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New Academic Year NEWSLETTER

Happy New School Year!

A warm welcome back to everyone and an extra special welcome to pupils and families who are joining us for their first taste of our lovely school.

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the sunshine wherever you were.



This first newsletter of the school year is intended to share any news and information pertinent to the start of term and inform and remind about general school procedures.

Copies of all newsletters can be viewed on the school website. Class newsletters will also be circulated at the beginning of each new term and will provide additional class specific information.

Best wishes, Sarah Brewis - Headteacher

Building works update...

At the end of the summer term we wrote to explain that we hoped that the refurbishment of the fire damaged part of our school would be completed in time for the start of the new academic year. Unfortunately, despite the absolute best efforts of the amazing team of builders who have worked relentlessly throughout the summer holiday, the works are not quite at the stage where we can move in and immediately resume teaching and learning.



The reinstated classrooms, staffroom and resource areas have all been reconfigured and will provide far better appointed and brighter learning environments and working spaces. However, problems concerning availability of materials and delivery dates have brought slight delays and decorating, and final fixes are still being completed. At the end of last week, we made the decision to take a little more time to ensure a smooth transition into the reinstated areas—taking time to ensure IT systems are up and running, resources are sorted, new furniture has arrived, display boards installed, etc.. As such, we will take time during Term 1 to move gradually and effectively into our new spaces.

The summer newsletter also shared news of our unsuccessful Condition Improvement Fund (CiF) bid to the DfE to replace the old porta cabins (Elm, Lime and Willow classrooms) with an extension to the school building. During the summer holiday we were further disappointed to learn that our CiF appeal had also been unsuccessful. As a consequence, notice has been given to remove the temporary, newer porta cabins (Maple and Cherry classrooms) from our school site during the October half-term holiday. However, the good news is that Years 2 and 3 will be able to continue learning in those classrooms throughout Term 1 and help facilitate our steady and thorough move into the refurbished areas of school.

We will share moving-in dates in due course and are very much looking forward to arranging tours and welcoming visitors very soon.

The news above about our disappointing CiF result leads to an appeal for your help, please...



'Woodborough School DIY SOS' - 17th and 18th September - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND COME AND LEND A HAND

Following the news that our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils will not be looking forward to moving into new classroom accommodation in the foreseeable future, we are very keen to see if we can facilitate a more modest refurbishment of our own for them. We are sure that some remedial carpentry and a coat of paint to the outside of Elm, Lime and Willow classrooms, together with a coat of paint inside, the laying of some new carpet tiles (already sourced), installation of new roller blinds and some new furniture, will make a huge difference to the learning environment of our upper school pupils.

We already know that 'many hands make light work' and have received many offers of help and support to help restore our school site since the fire last autumn. Therefore, we'd like as many volunteers as possible to come along and join our very own 'Woodborough School DIY SOS' over the weekend of 17th and 18th September, please.

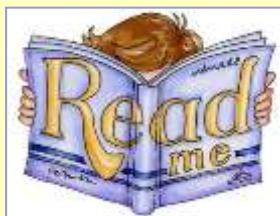
If you can spare some time to move furniture, wield a paint roller/brush, lay carpet tiles and other jobs various, or, if you'd prefer to help keep the volunteers fed and watered, we'd really appreciate your help, please. You don't need to spend the whole weekend at school but if you're able to commit some time, we'd really love to hear from you. **Please register your support via the 'Woodborough School DIY SOS' form on Weduc.** Once we know if there's sufficient support we'll make contact with volunteers and draw up a plan of action.

At the end of the summer term, we promised news of the following events...



**READING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS—THURSDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER,
1.30—3.00 PM, IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Join us for an afternoon of learning about how we teach reading across our school. Our event will be hosted by Mrs Parry (Early Reading Subject Leader) and Mrs Wren (English Subject Leader) and will take attendees on the journey - from learning to read through to developing comprehension and inference skills - which is experienced by the pupils at our school. Through a series of workshops, you'll be able to learn about the progression of reading skills and leave with some 'top tips' to assist with the enjoyment of reading with your child(ren) outside of school too.



We'd like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend—please sign up via Weduc so we know how many people to expect.

We know that our Oak Class pupils will still be attending on a part-time basis next week and we'll be running a small crèche on Thursday afternoon to enable their parents to attend.

**TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR REGULAR READING VOLUNTEERS
MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER, 3.30—4.30 PM, IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Mrs Wren and Mrs Parry would like to offer a warm welcome to all much-needed and hugely appreciated volunteers who will be able to offer their time, on a regular basis this year, to help us to hear our children read.

Please sign up via Weduc (and let us know if you'll need our after-school crèche too).



NOTICE OF A FEW MORE DATES TO SAVE—further details will follow in due course...

HARVEST & WELCOME SERVICE	'GLOBAL WEEK' CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY	'DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY DAY' CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
Friday 30th September, from 9.30 am, in the school hall.	Friday 7th October, 2.30 pm	Friday 14th October, 2.30 pm

**OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION & REMINDERS FOR THE
NEW SCHOOL YEAR...**

School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking very smart—thank you! In order to make sure any stray belongings make their way back to their rightful owners, may we remind all parents to make sure all items are clearly labelled.

Jewellery should not be worn for school. Pierced ears should only have small studs in and watches are brought in at the wearer's own risk.

School specific uniform such as polo shirts, sweatshirts, cardigans, PE t-shirts and book bags are available from [OHM Clothing in Devizes](#) and [Price & Buckland](#).

Non-specific uniform items, e.g. skirts, trousers, PE shorts, can be purchased from any uniform retailer.

The PTA organises regular second-hand uniform sales and dates are advertised.

Lost Property

Our Lost Property box can be found just inside the main front door, outside Miss Bolwell's office.

High Visibility Jackets

For a number of years, all of our pupils have been supplied with a high visibility jacket, to ensure they are able to be clearly seen when coming and going from school and also on school visits.

The jackets are supplied on a 'permanent loan' basis,

throughout the pupils' time in school and just need to be returned when the next size up is required, or when pupils leave us.

In order that we can make sure everyone has a jacket and that sizes are appropriate, we'd like to see all pupils wearing their jackets next week, so we are able to supply larger ones and order any additional jackets as soon as possible.

School Bus Transport

If you wish your child(ren) to travel home on the school bus, ***please be sure to confirm via Weduc by 12.45 pm daily.***

Medication

Inhalers for Asthma - in order for us to update our list, please would parents of children new to the school let us know if your child is asthmatic and needs an inhaler during the school day. Inhalers are kept in classrooms and should be clearly labelled and regularly checked. Thank you.

Reminder In order to comply with Local Authority guidelines our administration of medication in school is very limited. Medication will not be given to any pupil without specific written consent of a parent or carer. Please refer to the '[Administration of and Storage of Medication](#)' letter which can be downloaded from the school website.

Allergies - a small number of pupils in school may suffer extreme allergic reactions when exposed to nuts and products that contain nuts. With this in mind please remember to check that no such food items are sent into school with pupils for consumption at either break time or lunchtime.

Staffing Reminder...

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
Teachers' Planning, Preparation & Assessment Time (PPA) - Mrs Butler, Mrs Barratt & Mrs Crichard		

Travelling to school and parking...

As the new school year commences we would like to request that all visitors to school allow sufficient time to get to and from school safely and also take the time to park vehicles at Woodborough Social Club (using the designated spaces at the rear of the building and leaving the spaces at the front, along Smithy Lane, free to enable cars to pass one another).

Parking along the narrow lanes around the school and in front of neighbouring properties causes inconvenience to other road users, prevents the steady flow of traffic, can be very dangerous and frustrates local residents.

Please help us to ensure that the new school year brings a concerted effort from all of our school visitors to travel safely, park considerately and allow our neighbours easy and unhindered access to their properties and the roads that they live on.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.



Don't forget to purchase your 2022/23 PARKING PERMIT...

[Please follow this link to the Woodborough Club website and complete the application for this year's annual parking permit.](#)

Completed applications that have already been submitted are currently being processed and permits will be issued later this week / early next week.

School Meals

Our school meals are produced from our own on-site school kitchen by our own catering team.

Pupils in Oak, Sycamore and Maple classes are all entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals and meals cost £2.30 for pupils in Y3, 4, 5 and 6.

All orders should be placed via your Weduc account.

Please note that although meals can be ordered and purchased on an ad hoc basis (when the choices may be more limited), the preferred method of ordering is in advance on either a termly or weekly (£11.50) basis.

Please ensure that all completed orders are accompanied by payment otherwise meals cannot be provided.

[See more information and menus here.](#)

Fun Club

After School 'Fun Club' provides a fun, safe and stimulating environment for your child at the end of the regular school day. The club runs from 3:30pm to 6:00pm weekdays during term time and is based in the main hall and outside areas.

[Further information about 'Fun Club' can be found on the school website.](#)

Booking and payment for 'Fun Club' should be completed via your Weduc account. Please note that we require 48 hours notice of cancellations or booked places may still be chargeable.



Woodborough School's **Phoenix** **Colour Run**

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

10:30am registration

11.15am speeches, warm-up & start

5k, 2.5k and 1.5k routes – run/walk

**Followed by Summer Fayre: BBQ,
bar, stalls & inflatable assault course!**

£10 per family + sponsorship

*All proceeds to PTA. Price includes T-shirt,
sunglasses and medal for children!*

**Register now via Weduc
Entries close 9th September**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION FOR THE WOODBOROUGH SCHOOL COLOUR
RUN/WALK SHOULD BE COMPLETED VIA WEDUC. PARENTS WITH MORE THAN ONE
CHILD ON ROLL WILL FIND THE RELEVANT PAYMENT LINK UNDER THE ACCOUNT FOR
THEIR ELDEST CHILD.**

[FOLLOW THIS LINK TO VIEW FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE EVENT.](#)