

Donna Young





Dates for your diary

3rd September: Term 1 begins

10th September - Y6 Food Tech Lessons start

1st October - Trussell Trust Harvest Assembly

4th October - Flu vaccinations for children in YR - Y6

4th October - Harvest Festival

8th October - Individual Photos

15th October - Parents Evening

15th October - Y5 Food Tech Lessons start

17th October - Parents Evening

21st - 23rd October - Y6 Braeside Residential

21st October - Trussell Trust Shoebox assembly

24th October - Half term

4th November - Children return to School

5th November - Firework Evening

