



# Woodsetts Primary School Newsletter – Summer 2 2018

## **Message from the Chair of Governors**

As we approach the end of the school year, we are aware that parents are asking what will happen in September 2018. Rest assured that the Trust is currently working on several scenarios with the senior leadership team and the governors. We ask for your patience and will let you know more within the next few weeks.

## **Welcome Back**

We hope everyone had a lovely spring break and enjoyed the sunshine. As we head towards the end of this academic year, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their support over the past months. We are proud of all of our pupils, what they have achieved, and their excellent attitude towards learning and school life. This achievement is made possible by a dedicated staff and the support given by all in our community. We look forward to the next academic year and continuing to move forward in our success; we remain committed to each individual pupil, and seek to ensure their academic achievement and personal growth. 'Reach for the Stars'.

During the last half term, great fun was had by all at the EIS, with competitive prowess being put to the test. Well done to all those who took part and made it around the 200m track, jumped in the huge sand pit and took part in a variety of testing activities. A huge thank you to Mr Ross, Miss Greig, Miss Fretwell, Mr Kay with Dinnington High School and a great team who put together such an enjoyable and successful event. Thank you also to those parents who were able to come and support the event, especially those who gave it their all in the celebrated 'Parent/Teacher Race!'

Our celebratory and entertaining class assemblies began with a bang! Songs, retelling of texts and amazing work completed throughout the year was on show for all to enjoy. Please see the 'Key Date' section for those remaining assemblies to come.

A huge well done to our Y6 and Y2. We are immensely proud of your attitudes, maturity and hard work in the run up to and during SATs.

Finally, after all that hard work, our Y6 were let loose on their residential. They visited Kingswood near Doncaster, where they had a fantastic time, even when orienteering in the pouring rain!

## **Dolce**

Can we please remind parents to cancel any meals ordered if their child is absent for any reason. Any meals ordered and not consumed are then charged to the school diverting much needed funds. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Polite Notice**

We ask that pupils do not bring mobile phones to school or take them on school trips. On rare occasions that pupils may need to bring a phone to school, they must take these to the reception on arrival where they will be switched off and kept. Pupils may then collect their mobile phones from the reception at the end of the school day. Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage to a mobile phone whilst the device is on the school premises.

### **Reminder**

For all communications, please email the school office and not individual members of staff. Thank you.

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### **Family Support Drop-ins**

If you have worries or questions around sleep, eating, challenging behaviour, housing, debt, tantrums, tears and trauma or anything else then drop in to the Community Room and have a chat with Rosa, a family support worker.

The sessions will be the **first Wednesday of every month, 2:30pm until 3:30pm**, beginning on the **6<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. For further details please contact Mrs Hessey.

### **PE Kit and lessons**

It has recently been brought to our attention that pupils are continually forgetting to bring their PE kits to school. PE is part of the national curriculum, therefore, pupils cannot choose to opt-out as PE is a statutory requirement. The only instances in which a pupil will be permitted to miss PE are if they are injured or ill and they have a signed letter from either their parent/carer or a medical professional. PE lessons have a multitude of direct benefits for pupils, such as promoting a healthy lifestyle. At Woodsetts Primary School, PE lessons are taught with the following aims in mind:

- To meet the requirements of the national curriculum
- To encourage physical activity and exercise
- To build self-esteem, confidence and resilience
- To develop pupils' academic, social and physical ability
- To encourage good behaviour and respect amongst pupils
- To promote team work and cooperation amongst pupils

With these aims and the benefits that PE has in mind, I urge you to ensure that your children attend school with the appropriate PE kit. ***This includes a white polo neck/ crew neck T-shirt, plain black shorts, trainers for outdoor games, plimsolls for indoor PE (Health and safety reasons) and a plain tracksuit for winter. No jewellery is to be worn and long hair needs to be tied back. If earrings cannot be removed they should be safely taped as appropriate.***

Please be advised that the school cannot accept pupils failing to bring in their PE kits. If a pupil forgets their PE kit, brings in inappropriate clothing or cannot provide a signed letter to exempt them from the session, they will be provided with a spare kit to ensure they can still participate in their PE lesson and a letter will be sent home to parents. Please see the timetable below so that you can work with your child in developing their independence and responsibility in remembering their own kit.

FS1- Wednesday	Y1- Wednesday/Thursday	Y3- Wednesday/Friday	Y5- Monday/Tuesday
FS2- Friday	Y2- Wednesday/Thursday	Y4- Monday/Tuesday	Y6- Monday/Friday

### **After School Clubs**

Last half term, the school offered an exciting opportunity for the children to take part in a science club. Those who participated had the opportunity to get involved with some hands on activities and investigations as they explored the world of science. The children took part in a thrilling array of

experiments from making a set of lungs to creating their own bogies! As one child said, "I liked Fun Science because it is fun and you get to do science". The club has been a huge success and we look forward to the return of Fun Science next academic year.

Sports, Spanish, Singing, Early Birds and Late Birds continue to be available. Please contact the office if you wish to find out any further information.

	Catch up/ Stretch/Homework	Arts	Sports	Recreational	Breakfast Club	After School Club
Summer 2	Early Birds daily – before school booster group Late Birds daily (RM Maths/Lexia)	Tuesdays 3:30-4:15 Y4,5 and 6 Spanish Club Mrs April Bell  Friday 3:30- 4:30 Y3-6 Singing Club Mr Jamie Brown	Monday- Competitions Tuesday 3:30- 4:30- Lacrosse Y1-Y6 Wednesday 3:30- 4:30-Girls only football KS2 Tennis Y1-6 Thursday 3:30- 4:30- Multi Sports KS1 Friday 3:30-4:30- Rounders Y2-Y6		7.30am- 8.40am daily	3.30- 6.00pm daily

Musical Instrument lessons within the school day

## **Education Update**

### **A broad and balanced curriculum**

Here at Woodsetts Primary School we put creativity at the heart of teaching and learning. We believe that children who think creatively and independently are more likely to discover things for themselves, to be open to new ideas and to be motivated to work beyond lesson time to pursue topics of interest. Allowing children to think and work creatively develops self-confidence and builds up key learning skills e.g. how to manage their own behaviour, their understanding of the learning process, their preferred learning style, their ability to think systematically, and to manage information and to learn from others. We believe these key skills and attitudes are best developed within a motivating cross curricular thematic approach. Our aim is to create a rich and varied curriculum, meeting national requirements but uniquely developed by us. Teachers are encouraged to think creatively when planning a term's work in all subjects – to make connections between subjects, to take risks, and to be innovative.

Ofsted evidence shows that the best primary schools achieve high standards in literacy and numeracy by celebrating all subjects. A rich diet of learning experiences is undoubtedly the best way to develop well-rounded, happy individuals.

To find out more about your child's curriculum visit their class webpage for an overview of areas covered.

### **Arts Week**

This half term we will be holding our first Arts Week in school. This will include a French Day, Music activities and working alongside the art teacher and students from Dinnington High School to create a whole school project on the work of Franz Marc.

### **School Visits last half term**

The school firmly believes that trips and educational visits are powerful, positive teaching tools that help enhance the social, personal and emotional development of all learners. They provide extra stimulation in new environments and can help teach life skills, build on social skills and improve independence and self-confidence.

We thank parents for their voluntary contributions towards these educational visits, without which, the visits would not be able to go ahead. Any financial losses for contributions that are not paid are incurred by the school. For your information, please see the costs incurred to our school for these visits below:

Year 1 Flamborough £16.20

Year 3 Shakespeare Workshop £19.00

Year 4 Tropical World £37.50

#### Key Dates

**Monday 4th June 2018**- School reopens

**Friday 8th June 2018** - Y4 Class Assembly @9

**Wk Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**- Y1 Phonics Screening

**Tuesday 12th June 2018 @9am** –Y4 Father’s Day Assembly

**Tuesday 12th June 2018 @3.10pm** –Y6 Father’s Day Assembly

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018**- Y3 Shakespeare Festival at Rotherham Civic Centre

**Wednesday 13th June 2018**- Y2 trip to Knaresborough Castle

**Wednesday 13th June 2018**- FS2 Ophthalmologist in, please ensure you have returned your forms.

**Wednesday 13th June 2018 @9am** –Y3 Father’s Day Assembly

**Wednesday 13th June 2018 @3.10pm** –Y5 Father’s Day Assembly

**Wednesday 13th June 2018** – Y6 transition to Wales High School

**Thursday 14th June 2018 @9am** –FS2 Father’s Day Assembly

**Thursday 14th June 2018 @3.10pm** –Y2 Father’s Day Assembly

**Friday 15th June 2018**- *Parent Workshops begin*

**Friday 15th June 2018 @9am** –FS1 Father’s Day Assembly

**Friday 15th June 2018 @3.10pm** –Y1 Father’s Day Assembly

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018**- Y6 SRE parents’ meeting

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**- Y4 Carsington Water trip

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018**- FS 1&2 trip to The Deep

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018** – Y5 Class Assembly @9am

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018**- Y1 trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

**Wk Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**- Arts Week begins

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**- Y1 Parent SRE meeting @8:50

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018** – pupil morning transition to new class

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**- Y2 Parent SRE meeting @8:50

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018** – Y6 transition to Portland

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**– Y6 transition to Portland

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**– Y6 transition to Dinnington High School

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Y3 Parent SRE meeting @8:50

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Y4 Parent SRE meeting @8:50

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – Y6 Prom 6-8

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Y5 Parent SRE meeting @8:50

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – Y6 trip to Gulliver’s Kingdom

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – Music Festival

**Wk beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July**- Healthy Schools Week

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Y5 Bikeability begins

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- KS2 SATs Results drop in after school

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Potted Sports, *pupils only*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – Y5 transition to Portland

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – Y6 transition to Dinnington High School

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 @9am-11am** – Traditional Sports Day, *All Welcome*

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018 @9**- Y6 Leavers Assembly, last day for pupils transferring to Wales High School

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Pupil reports sent home

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – pupil morning transition to new class

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 @9am-11am** – Traditional Sports Day Reserve

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Meet the Teacher meetings @9am/Meet the Teacher Day

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018** – Prizegiving assembly, *pupils only*

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018**- Last day @1.30pm Picnic and Summer Fayre

	<p><b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – INSET DAY</b>  <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – INSET DAY</b>  <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – School opens</b></p>
<p><b><u>FS1 &amp; FS2 Stay and Play Dates</u></b>  Friday 29th June 2018 - FS1 new starters - 9.30-10.30am  FS2 new starters and current FS1 - 9.30-11.30</p> <p>Friday 6th July 2018 - FS1 new starters - 9.30-10.30am  FS2 new starters and current FS1 - 9.30 -12</p>	
<p><b><u>School Council</u></b>  This half term, the School Council has worked alongside Mrs Gray to work on how they would like to improve wet play and dinner times. They are currently making an inventory of what activities and games we have in each classroom. They are then going to look at what other resources they would like. They are also doing their own research into wet playtime ideas.</p>	
<p><b><u>PE Update</u></b>  Well done to all of the pupils who have taken part in competitive sports at Dinnington High School over the past half term. The school has had some great results that we can be extremely proud of. Two 2<sup>nd</sup> places in both the netball and orienteering and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the fustal competition. This half term will give the children the opportunity to experience competitive netball and rounders, taking on teams from schools in our local area.</p> <p>Sports Day, weather permitting, will take place on <b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 9am</b> with a reserve date of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. We welcome all parents to come along and support the children. Children only, will also be participating in a potted sports event as part of Healthy Schools Week.</p>	
<p><b><u>Charities</u></b>  The school has worked incredibly hard over this past year supporting a range of charities both local and national. Our overall amount donated this year is £1110.86. Thank you all for your support!</p>	