

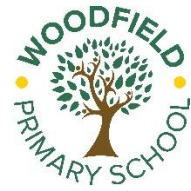


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Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's here!

The end of term has arrived and reflecting upon the school year, which seems to have flown by, I smile at the busyness of the year and all that we have achieved. We have celebrated and acknowledged numerous national themed days including Mental Health and Well Being day, Antibullying, Black History month, Book Week, NSPCC Christmas Jumper day, Internet Safety, Diwali, Eid-al-Fitr, Odd Sock day and not forgetting our memorable 'Make your Mark' arts week which will forever remain as a unforgettable experience. In addition, children have taken part in charity fundraising events, year group assemblies, educational visits and a host of sporting activities – all of which have demonstrated our children's excellent learning attitudes, keenness, enthusiasm and respect for the meaning and importance of the events.

Recalling my sentiments at the start of the year upon my arrival to Woodfield, I remain humbled by the children's politeness and respect. A visitor commented last week on the children's courteousness as when walking through the corridors, he was greeted many times with 'Good morning', enquiries of his day and a stepping aside to let him pass through doorways. Such actions epitomise the wonderful children we have which make up the Woodfield family.

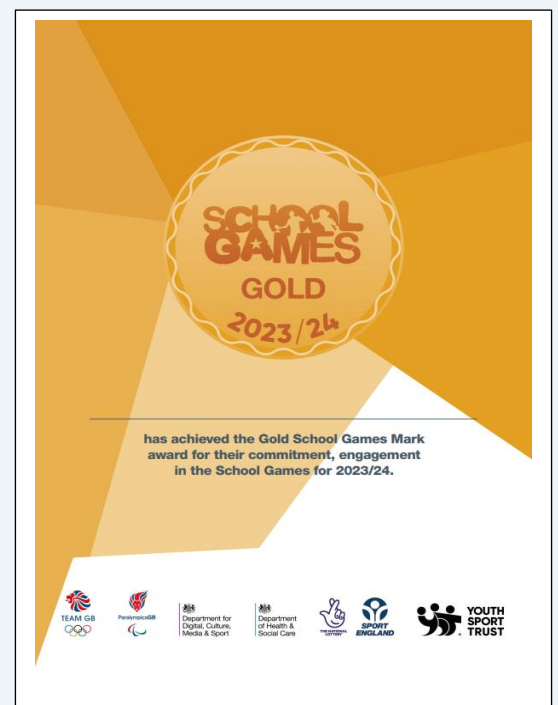
I would also like to express my thanks to you also for your support. We have endeavoured to plan opportunities for sharing our children's learning with you, valuing the relationship between you and our school. We look forward to inviting you into school further next year to curriculum workshops and events and I have already started the yearly calendar to share with you in September which will detail all the planned activities for you to join us and schedule into your diaries. Given the timings of the school day and of teachers' contracts, not all the times of our meetings will meet with your convenience but please do contact us and we will always ensure the information is passed on to you. Thank you.



I am thrilled to share with you our recent accolade of achieving the gold School Games Mark. This is a government-led award scheme, which was launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to PE and to the development of competition across school and into the community.

We are delighted to have been recognised for our success. In former years, we have been successful in achieving a bronze award for our sporting participation and engagement but I am thrilled with this year's result. Worthily, this acknowledges Mrs Bayliss' outstanding leading of PE and all that she does.

Such sporting activities and planning of the pop-up swimming pool and bikeability sessions, for example, further support the children's



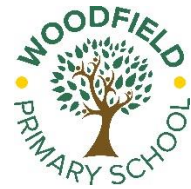


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learning, skills and development and enriches our children's experiences and enjoyment of this subject area. Thank you, Mrs Bayliss, and to all staff who support the events and most importantly, to our children who participate so willingly and with such enthusiasm.

As a reminder of my recent letter, we say goodbye to several of our staff and I would like to share my appreciation of their contribution to the life and success of Woodfield. A school's success and effectiveness lies within its children and staff; children and staff at Woodfield are outstanding and therefore, it is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to staff but we also share in their excitement for their promotions and seeking of new working adventures.

So.... a huge, gargantuan goodbye to:

**Mr Hawkins...Miss Challenger...Mrs Holliday...Mr Evans...Mrs
Jhamat...Mrs Parr...Miss Simmons**

On behalf of all children, staff and governors, we send them our mightiest best wishes for their new posts; we know they will be as great within their new roles as they have been at Woodfield.

We also say goodbye to Mr Wade who has been teaching within Year 4 and Year 3 and who has been supporting the school's leadership. Mr Wade is an associate assistant headteacher employed by St Bart's Multi-academy trust to work across schools in the Trust; we are grateful for Mr Wade's support and wish him well as he moves to another school to continue his supporting leadership role.

And Mrs Corbett... as I have previously written, we remain extremely saddened by the news of her passing and as a staff, we are very keen to plan something for school that will remain as a tribute and memory of her. She remains in our thoughts particularly as we plan the start of the new school year without her. Thank you for your passing on of your thoughts and condolences. They have been appreciated by all staff and have brought comfort to our feelings of sadness at this time.

Whilst saying our emotional goodbyes, we look forward to welcoming new staff to Woodfield: Miss Bahra, Miss Bradley, Mrs Gonsalves, Mrs Greer, Mrs Soori and Mrs Wootton, who I am sure you will get to know in the new school year.

In addition to saying our goodbyes and welcomes, I would like to say a heartfelt cheerio and good luck to our Year 6 children. We are very proud of them; we now wish them well as they prepare to embark upon the next stage of their learning journeys. Our wish is for them to seize all the new opportunities that will be presented to them in their new schools and as I have shared within my words at the end of their year performance, magpie-ing the words of Dr Seuss, children's author and cartoonist,

*'You have brains in your feet, feet in your shoes...you can steer
yourself in any direction you choose.'*

We also say goodbye to some of our Year 6 parents as today might be the last time they undertake the Woodfield journey to drop off and collect their son or daughter. Again, whilst thinking of saying our goodbyes to some of our parents, we think ahead to September time and to welcoming new children and families to Woodfield.

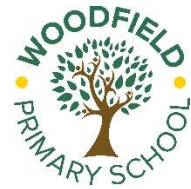


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In conclusion to this school year, on behalf of everyone at Woodfield, we hope you have a fantastic summer holiday with time to relax and be together as a family. School will reopen to children on Wednesday 4th September at the normal time of 8.30a.m. Until then, please keep each other safe.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

Best wishes,

S Arnold

An opportunity presented by Wolverhampton Music Services:



Send your children to a free, safe, outdoor festival at West Park on Saturday 3rd August.

A few weeks ago we sent a flyer for every secondary school age pupil in Wolverhampton to all local secondary schools. **(Primary school children can also attend but should be accompanied by an adult). Tickets are free but they must be booked in advance [HERE](#)**

The festival has perimeter fencing and security. 18 local providers and visiting artists are providing free arts and cultural activity alongside the main stage curated by The Music Service. There is dance, visual arts, music, karaoke, food, fitness and information stalls.

All children under 18 will receive a food voucher to buy discounted food from the providers on site.

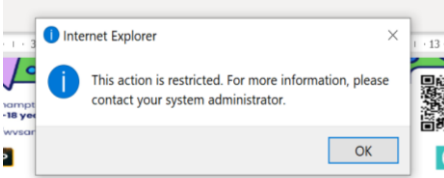
If you would like to know more about the festival, please contact Ros: wolvescep@gmail.com

Check out the social media with hashtag #WvSameDifference

Instagram <http://instagram.com/wolvescep/> @wolvescep

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