

Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

25 September 2023

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LETTER FROM HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you all well. It feels very autumnal all of a sudden.

Secondary School applications:

Despite being the start of term, for parents with pupils in year 6 it is time to think ahead to year 7 and submit your application for secondary school places. Please follow the link below for details and deadlines.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/year-7-applications>

Harvest Festival:

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Thursday 28 September led by Rector Jeremy Auld. As in previous years, we will be supporting the North Oxfordshire Foodbank, who are a voluntary group formed by members of local Christian churches. Their aim is to provide food parcels to people within the Kidlington, Woodstock, Chipping Norton and Charlbury area. The parcels contain essential food for individuals and families in case of emergency, covering the time it takes for other social care infrastructure to come into play.



Please can we ask that all donations are brought to school on the morning of Thursday 28 September – a table will be available to place items next to the bike/scooter shed. Please follow this link to see the items they are currently in need of: <https://northoxfordshirecommunityfoodbank.org.uk/what-we-need>

Thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause – we know how important your donations are to them and the local community.

Blenheim Christmas Competition:

Calling all young artists, budding designers and costume creators...

This is your chance to win a very special Blenheim Palace Christmas prize for you and your family.

We would like you to imagine and design an amazing costume for one of the tiny mice who appear in the themed State rooms at the Palace this Christmas. This year, the theme is Sleeping Beauty, so we would like your mouse's costume to be inspired by the Sleeping Beauty story. They could be wearing a skirt, dress, hat, boots, a cloak, fairy wings, a onesie or even a tutu, as long as their costume fits the Sleeping Beauty theme. Use felt tips, pencils, crayons, paint or whatever other artistic medium you choose!

<https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/christmas/christmas-competition/>



Parent Survey:

Thank you to those parents that completed the survey at the end of last term. Your feedback is really valuable and contributes to our ongoing and strategic planning. Leaders and governors have reviewed the surveys and were particularly pleased with the responses below.

Question	Strongly agree/agree
My child is happy at school	100%
My child feels safe at school	100%
My child makes good progress	100%
My child is taught well	100%
The school makes sure children are well behaved	100%
The school provides an exciting and challenging curriculum that engages and inspires	100%
The school values children's wellbeing and mental health	100%
The school has a distinctively Christian ethos and clear values	100%

Homework, curriculum guidance for parents and some aspects of communication were raised as areas to improve. Planning to address these areas is already underway by leaders and governors.

School Expansion:

As you can see, building work is well underway. The temporary classroom on the key stage 1 playground is due to be removed over October half term, as Red Kites will be moving back into their classroom. We are also working with the contractors to expedite the removal of the WUFA building as soon as possible to give us more playground space.

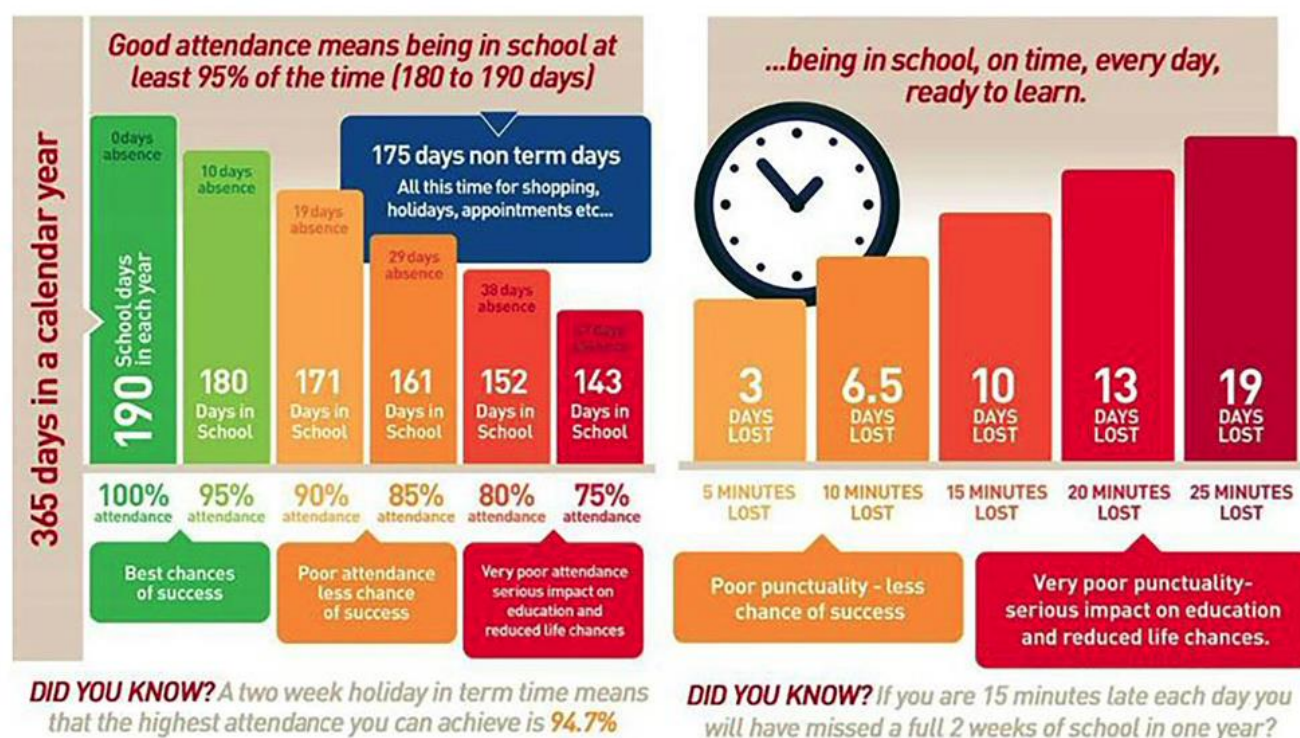
Attendance and punctuality:

We are delighted at how promptly the vast majority of pupils arrive for school. One of leaders' daily highlights is greeting pupils in the morning on the playground. Thank you for responding so well to the revised gate opening times.

I'm sure we are all aware that poor attendance limits pupils' life chances, impacts on their academic success but more worryingly adversely affects them socially and emotionally. We understand that children are unwell from time to time and would not want a child to be at school if they really shouldn't be. We would also like to remind parents that a child should be kept off school for 48 hours after a case of sickness or diarrhoea. Please see this link for further support and guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Pupils' attendance is reported in the snapshots at the end of each long term. Please see the graphic below to help to put the figure into perspective.



Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Christian McGuinness
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: 25/9/23		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: Exciting Exploration			
Biblical Link:	Genesis 1: 16-18 ¹⁶ God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good." (NIV)		
Christian Value:	Joy	<div>Invitation prayer</div> <div>Dear God, Thank you for creating the universe and everything in it, Thank you that there are so many wonderful and beautiful places for us to explore and enjoy, Help us to care for all creation, Amen</div>	
Understanding Christianity Theme:			
Worship Song:	He's got the whole world		

Our World



CHANDRAYAAN-3 LANDING TRAJECTORY DISPLAY

How important is space exploration?

Let's look at this week's story

In recent weeks, both India and Russia's space agencies have tried to send unmanned missions to the Moon. They were heading to the lunar South Pole, which is a less explored part of the Moon. Whilst Russia's shuttle crashed into the Moon's surface after spinning out of control, India has become the first nation to land near the Moon's South Pole. The mission, named Chandrayaan-3, has been declared a success as the Vikram lander touched down at the end of August. The lunar South Pole is covered by shadow and largely unknown.

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 get information about space exploration from the internet, radio, television, newspapers, books and other sources.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION



British Values

Individual Liberty

Exploring space can be exciting and helps us to learn more about the universe. We have a responsibility to consider the impact space exploration may have and manage any risks involved.

Quidditch Event

A group of children from KS2 were selected to take part in an exciting Quidditch event at the Marlborough School last week. The children had a fantastic time despite the inclement weather and enjoyed some time pursuing a very alternative sport!



Let's Tackle Online Hate Together



Make sure you know how to report content on any sites or apps that you use. Don't be afraid to report any hateful posts that you see.



Don't respond to the people posing hate: sometimes an ongoing conflict is exactly what they want. Instead, report, block and unfollow them.



Set a positive example through your own online behaviour. Before you post or share anything, ask yourself if you would say it to someone offline.



Show support for online campaigns against hate and 'like' posts that you see promoting positive messages. You could leave an encouraging comment, too!



If you see upsetting messages online, talk to your friends and family about them. Maybe take a break from the app or site you saw them on.



Remember that you have the power to shape your online world. Engage with posts or accounts that inspire kindness and connection, and block or unfollow the ones that don't.



6 WELLBEING TIPS

Here's a few tips for you to look after your physical and mental wellbeing, whatever is going on in your world!



FOCUS ON SLEEP

Sleep is important for your mental and physical health, so aim for around 6 to 7 hours of sleep a night.



KEEP UP WITH HOBBIES

Hobbies help keep us busy and improve our emotional wellbeing. Whether you like to draw, sew or cook, as long as you enjoy it that is what matters!



KEEP EXERCISING

Whatever exercise you like to do, whether it's hitting the gym or doing a home workout staying active is great for your mind and body.



GET LOST IN A BOOK

Not only will it keep you entertained, it'll keep your brain occupied and focused - win win!



EAT MORE FRUIT AND VEG

Make sure you are including 5 portions of fruit and veg into your diet.



HAVE A HEARTY BREAKFAST

Porridge is a great way to start your day and also helps boost your intake of fibre.

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