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SUMMER!

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# NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the final newsletter of 2020/21 and the end of another extraordinary year!

Some fond farewells...



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The end of the school year means that we say goodbye to the pupils of **Willow Class**, our **Class of 2021**, as they move to begin their KS3 education in their new schools.

So to **Emily, Ned, Molly, Jamie, Luca, Edward, Hattie, Belle, Izalynn, Anabelle, Alfie, Sophie, Harry, Max, Tabitha, Tessa, Ellen, William, Inigo, Mollie, Honey, Luke and Thomas** 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 **Frances, Marcella, Evie, Annabel, Klara, Polly, Ruairaidh, Ophelia, Harriet, Sam and Nell** we wish you every continued success and happiness as you begin life in your new schools.

Of course, we also wish **Mrs Ashby a very happy retirement!** Thank you to everyone who helped to make her 'secret tea party' on Thursday afternoon so special.

We look forward to seeing the remainder of our pupils, our **new cohort of 29 Reception Class children** and our **other newcomers across all other year groups on Thursday 2nd September**, for another exciting year of learning, and in the meantime **we wish all of our families a very happy and sunny summer holiday.**

**Where there's a will, there's a way... and a whole load of Woodborough Magic!**

**Although this academic year has been somewhat topsy-turvy, the commitment and determination of the whole school community has meant that once again, we've made it through - and in true Woodborough School style...**

**Restrictions brought new school routines:** staggered times throughout the day, Parents' Evenings were held remotely and classes went on visits out, and welcomed visitors in, all online.

**Collective Worship was rethought and remained vibrant** - shared throughout the year (whether in-school or out) via Teams. Families and wider friends were able to join us for our Welcome and Blessing Service, Remembrance, KS2 Lessons and Carols, KS1 'A King is Born' Nativity and whole-school Christmas, Mothers' Day and Easter Services. Ever resourceful, Mrs Needham and our Worship Council made and sent out 'Christingle-in-a-Bag Kits', to enable families to join in with the Vale of Pewsey Team and National Christingle services. All classes contributed beautiful stained glass window collages for our part in the 'Streets of Light Advent Trail' and although we couldn't all attend church, Mr Carter created some beautiful nativity figures on our behalf, that were placed in the churchyard, for the whole community to enjoy.

**Class bubbles called for creative thinking**, but new ideas prevailed. Woodborough School 'ran around the UK' (combining laps of the running track, geographical research and writing for an audience in our weekly school newsletter). Themed weeks went virtual - 'Magnificent Maps' for our autumn Global Week and the masked reader, potato book characters and performance poetry during the spring term Book Week. We missed visitors and volunteers at Christmas, but we partied in our bubbles and enjoyed Christmas lunch too. Classes created Christmas gifts and sold them online, we watched 'Jack and the Beanstalk' via a special

streamed link and even arranged our Christmas postal service, so everyone could still send and receive cards. As the year progressed, we built snowmen, supported 'Odd Socks Day' and 'World Earth Day', compiled website galleries of our learning, held the 'Woodborough School Bake-Off Challenge', took part in the 'Big Garden Birdwatch' and the 'Spring to Life' project in Pewsey, completed 100 challenges for Captain Sir Tom Moore, joined in with Young Voices, competed in inter-house sports competitions and such a lot more!

**Our School Council kept us busy too...** we collected 101.7kg of contributions for the Devizes and District Foodbank, wore mufti for Children in Need, designed and carved pumpkins, learned to skip, completed a brilliant fundraising Skipathon and then turned our hands to healthy cookery.

**The collective minds of our PTA found new ways as well...** fantastic fundraising was maintained through online and inventive means: Christmas cards, tea towels, 'Best Dressed Christmas Trees', 'Make or Bake a Father Christmas', Christmas hamper raffle and of course, the completely brilliant 'Just One Book' project - which funded exciting sets of new books for all of the classes, ready for the children's return after Lockdown 3.

**Recent weeks brought increased resourcefulness and resolve, to make the end of the year as memorable and 'in person' as possible:** Ascension Day walk, Y5/6 residential visit, new parents' induction evening, Art Week, Y6 Bikeability, Y5/6 performances of Peter Pan, YR -Y4 visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park, a teddy bears' picnic for our incoming YR pupils, Y6 Leavers' BBQ, Sports Day, Mrs Ashby's surprise tea party, Y6 Leavers' Service in church and our final School Meeting of 2020/21.

**We did it together, we got there together and we'd like to say THANK YOU TO EVERYONE - for their parts played, contributions made, time, energy, belief and support - which all combined to create a job well done!**



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**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:*

- Leo (10)
- Rafe (5)
- Walter (8)
- Charlie (10)
- Winnie (10)
- Jamie (11)
- George (8)
- Arthur (8)
- Emily (11)
- Xander (8)
- Alex (6)
- Rosemary (10)
- Lilly (9)
- Ellie (9)
- Lottie (5)
- Isabel (10)
- Mrs Barker

**Rainbow and Multiplication Awards** successes this term...

**Fabulous results... well done everyone!**

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| <b>Red</b>                 | Alex B, Hugo  |
| <b>Orange</b>              | Alex B, Arthur C  |
| <b>Yellow</b>              | Edie, Ivo E, Alex H   |
| <b>Green</b>               | Edie, Ivo E, Klara, Toby, Ella  |
| <b>Blue</b>                | Gretel, Lucy, Ottilie G   |
| <b>Indigo</b>              | Gretel, Arabella, Jack, Ottilie G   |
| <b>Violet</b>              | Evie M  |
| <b>Bronze</b>              | Evie M, Theo, Leighvi, Ophelia  |
| <b>Super Bronze</b>        | Evie M, Christian, Michael, Harriet B, Polly H, Barnaby, Leighvi, Ophelia |
| <b>Silver</b>              | Harriet B, Riley, Esme, Nate  |
| <b>Super Silver</b>        | Leo, Molly H, Esme, Reuben, Nate  |
| <b>Gold</b>                | Charlotte, Emily, Molly H, Henry  |
| <b>Super Gold</b>          | Madeline, Isabella, Charlotte, Emily, Molly H, Henry                      |
| <b>Headteacher's Award</b> | Aiden L, Florence, Jack   |
| <b>CHAMPION'S CUP</b>      | Joseph  |

**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 must say thank you for the great successes detailed overleaf, the sterling efforts of the Heavy Lifters, the recently reinstated 'Freeze pop Fridays' and the forthcoming camping weekend.

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!

**Thank you ALL for your support for EVERYONE this year!**

