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# End-of-the-Year NEWSLETTER

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*And just like that, our year comes to an end! Welcome to the final newsletter of 2021/22 and the end of another extraordinary year!*

*As we reach the end of term, PLEASE take a few minutes to read this final newsletter - we promise there is much to celebrate...*



**TIME TO CELEBRATE HURRAH WELL DONE CONGRATULATIONS GREAT NEWS WOODBOROUGH MAGIC!**

Contrary to recent national press headlines like *"Sats 2022: 'Disappointing but expected' drop in attainment..."* (TES, 5th July), we are delighted to share with you the news that our performance across the whole school was far from disappointing and should most certainly be celebrated!

Across the school and across the board, our results have surpassed Wiltshire Local Authority results and also the emerging National Results, and quite significantly so in many areas! [Follow this link to take a look...](#)

Moreover, some of this year's results: Early Years—Good Level of Development, Year 1—Phonics and Key Stage 2—Reading (at the Expected Standard and also at Greater Depth), have exceeded the very high standards that we'd achieved in summer 2019 – that were subsequently more widely recognised and applauded.

Continuing in the TES, July 2022, Schools' Minister, Robin Walker, had described results nationally as *"disappointing"* but that it was *"expected due to the impact of the pandemic"*. Geoff Barton, general secretary of the Association of School and College Leaders, said the figures reflected the *"very difficult circumstances affecting schools and pupils over the past two years"*. He added, *"the fact that maths and writing are down is very likely to reflect the huge importance of direct classroom teaching in these subjects - which has, of course, been heavily disrupted."*

Whilst our Woodborough School results in maths and writing reflect the national trend and are down on our last published results (summer 2019), we're proud to say they still remain above local and national levels of attainment.

**All of our children, staff and families should be thanked, congratulated and feel extremely proud.** Following-on from the previous couple of academic years that were disrupted by Covid-19, this year has not been without its challenges - our devastating fire, significant pupil and staff absence due to Covid-19 in the autumn and spring terms, and of course, the on-going challenges presented by learning, teaching and working on a building site!

**Once again, in another unexpectedly topsy-turvy year, the commitment and determination of the whole school community has shone, and together we've made it through—in true Woodborough School style!**

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*"Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible." - Barack Obama*

The success of reading across our school—from Early Years, through Y1 Phonics and across Key Stages 1 and 2 — is directly attributable to the importance placed upon it by our whole school community. Over the last three years we have been fortunate to afford the support of additional 'reading support assistants' - Mrs Barker, Mrs Gorvin, Mrs Milne and Mr Wilson. The success of their short but regular reading interventions is borne out by our outstanding results and we'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to them all.

This year, Mrs Gorvin has been deployed elsewhere in school, Mrs Milne was recently appointed elsewhere and at the end of this term, Mr Wilson leaves us to commence teacher training. Unfortunately, school budgets are directly linked to the overall number of pupils on roll, and more July leavers than September starters means our school budget for next year precludes us from replacing our reading support assistants. Instead, we're looking to recruit some willing and regular reading volunteers.

*Look out in September for news of a reading workshop for families and an additional one to train any much-needed and hugely appreciated volunteers!*

*Now for some sporting celebrations....*

**We are delighted to share the news that we have been awarded the School Games Platinum Mark Award – the highest of sporting accolades!**

Our PE and sport provision has been acknowledged as being extremely high quality and we have previously achieved the Bronze, Silver and Gold Mark Awards.

In order to achieve the Platinum Mark Award, we have had to achieve the Gold Mark standard for five years, demonstrating our commitment to physical activity and competitive school sport. This has been evidenced through our inclusive and exciting PE curriculum, in the range of after-school clubs that we have offered and the number of competitions that we take part in each year.

From our Y6 Sports Leaders, who work with children across the school at break and lunch times, our Y6 House Captains, whose hard work each year culminates in their brilliant support at our Sports Days, Mrs Barker and the amazing 'Golden Mile' support crews, Mr Tomlinson and Mr Little for their commitment to all things PE—around the clock and through school holidays too, to Mrs Crichard, our PE subject leader, who organises and delivers competitions, this has been a fantastic team effort and is the result of many years of hard work by current and past pupils, as well as clubs and organisations that we work closely with.

**Many, many thank yous and congratulations to everyone! #TeamWoodborough**



**A final sporting message from Mrs Crichard...**

*Be sure to follow coverage of the Commonwealth Games this summer—we'll be talking lots about them when we return in the new school year!*



**Goodness gracious... even more Golden Miles this year!**



**Before we share the following round-up of the summer term's Golden Mile we need to say an enormous THANK YOU to Mrs Barker for being the inspiration behind this amazing event once again this year. The time, energy and commitment she has given in pursuit of marathon miles has known no bounds and we are extremely grateful indeed! ☺**

We asked Mrs Barker if she would summarize the Golden Mile in a few words and this is what she said...

***It has been great to hold the Golden Mile again after a 2 year absence.***

***'More children, parents and siblings took part than ever before and an amazing 128 children completed their challenge (26 miles for Yr 2 and upwards and 13 miles for Yr R and Yr 1) and were awarded their trophies! In addition, 24 medals were also awarded to children who completed the Half Marathon and 10 km distance. All told, the children ran 3,622 miles, further than the distance between Woodborough and Cairo!***



***Huge congratulations to everyone who entered into the spirit of the challenge and an especially big WELL DONE to Lucy, Polly, Evie, Griff, Molly, Flo and Emily who ran on every one of the 37 possible occasions!***

***Finally, a very big THANK YOU to the adults who helped out—come rain or shine!***

**CONGRATULATIONS to MERCURY HOUSE!**



As winners of this term's House Point reward, they celebrated on Thursday afternoon with a water-fight on the school field—followed with ice cream refreshments.

**Special THANKS are due to Mr Tomlinson, Mr Wilson and Mr Silva who oversaw the event and enjoyed a good soaking too!**

## Staffing Update...

In our early July newsletter we shared news of our staffing plan for the new academic year. The final pieces of our teaching staff puzzle have now been confirmed (see below) and we're delighted to let you know that when Mrs Needham commences her maternity leave, and Mrs Crichard moves to Y4 from Monday—Wednesday, she will be joined by **Mrs Sarah Easton**, who will teach Elm Class every Thursday and Friday.

Mrs Easton is a highly experienced teacher who worked for many years at All Cannings Primary School until July 2020 and has since worked across other EQUA MAT primary schools in a part-time capacity.

Finally, we are equally delighted to share the news that when Mrs Crichard moves to Year 4, Mrs Barratt will be joined in Year 3 by **Mrs Kerenza Wellard**, who will teach Cherry Class every Monday. Mrs Wellard is another experienced EQUA MAT class teacher, who has completed a number of short-term supply cover days at Woodborough School over recent years.

**We are extremely fortunate and very pleased to have secured both of these appointments and will look forward to introducing Mrs Easton and Mrs Wellard to our families in the new term.**

Class & Year Group	Class Teacher	Support Staff
Oak (YR)	Mrs Parry	Mrs McCormick & Mrs Bishop
Sycamore (Y1)	Miss Papworth-Smith	Mrs Barker
Maple (Y2)	Mrs Johanson	Miss Reeves
Cherry (Y3)	Mrs Barratt & Mrs Crichard—Terms 1 & 6	Mrs Burley
Elm (Y4)	Mrs Needham—Terms 1 & 6 (Mrs Crichard & Mrs Easton—Terms 2, 3, 4 & 5)	Mrs Taylor
Lime (Y5)	Mr Dyson	Mrs Ellis & Mrs Hayes
Willow (Y6)	Mrs Wren (Mrs Turner)	Mrs Moore-Bethel
<i>Teachers' Planning, Preparation &amp; Assessment Time (PPA) - Mrs Butler, Mrs Barratt &amp; Mrs Crichard</i>		

## Building plans and works update...

We wanted to update you on our building plans and the repair of the fire damaged section of the school. As you are aware our school infrastructure currently comprises of three areas: the school building, the old porta cabins and the new porta cabins. The new porta cabins were brought in as direct consequence of the fire damage to the school building. **We are delighted to say that, currently, the refurbishment of the fire damaged part of the school is on schedule, and we hope and expect that it will be completed in time for the new academic year—hence the two additional school closure days on 1st and 2nd September.** This building work is a like-for-like replacement of the previous space, made up to modern building standards and we're very much looking forward to settling classes in and showing families around in the new term.



Before the fire struck, we were in the early stage of planning to replace our old porta cabins because we feel that these have reached the end of their useful life. The fire focussed our minds on this activity because we saw synergies were possible with the building work to replace the fire damaged part of the school - such as the potential to keep the new porta cabins in place to cover both building projects. We submitted a Condition Improvement Fund bid to the DfE to replace the old porta cabins with an extension to the school building. Those plans were agreed by the Parish Council and [planning permission was approved by Wiltshire Council](#).

At the end of Term 5 we were disappointed to learn that our CiF bid had been unsuccessful. An appeal was immediately made and as yet we await the outcome—due by the end of July. More information will be shared as soon as we have it... in the meantime, please keep your fingers crossed for some good news!



**Mission Statement**  
Woodborough School is about...

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



*Happy birthday to the following pupils and staff who have celebrated their birthdays since our last newsletter and will celebrate through the summer holiday:*

- Clara (5)
- Ezra (5)
- Joseph (10)
- Alfred (10)
- Augustus (5)
- Jacob (11)
- Hugo (7)
- Fenn (8)
- Jack (11)
- Finley (10)
- Leo (11)
- Rafe (6)
- Walter (9)
- Charlie (11)
- Max (5)
- Winnie (11)
- George (9)
- Arthur (9)
- Xander (9)
- Alex (7)
- Rosemary (11)
- Tomas (5)
- Ellie (10)
- Lilly (10)
- Monty (5)
- Lottie (6)
- Isabel (11)
- Theo (7)
- Mr Wilson
- Mrs Barker

*Finally, to the end of the year and...*

*Some fond farewells...*



*Jeremiah 29 v 11*

The end of the school year means that we say goodbye to the pupils of **Willow Class**, our **Class of 2022**, as they move to begin their KS3 education in their new schools.

So to **Leo, Charlie G, Aiden, Molly, Charlotte, Rosemary, Thea, Oscar, Ranulf, Charlie R, Nathan, Theodore, Finley, Bertie, Flo, Poppy, Jack, Riley, Ethan, Polly, Jacob, Amelia, Emily, Lillah, Bert, George, Winnie and Kacie** we send good luck and our very best wishes for the next stage of your learning, say thank you for all the fun and special talents you have contributed to our school and hope that you'll keep in touch and let us all know how you are getting on.

There are a small number of other pupils moving on from Woodborough School this term and as we say farewell to **Nate, Theo, Monty, Isabella, Maddison, Alice, Esme, Matilda, Boadicea, Rohan, Elsa, Georgie, Alfie and Arthur** we wish you every continued success and happiness as you begin life in your new schools.

Finally, we wish Mr Wilson a happy and successful time ahead as he commences his teacher training and thank him for the time and energy he's given in support of our children and staff.

We look forward to seeing the remainder of our pupils, our **new cohort of 20 Reception Class children** and our **other newcomers across other year groups** on **Tuesday 6th September**, for another exciting year of learning, and in the meantime **we wish all of our families a very happy and sunny summer holiday.**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** and a great many more...!



**Messages of thanks from the Governing Body**

The governors would like to say thank you and farewell to the Year 6 pupils. They have all contributed significantly to school life and will all be missed as they move to secondary school.

Best wishes to them all in their future endeavours.

Thank you to the staff for their hard work and thank you also to all the parents for their continued support.

**A huge THANK YOU to our PTA Volunteers**

The large amounts of time, effort and energy given by our PTA makes a massive difference to the experiences of all of our pupils and we are extremely grateful for everything they do. Once again it's been an unusual year and fundraising and event planning has needed to be adapted somewhat. However, we'd like to say thank you and how refreshing it's been to see a return to Popcorn Clubs, Easter Bingo, Freeze Pop Fridays and more. Thank you too, for the sterling efforts of the Heavy Lifters—both on site and on tour this year!



So as we end this academic year, we'd like to thank all our volunteers and say some extra special thanks to our elected committee members and their trusty support crew too. We wish you all a happy summer away from all things PTA and look forward to working with you again in September ☺

**And finally, from all of us to all of you...**

As another extraordinary year comes to a close we'd like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our school this year.

We believe that our school has something very special and that **'Woodborough Magic'** results from everyone working together - children, staff, parents, carers, PTA, governors, EQUA MAT and wider friends of our school alike.

This could not have been more true or more important once again this year!

