

Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

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LETTER FROM DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. What has happened to our wonderful weather? As the final week of this academic is upon us, the children have arrived at school this morning excited about the range of different sporting activities they are going to take part in over the week with sports day being the highlight of the final day of term. We have everything crossed that the weather is kind and holds out for us. Details of the timings for Friday are below. Here are just a few of the activities the children have taken part in today:



Sport and Health Week: Week Beginning Monday 17th July:

This week we are hosting our annual Sport and Health Week. Mr McKay has organised various sporting experiences to develop a range of new skills for the children. Sports Day will be held on the final day of term, Friday 21st July where you are invited to come and watch your child/ren's year groups take part, the timings for each phase are below. We will ensure the main blue gate onto the Years 3&4 playground are opened just before the start of each phase race. As you will appreciate, for safeguarding purposes, we are required to lock the gates between each session, so we advise arriving promptly.

Phase	Timings
EYFS: Nursery & Reception	09.15 – 10.15
KS1: Years 1 & 2	10.30 – 11.30
KS2: Years 3&4	13.05 – 13.55
KS2: Years 5&6	14.05 – 14.55

Parent Feedback: Annual Survey for Parents

At Woodstock CE Primary School, we deeply value and appreciate parental feedback as an integral part of our commitment to providing the best possible education and provision, whilst also fostering a supportive learning environment for our children. We understand that parents have unique insights and perspectives that play a crucial role in shaping the educational journey of their children. We actively listen to parental feedback and consider it an essential component of our continuous improvement process. We genuinely value the collaborative partnership between our school and parents, working together to enhance the educational experience and ensure the success of every pupil in our care. Over the year we have a number of wonderful, kindly worded emails of thanks for various reasons to different colleagues across

the school, which I know they hugely value and appreciate. If you would like to find out more about the work of the school and some of the events your children have taken part in this year, please do visit our website here:

<https://www.woodstock.oxon.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=3&gcatid=1#focus>

We have created a simple online form as part of our annual parent survey and would like to invite you to take the time to complete this. Please follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/tvZQ6dU4U5>. We would ask that all feedback is received by Monday 24th July. Many thanks for taking the time to do this.

Start of Day Timings for September:

The government's recent white paper *Opportunity for all: strong schools with great teachers for your child* set an expectation that all state-funded mainstream schools deliver a minimum length of school week of 32.5 hours from September 2023. In order for us to meet this requirement with minimal disruption, governors have decided to bring morning registration forward by 5 minutes to 8.40am, starting in September. This means the school day will be 8.40am to 3.10pm. Gates will continue to open at 8.35am.

Pupil Parliament Charity Event

Pupils' Parliament hosted a charity event last week with a wear something yellow to school theme day and a bake sale. We are proud to announce that we raised a staggering £605.17 for this amazing charity. Thank you to our whole school community for your support. This has been our greatest fundraiser this academic year!



Playground Leaders

Each year we invite children from Year 6 to become Playground Leaders. These children support pupils across Reception and KS1 to play small group games and activities. Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Clark and Mrs Hipwell would like to thank all the children who took part in the Playground Leaders role this year, you have all done an amazing job and ensured that lunchtimes are full of fun and laughter. We have had a huge number of applications from our current Year 5 pupils who would like to take on the role in September and we look forward to working with them next year.



School Volunteer Special Thank You!

Colleagues and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our regular volunteers. They give up time each week to support the work of the school and have a huge positive impact on the lives of many of our children in school. We really do value the time you give to us – you really do make a difference to our school. A BIG THANKYOU to Leoni, Amy, Julia, Hanniah, Anne and Elizabeth. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new academic year.

PTA Raffle Tickets

You will have received an envelope last week in your child's bag with books of raffle tickets from the school PTA. They wanted me to pass on their gratitude for supporting this school fundraising event – we have been overwhelmed by the number of returned stubs of tickets and money already. There have also been requests for further tickets to be sold amongst family and friends. All support gratefully received. If you wish to sell more tickets then please do get in touch with the PTA.

Year 6 Leavers: Final Goodbye

I am sure you will join me and colleagues in wishing our wonderful Year 6 children all the very best for their transition to Secondary Education. This is the very last week of Primary School for them, which is a very big deal and exciting time in a child's journey through school. Their production of 'Prexit' last week was phenomenal and we know many memories have been made throughout the years, including their recent visit to the Frontier Centre. It has been an absolute pleasure to get to know each and every child over the years and watching them flourish – we would like to wish you lots of luck to all of you as your journey continues into 'big' school. Parents of Year 6 children are invited into school this Thursday afternoon at 2pm.

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team to thank each and every one of our colleagues for their commitment and hard work over the past academic year, and tirelessly working to ensure the children at Woodstock CE Primary School get the very best education possible – this includes our wonderful office team! We wish Miss Richardson the very best of luck with her move to a new role, and also to Miss Garrison and Miss Harrison who are both getting married over the summer break.

Lastly, thank you to our whole parent community for your continued support over the academic year, including our PTA. Your support is always very much appreciated and hugely valued. Have a wonderful summer break when it arrives, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 5th September.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Poole".

Anna Poole
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding Children Updates:

What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families



The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

Child Mental Health: click [here](#)

The Safeguarding Network: click [here](#)



Collective Worship Weekly Theme

Week Beginning: 17/7/23		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: A work of art			
Biblical Link:	Isaiah 64:8 'Yet you, Lord, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.' (NIV)		
Core Value:	Joy	<div>Invitation prayer</div> <div>Dear God, Thank you for all the artists who make such varied and wonderful works of art for us to enjoy, Thank you for creating us and that we are each special, wonderful, unique and valuable works of art, Amen</div>	
Understanding Christianity Theme:			
Worship Song:	He made me		

Our World



What makes art valuable?

Let's look at this week's story

Austrian artist Gustav Klimt's final portrait has become the most expensive artwork ever auctioned in Europe. The painting, called *Lady with a Fan*, sold for the final price of £85.3m at Sotheby's in London. It was sold to an art collector from Hong Kong, with three other bidders hoping to buy the piece. When Klimt died in 1918, the portrait of the unnamed woman was still on an easel in his studio. The estimated sale price was a much lower £65m, which bidders quickly went over, and the painting sold in just 10 minutes.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).

UN Rights of a Child

We all have the right to take part in cultural and creative activities. Enjoying artworks by others or creating our own can help us do this.

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REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS

British Values

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Artwork can mean different things to different people. We can show respect to others and the things they value, even if these are different from our own.

PTA NEWS

Summer Festival - Sunday 17th September 1pm to 5pm, Marlborough School

Join us for 4 hours of controlled chaos and good times! We are so excited to be hosting a Summer Festival featuring 3 fully charged Super Pirates for all kids aged 3+. The afternoon of fun will include group games, extreme dodgeball, messy play, talent shows, challenges, glitter tattoos, inflatables, giant parachutes, party hairstyling, a sober bar and tuck shop, a star tent and family rave! All proceeds will go to PTA. Everything included in the ticket price except for glitter tattoos, hair styling, tuck shop and sober bars which are all subject to small additional charges. Wristbands will be available to collect from school the week before the event. This event is for children aged 3 and over.

Summer Festival Booking Form: <https://forms.gle/stBnWKLq2jTsJeQV6>

WOODSTOCK PTA PRESENTS A SUPERPIRATES
SUMMER FESTIVAL



JOIN US FOR 4 HOURS OF CONTROLLED CHAOS & GOOD TIMES
Featuring 3 fully charged SuperPirates

SUNDAY SEPT 17	FROM 1PM TO 5PM	OX20 1LP
Group games Extreme Dodgeball Messy Play Sober Bar & Tuck Shop	Talent Shows Full Play Area Challenges Glitter Tattoos	Star Tent & Family Rave Inflatables Giant Parachutes Party Hair-Styling

At Marlborough School,
Shipton Road,
OX20 1LP
Parking on site available



Limited Tickets Available
Scan The QR Code
for more information
& to book tickets

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GOSFORD ALL BLACKS RUGBY CAMP 2023

📍 KIDLINGTON: Stratfield Brake Sports Ground

📅 Mon 24th to Wed 26th Jul, 2023

Event Information

For siblings, add a normal ticket for the first ticket and a concession for the other child(ren)

Minimum Age: U7

Maximum Age: U18

U7-U18 Boys & Girls

10am - 3pm

1 day £50 - 2 days £80 - 3 days £100

Add-ons: Breakfast Club from 8:30 - Late Pickup til 5pm

Qualified and DBS checked coaches

First aid & Physio on site

After your booking you will receive an email to confirm your child(ren)'s details.

Please click here for further information <https://www.wegottickets.com/f/13178>

Family Fun with the Hedgehog Club this Summer

Sunday August 6th – Dinosaur Day

Where: At Hailey Community Wood

When: 10am to 12.30pm

What: We will have lots of dino fun. Can you be an archaeologist and dig for bones? Make some dinosaur eggs and build nests for eggs. You can also have fun den building, fire lighting, cooking on the fire and much, much more.

Hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits will be available.

Costs: £15 per child. (All children must be accompanied by an adult) suitable for children from crawling to 12 years old.



Monday 31st July, 7th August and 21st August Woodland Club

Where: Cogges Farm

When: 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm

What: outdoor fun for all ages- babies to 12-year-olds. Den building, muddy fun, bug hunting, marshmallow toasting and much, much more. £14 per child – all children must be accompanied by an adult. You also need to pay entry to Cogges for the day.

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TODDLERS & SCREEN TIME

The toddler years are full of excitement, exploration and energy. It's a critical time in children's development, when brain connections are rapidly forming. Youngsters often begin to discover devices around this age, as they learn to communicate with friends, play games and watch videos (Ofcom recently found, for example, that one in five 3-4-year-olds in the UK uses social media). These activities can make a child happy and relaxed but have a damaging impact if overused. Setting screen time limits for toddlers can be a challenge, so we've pulled together some suggestions for making sure your little one is interacting with the online world in a safe, healthy way.

ONLINE SAFETY CHECKLIST

✓ PARENTAL CONTROLS

Children need to be shielded from content that's not age appropriate. You can do this by adjusting parental controls and safe search settings on the devices, apps and games they use.

✓ ONGOING SUPERVISION

Try to stay engaged and present in what your child is doing digitally. Make time to talk about what they enjoy and how they can stay safe online.

✓ OFFERING HELP

Teach your toddler to ask for help – and that they should always tell a trusted adult if they're unsure about anything to do with a device, or they see or hear something that makes them scared or upset.

✓ COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Emphasise that your child should check with you before they do anything online for the first time – such as watching a new show, playing a new game or exploring a new app.

✓ FACE TO FACE IS ACE

Support toddlers' development of language and other skills by prioritising games or apps that encourage face-to-face interaction – like learning to read or count with an adult.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MODEL IT

Your toddler is watching and learning from you whenever you pick up your phone. Even babies are aware of screens and the attention their parents give to them. By showing you know when to put your phone down and focus on something else, you're modelling an important behaviour for them.

CONTROL IT

Use tech to control tech. Most devices and individual apps have settings that allow you to restrict screen time. Decide on the right length of time and use the settings or a timer to block access. This is especially useful for very young children, who simply see it as the device 'turning off'.

ANNOUNCE IT

When a toddler's screen shuts off suddenly, it can lead to frustration and tears. Let your little one mentally prepare for the end of screen time by announcing they have five minutes left, two minutes left and so on. You could also set an egg-timer, alarm or buzzer to go off just before time's up.

DELAY IT

Try to avoid letting children start their day with screen time. Once they're online, it can be hard to get them back offline – and can set a negative tone for the rest of the day. Routine and structure are important for toddlers, so encourage them to enjoy some other activities before the screens go on.

TRADE IT

You could try offering rewards and alternatives in exchange for screen time – for example, having a device-free day to get a playdate with a friend at the weekend, or skipping screen time one evening in return for a trip to the ice cream parlour tomorrow.

EARN IT

Screen time can definitely be used as a reward. You could opt for the classic "no screen time until you've tidied your toys" or you could get creative and award screen time in relation to successful tasks: eating all of their vegetables earns 10 minutes on their device, for example.

REMOVE IT

Keep family mealtimes, social gatherings, children's bedrooms and other important occasions and places screen free. Remember to turn off TVs that you aren't watching, because even background noise can distract from you spending quality face-to-face time with your young ones.

SWAP IT

Put together a bag of things that your children love playing with – and get them to help choose what goes in there (items like stickers, pens, small toys, Lego or teddy bears are ideal). Then encourage them to pick something to play with from "the special bag of fun" instead of staring at a screen.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is the director of FaceUp South Africa: a reporting system currently being used to combat bullying in schools and businesses around the world. FaceUp helps to give a voice to bystanders by encouraging them to speak up against unacceptable behaviour.



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<https://www.healthchildren.org/healthy-kids/for-parents/Digital-Agepegs> | <https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/data/arees/pdf/062024/24009/children-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2022.pdf>
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