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W O O D B O R O U G H C E V A P R I M A R Y S C H O O L

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Welcome to the 'October' school newsletter. Term 1 has got off to a very good start and the children all appear to be happy and settled in their new year groups and classes. Half term is nearly upon us and there's lots to tell you about. Here goes...

Farewell to Mrs Budden and welcome to Mrs Hobbs

Earlier this term I wrote to tell you that Mrs Budden has chosen to retire at the end of the autumn term. I know lots of you have chatted to Mrs Budden since our announcement and she knows that she is going to be very much missed. She also knows that we're not planning to let her leave quietly and we'll be in touch soon to let you know more (without Mrs Budden knowing, of course)!

Since our announcement, Governors have been busy with the recruitment process for our new Finance and Administrative Officer and I am pleased to share with you the news that Mrs Karen Hobbs has been appointed to take up the position.

Mrs Hobbs lives locally and has current school-based experience in a very similar role. She is looking forward to joining our school and will be completing a thorough hand-over period alongside Mrs Budden next term. This means there will be lots of opportunities for parents to become acquainted with her before the New Year.

Road Safety Refresher

On Monday 28th September, all classes took part in refresher road safety training. All pupils put on their high viz jackets and walked from school to the Woodborough Social Club and back again.

Children were reminded to walk when coming and going from school, to keep their distance from the road, to stay close to their responsible adult (younger members of school were encouraged to hold their adult's hand) and to wait until Miss Dexter says it is safe to cross the road. Children were also reminded to be courteous to other field path users, to respect the residents of Smith Lane by using the path quietly and to be mindful of cars moving around the Social Club car park.

All pupils in school have been had their high viz jackets re-sized or new ones supplied to new-comers. Many thanks to the Finlay Foundation for supplementing our supplies once again this year. Please ensure that children are reminded to wear their jackets on a daily basis in an effort to be seen and stay safe.

Please DO NOT park in the bus pull-in at the beginning & end of school

The Governing Body have asked that I remind all parents that the use of the bus pull-in at the front of the school is strictly for the use of school transport only, at the beginning and end of the school day.

Other cars pulling in to the bus pull-in cause congestion and impede the flow of school transport and other road users. Further danger also occurs when these additional vehicles are then turned around in the bus pull-in.

Once again we would like to remind all parents that the best solution when transporting children to and from school is to park safely at the Woodborough Social Club and use the field path and the school crossing patrol.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place in the final few days of this term on

Tuesday 20th October, 3.30 - 6.00 pm

&

Wednesday 21st October, 5.00 - 7.30 pm

Lists of appointment times will be available inside the main entrance from Monday 12th. Please pop in and sign up or liaise with Mrs Budden who will make an appointment on your behalf.

Governors' Evenings

In addition to the usual class teacher appointments, representatives of the Governing Body will also be operating a similar appointment system on the evenings above, should any parents wish to speak to them. Sign-up lists for these appointments will be available from Monday 12th too.

Open Day

Friday 20th November

10.00 am - 12.00 pm &

1.30 pm - 2.30 pm

Please encourage anyone you know who might be looking for a school place, to come along and see our school in action.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 16th Oct: PTA PIZZA—Oak Class parents are invited to a social evening at 'The Ship' in Upavon from 7.30 pm. This is an opportunity to meet one another in a more social and relaxed setting.

Wednesday 21st October: Bonfire Mufti Day—Children to wear non-school uniform in exchange for items donated for Bonfire Night - more info coming soon...

Friday 6th November: Bonfire Night—Bonfire, Fireworks, BBQ, Mulled Wine... Doors open 6.15 pm

Friday 27th November: Christmas Fair in school

EVENT HELP NEEDED: We have good teams together for Bonfire Night, Christmas Fair and School Hampers, but need some help in the following areas. No experience needed, the core teams will provide all support:

Bonfire Night Team—to help build up and clear away the Bonfire—Saturday 31st Oct & Saturday 7th Nov

RECENT EVENTS:

Camping Night: Huge thanks to the Camping Night Dads who put on a great evening for the children. They raised £400. going forward we are looking to run this evening again for both KS1 and KS2.

AGM: Thanks to those able to attend the recent AGM on 23rd September. Minutes and Financial Statements will be available soon on the school website—PTA section. Any queries welcome.

Welcome to our new Treasurer—Lexie Warburg, Compliance Officer—Cath Poole, Communications Officer—Cat Burley and Tana Shanagher—Procurement, Officer. A massive THANK YOU was said to Jon and Liz Gray for being our long-standing Treasurer and Procurement Officer and for all the time, help and guidance they have given over the years. We also said goodbye to Julie Wakefield and Lesia Weremijenko as they step down from 'Woodborough's Got Talent' after three successful years, especially for the passion and commitment put into the event. Thanks were also given to Karl Lloyd for all his help with filming and website from previous years and to Jon Morgan for all his continued help and efforts with Bonfire Night fire and fireworks and summer fete games.

End of Summer Term Social 2015: KS1 parents enjoyed an evening in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support Night put on by some Maple mums. It was a great way to meet up over food and drinks at the end of the summer term and in turn raise £266 for a wonderful charity.

PTA SPEND: this month the PTA will be supporting refurbishment of the ICT Suite and new Library: £900, and usual payments towards swimming.

COMMITTEE: Please watch out for PTA communications from your class rep for your respective classes. We still have some roles to fill on the committee—details of these positions are on the PTA section of the school website if you're interested:

- Vice Chair
- Event Marketing

WATCH OUT FOR:

- **Northbrook Fundraising**—watch out for the Northbrook Christmas packs that will be coming out in October. Any orders will mean 22% cash back to the school funds.
- **MyArtProject.co.uk**—this is a brilliant project for the children who create artwork which is then transformed into quality personalised Christmas cards, greetings cards, gift-wrap, labels, writing paper, canvases, etc.

More details about all of the above notices and events are to be found on the school website

<http://woodboroughschool.org/our-school/pta> including 6 passive ways to do fundraising that may surprise you.

News from the Mobile Library Service

The new mobile library service timetable comes into effect from next month. It will be visiting the Social Club car park on Wednesday 14th October between 2.55 and 3.45 pm and then it will change from fortnightly Wednesday visits to monthly Monday visits beginning on 2nd November (same time slot). This time slot is for the benefit of children from our school and any parents and pre-school children who may be around before school pick-up.

We are keen to promote this service as widely as possible as we understand that it's continuity depends very much on it being used. Please help us to keep the regular visits from the mobile library service going!

Our pre-school taster sessions are up and running again this year. Please promote them to anyone that you think may be interested... Take a look at the 'Latest News' area of the school website for a glimpse of what went on when 'Muddy Wellies' came to visit last week.

Pre-School Taster & Transition Sessions



Our fun-filled and relaxed workshops are back again this year and we warmly invite you and your little ones to join us.

Come and see our school in action, meet new friends and chat to senior staff at all or any of the following sessions:



Tuesday 6th October, 10 - 11.30 am

Muddy Wellies - 'Seeds & Bulbs'



Tuesday 24th November, 10 - 11.30 am

Wiltshire Scrapstore - 'A New House for Mouse'



Tuesday 19th January, 10 - 11.30 am

'Woodborough's Own Edible Minibeasts'

To join us for any of the events listed please RSVP with names and dates to the school office on 01672 851305 or email: admin@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk

Parking will be at Woodborough Social Club, Smithy Lane, Woodborough, SN9 5PL

Items needed to equip our own 'mud kitchen'

Following the success of our pre-school session last week, Mrs Wright is keen to gather some specific items to put together a 'mud kitchen' of our own for children to use on their regular woodland visits. For the preparation of muddy recipes and culinary delights we need donations of any no longer needed: sieves, colanders, bowls, baking tins, whisks, ladles, spoons and mugs. These items need to be non-breakable, sturdy and substantial enough to withstand woodland play.

Please send any items into school for the attention of Mrs Wright.

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Mission Statement

Woodborough School is about...

- Christian caring
- Happiness
- Inspiring
- Learning together
- Diversity
- Rewarding
- Enabling
- Nurturing

School Website:

www.woodboroughschool.org

Diary Dates...

October / November

12 th – 16 th	Global Week
14 th	Year 5/6 netball fixture
15 th	Year 5/6 football fixture
16 th	School meeting, whole school, 2.30 pm
19 th	Year 2 & year 6 athletics fixture
20 th	Parents' evening, 3.30 – 6 pm
21 st	Parents' evening, 5 – 7.30 pm
	End of term 1
November	
2 nd	Term 2
6 th	Year 5/6 netball fixture
	KS2 School Meeting, 2.45 pm
	Bonfire Night
11 th	Year 5/6 netball fixture
13 th	KS1 School Meeting, 2.45 pm
20 th	Lime Class cake break
	PTA Coffee Morning, Social Club, 9 – 10 am
	Open Day, 10 – 12 noon, 1.30 – 2.30 pm
	Pre-school taster session, 10 – 11.30 am
	Governors' meeting, 7.30 pm
	KS2 School meeting, 2.45 pm
24 th	
26 th	
27 th	

2015 Secondary School Admissions

The Local Authority have asked us to remind parents of Year 6 pupils that the deadline for secondary school applications is **midnight on 31st October 2015**.

If parents miss the deadline their application will not be considered until after those who have applied on time have been offered a place. This could make a big difference to their chances of gaining a place at their preferred secondary school.

Applications can be made online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Lost Property

We currently have quite a lot of lost property in our lost property box, much of which was accumulated at the end of the summer term.

We will give the box a prominent position at the forthcoming parents' evenings so please have a look if you are missing any items of pupils' clothing (school uniform, outdoor coats, or other items).

Any items remaining at the end of this term will be recycled in the clothes bank.

Advice needed at school to save money and be eco-friendly!

Electricity, oil and gas cost our school £1000's each year, so we're looking at ways to reduce our energy use and reduce carbon emissions. If you have any expertise or ideas in this area and can help to advise the school on boilers, lighting, heating, solar panels or otherwise, please let Mrs Budden know.

Our successful blogs

You will hopefully be aware of the blogs that are being used across the school this year. They have replaced our class 'Year So Far Books' and are designed to give parents and other visitors regular insights into what is happening throughout the school.

A number of parents have signed up to follow the blogs are now receiving regular email updates about what's going on. If you haven't yet seen them, they can now all be accessed via the 'classes and curriculum' drop down menu on the front page of the school website.

Do sign up to follow the blogs of your choice—the children are very much enjoying reading the comments that people add in response to their posts.

School Meetings - Additional Dates...

'Global Week' School Meeting (Whole School), 2.30 pm	
Key Stage 1 (Oak, Sycamore & Maple Classes)	Key Stage 2 (Cherry, Lime (N), Lime (C) & Willow Classes)
13th November, 2.45 pm	6th November, 2.45 pm
11th December, 2.45 pm	27th November, 2.45 pm
20th November, 'Open Day', No School Meeting	
4th December, PTA 'Popcorn Club' No School Meeting	
18th December, PTA Hamper Raffle, 11.30 am	
School Term Ends at 12.15 pm	