



# Woodsetts Primary School



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*"To inspire and innovate creative learners to be ambitious in all the challenges set before them".*

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the last term of the academic year. We hope you have all enjoyed a fabulous half term and are ready to embrace the wonderful learning opportunities that this term has to offer.

### Last term's news.

Well done to all the Y6 children for working hard during their formal SAT exam week. The children really worked hard, and team spirit was high. Staff, parents and wider community also contributed by promoting well being and calm for the children. The results will be available in mid July. They will be shared with the children and their new comprehensive school. Secondary schools use the SAT results and teacher assessments to set and organise their classes for September. GCSE target scores will be set from primary scores.

### Staff update

We are pleased to welcome Miss Mathews back to school from mid June. She will have a phased return back to work and initially will support Miss Sheppard in Y2 for 3 days a week. Miss Sheppard will remain in Y2 until the end of the academic year. In order to meet her health requirements, Miss Mathews has requested a change of role. Accordingly, she has requested a transfer to Anston Brook on a job share / part time teaching role. The governors have accepted this request.

Miss Mathews says:

*"I am really excited about coming back to school at the end of June, I cannot wait to see you all. I have missed everyone and everything. I shall be coming back for a few mornings and days initially as part of a phased return. I am feeling much better but I have made the decision that whilst I continue to get back to full health I am going to take a step back and have asked to work part time from September at Anston Brook back in Foundation which is familiar to me. I have loved every minute of my time here at Woodsetts and want to thank you all for your support over the years. Looking forward to seeing you soon."*

From September we welcome Mrs McFarlane as our new Y6 teacher. Mrs McFarlane is a highly rated Y6 teacher with many years of experience. Finally we welcome Mrs Bates to the office team, she will join Mrs Ousley and Mrs Conlon and work part time. Mrs Boden-Hook is now based full time at Anston Brook.

### Classes for the next academic year

This year, due to the large number of Y6 children not transferring to Dinnington Comprehensive school we have decided not to run the three week pre-summer induction for all children as we have done in previous years.

Logistically it is too complicated to organise and staff properly.

The staffing structure for Woodsetts for next term is:

FS1	Miss Plant & Mrs Shaw
FS2	Miss Braidley & Mrs Willey (a.m.); Miss Braidley & Miss Plant (p.m.) Miss Baker will float between FS1 & FS2
Y1	Miss Richardson & Miss Gallacher
Y2	Miss Sheppard & Mrs Smith
Y3	Miss Kent & Mrs Walker
Y4	Mr Brightman & Mrs Marwood
Y5	Ms Akhtar & Mrs Dickinson
Y6	Mrs McFarlane, Mrs Lamkin & Mrs Westerby

Mr Steadman will continue to teach whole school PE and lead after school sports until 4.30pm daily.

Mrs Holden will support the Federation SEN (non class based). If you have any SEN concerns, please contact her directly via email at [wophholden@rgfl.org](mailto:wophholden@rgfl.org) or telephone the school office.

Mrs Willey will lead safeguarding. Please telephone the school and choose her direct extension number from the options given.

Mrs Shaw will lead pastoral care and New Day.

On the 10th July we will send your child's academic report home. Inside the report you will find a letter from your child's new teacher informing you about their background and expectations for next year. You will also find a list of activities prepared for your child's transition day on the 17th July.

Parents are invited to come and meet their child's new teacher on Friday 17th July at 9am-9.45am in the school hall. Parents with children across numerous classes will have the opportunity to meet and greet all their children's teachers at 9.45am in the hall for a 15 minute welcome.

### **Congratulations**

We congratulate our student teachers Mr Newton and Miss Sheppard for achieving their QTS following their years placement with us. We wish them well in their careers, Mr Newton leaves us on Friday 12th June.

### **PTA**

A big "thank you" to the PTA and staff who gave up their free time to organise and manage the school disco last half term, which raised over £300. Funds raised have contributed towards a new PE team strip and beanbags for the writing hub.

Unfortunately the school discos are currently under review because of health and safety issues.

The PTA do a super job raising money for school funds. Please see the school website and click onto their link [www.woodsettsprimary.co.uk](http://www.woodsettsprimary.co.uk) if you would like to join them. Many of them have children currently in KS2 who will be moving on to secondary schools in the near future. We need some new parents from FS and KS1 if we are to keep the PTA events going. Come and join in - make new friends and support the wider community. The next meeting is on 17th June at 6.30pm, at the Butchers Arms.

The next event being organised by the PTA is the Year 6 Leaver's Prom, on 25th June at Firbeck Village Hall.

### **Polite reminders**

A few years ago the school and local community spent a weekend creating a garden in memory of a former pupil James Dexter. The garden is a peaceful space where we encourage the children to reflect and use with respect. Some very kind parents tend to it weekly, taking pride in the space. Sadly some children are using it before and after school as a play area and trampling on the plants. Please can you support the school by NOT allowing your children to use this area around the school day. The school playground is not a park area and should not be treated as such. Some parents pay for after school care and the school grounds are used by those children in Kids Club after school. It is therefore important for safeguarding reasons that everyone leaves the school grounds promptly at the end of the school day unless they are participating in an after school event. Children should be reminded not to ride scooters or bicycles in the school yard. Also dogs should not be brought onto the school premises under any circumstances.

Football and toys should also not be brought from home. During school breaks and lunchtime we provide balls and equipment for the children to play with. This ensures the children do not fall out about who owns the toy and also avoids accidents caused by hard footballs brought in from home!

Children are allowed a healthy snack at break time (please leave in your child's lunch bag/snack bag and place on the class lunch/break trolley each day). Children are encouraged to bring water bottles from home, filled with pure water. Please send them full each day and store them in your child's table drink carrier. Children can refill them if necessary at the school cool water drink dispensers, situated around school.

Please support the national political agenda, for a healthier nation, by only sending pure water, and fruit for break time (no chocolate or sugar drinks please).

We are encouraging the Y6 Smoothie Bar team to think more creatively about their 'health message' in the food they sell to each class too!

Thank You for your understanding and co-operation.

### **Music**

The school vision has always been for all children to have the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument for pleasure. We have a dedicated music room within school for children to have class and 1:1 music tuition. If you are interested the cost is currently £84 a term. This year's music festival will be on the 16th July at 2pm in the hall. Should your child want to perform, play or sing at the festival then please let Miss Kent know.

To encourage the children to have the opportunity to learn to read music and play an instrument we are in discussion with a national music company. Our vision is that families could learn to play an instrument together and practise together at home. Eventually we plan to have a combined child and parent orchestra.

This year some of our children have played their instruments as musical accompaniment to the rest of the school as they come into the daily assembly. If you would like your child to take part then please let us know. Indeed, if you play an instrument yourself or are in a band, sing or are in a dance group then please let us know- come and perform in assembly and inspire the next generation to learn the wonderful art of playing a musical instrument.

We still need a pianist in school and are happy to pay someone for a weekly slot! If you are interested please call into the school office. Music, rhyme and rhythm all support learning to speak, read and write. We are desperate to encourage more singing of nursery rhymes etc. especially in our Foundation stage. Parents would be welcome to join in too. Can anyone help us?

Our school is taking part in the BBC '10 pieces' programme. See the website for more information. The aim is to educate the children about famous composers, national music and genres of music in a bid to inspire creative talent for the next generation. Mrs Marwood and Miss Kent lead the popular weekly after school choir. If you would like to join them (parents too) please see the school website link for after school clubs or email Mrs Dickinson - after school co-ordinator.

### **Governors**

We welcome Mrs Booker and as parent governor. Councillor Mallinder, will represent the Local Authority. They can all be contacted through the school office.

### **The Writing Hub**

Thanks to the hard work of the team the 'hub' is nearly complete. As part of the drive towards inspiring creative writing and launch of the area we thought we would run a school writing competition. Families are encouraged to write a story, poem, book review, newspaper report or anything they are inspired to write about at home. Please post entries via the school office -closing date is Friday 10th July.

All entries will be judged by Open Minds Theatre Company (who teach Y3 Shakespeare drama) with a prize of £100 vouchers. They will official open the writing hub on the 17th July. Winners will be invited to receive their prize during the ceremony. Everyone's contributions will be collated into a hard backed book and published. We will sell them as part of our new outdoor book club from September- run by class 6 after school.

### **Library**

Mrs Taylor has very kindly volunteered in the school library for a couple of years, for which we thank her very much for her hard work and commitment. Unfortunately, due to work and other commitments she will no longer be available to help in the library. We are therefore desperately seeking other volunteers to help, for one hour each week, 3.30-4.30pm. If you think you can help, please contact the school office.

The library bus visits school every week. It took a lot of persuasion to encourage Rotherham library service to bring the mobile library bus to Woodsetts school. It would be wonderful if more children might access this facility. If you would like your child to have a library ticket then please download a form from our website or speak to the school office.

### **School Dinners**

The local authority supply all our school dinners, and have recently notified us that from September 2015 the price will increase to £2.00 a day. All dinner monies should be placed in a clearly marked envelope, with the child's name and class, and handed directly to the class teacher please, not the school office.

### **Chickens**

The chickens are back from their winter holiday! We have a nice new coup for them partly funded by the PTA. Mr Herrick must be thanked too ( a parent) for making a wonderful enclosure to give the chickens more freedom to roam around!

### **ICT news**

Please log onto the school's website to follow your child's ' live' learning journey. Also, follow us on Twitter- log on now and share our school day. Read for instance about the mayor's visit to meet the school council to discuss British values, and Careers Day (another successful event this term, led by many of our wonderful parents, from engineers at Rolls Royce to nurses, estate agents and even a tax inspector.)

### **Curriculum news**

This term KS2 will take part in the Rotherham festival which runs from 8th—20th June.

Y3 will take part in the Shakespeare play The Tempest. Parents are invited to watch the final performance at Magna on 23rd June. Limited tickets are available through the school office.

Y5 will take part in ' picture this' where their work will be show cased—parents are more than welcome to join us for our staff meeting on the 8th June 4-5pm at the New York stadium to share Rotherham's schools creative talents. Woodsetts and Brook Federation will have a stand.

### **Parental Communication**

This term half a dozen parents have continued to be randomly selected weekly through the text message service and invited to meet the headteacher over a cup of tea ! The 'afternoon tea' slot has continued to prove a useful tool for parents to share their views, thoughts and ideas to improve the school. Look out for your invite this term.

Mrs Stones and Miss Plant also run a monthly parent forum. Please come and join them to share your views and ideas. From September they will send out a monthly 'topic for debate'. The newsletters will highlight the topics so you can prioritise those meetings you wish to attend.

Mrs Newton-Crofts is our parent governor responsible for feeding back general parental conversations, worries, ideas and solutions. She also monitors the school website- any worries, issues or concerns please contact her via the school office.

Issues raised by parents this term:

Q. I often lose letters and forget times, dates etc- please can you put a copy of all letters sent home on your website's home page?

A. Great suggestion. Mr France our ICT consultant has already actioned this.

Q. Can you recommend anything I can do/purchase etc to support my child at home?'

A. Should any parent want further activities to support their child's learning at home our school website has lots of links and ideas. For example, try the calculation page on the home page- you will find our Y6 children teaching us how to do maths at different primary levels. The main skills to teach your child at home is to practice reading with them regularly and learn their times tables.

We do have a school book shop in the main entrance should parents want to purchase any test books, etc. These books have been specially selected to represent SAT/ test type questions which are often word/ number problems.

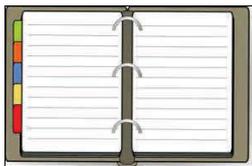
Q. I can't access some log—ins to support my child's home learning

A. Mr France our ICT consultant is always available after school on a Wednesday should anyone need 1:1 support. During the 'Meet the Teacher' session on the 17th July your child's new class teacher will demonstrate to you how to navigate the school website, demonstrate homework links and show you how to get the best from the home school diary.

Thank you to all the children, parents/carers, volunteers, governors and staff for working so hard this year. We hope you have a wonderful summer.

Reach for the Stars.

## Diary Dates



- 10th June** Y6 SRE Parental Video at 9am
- 11th June** Y6 (& some Y5) Bikeability Training—remember bikes and helmets & store bikes outside class 5
- 12th June** Y6 (& some Y5) Bikeability Training—remember bikes and helmets  
Y5 Parents' Assembly at 9am in the hall—all welcome

**15th June** Y1 National Phonic Screening Test all week—results will be sent home with your child's record of achievement

**17th June** New FS1 - Presentation Evening for Parents at 6pm

**19th June** Father's Day Assembly at 2.30pm in the hall—all dads, granddads and carers welcome

**24th June** Art Exhibition at school, 3.30-5.30pm. All welcome to view and buy your child's artwork

**25th June** Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9am—parents / carers welcome

Y6 Leavers' Prom, organised by PTA—at Firbeck Village Hall, 6-8pm

**26th June** SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN—Inset Day—Staff training

**29th June** Y1 SRE Parental Video at 9am

**30th June** Y2 SRE Parental Video at 9am

**1st July** Y3 SRE Parental Video at 9am

Parent Forum at 2.30pm in Kids Club—all welcome

**2nd July** Y4 SRE Parental Video at 9am

**3rd July** Y5 SRE Parental Video at 9am

**7th July** Y6 SATs results day—drop into school to collect them between 4-5pm (any left will be posted)

**8th July** One Voice Concert—children leave school at 2.30pm and return approx. 8.30pm. Due to safety reasons, all children **MUST** return to school on the coach and be collected by parents at school, not at the venue. Concert starts for parents at 6.30pm (choir children only)

**9th July** New FS2—Meet the teacher Day and Parental Lunch—10.30am—12.30pm (Parents have been formally invited)

**13th July** Healthy Schools Week—a variety of activities for children in school to promote healthy living. Please see website for details.

**17th July** Whole school— Meet the Teacher Day—Parents welcome 9am-9.45am

**20th July** **LAST DAY OF TERM**—Traditional Sports Day (FS1&FS2—9.30-10.30am; KS1 & KS2—11.am—12.30pm) followed by Picnic in the Park at 1.15pm . Parents/Carers are welcome to watch the sports & join in the picnic.



## After School Clubs (3.30-4.30pm)

**Monday** Football for Y3,Y4 & Y5 — Rotherham United Community Trust — (8th June to 13th July)

**Tuesday** Y1 & Y2—Sports Club (Striking & Fielding games) - (9th June—14th July)

**Wednesday** FS1 & FS2—Sports Club (Tennis skills) - (10th June—15th July)

**Thursday** After School Choir

Y3 & Y4—Sports Club (Rounders) - (11th June—16th July)

Contact Mr Steadman or Mrs Dickinson for further details about our after school clubs.

## Class Trips & Topics this Half term

**Year 2**—Friday 12th June—Knaresborough Castle—Castles and Knights topic—leaving school at 8.45am, returning approx.3.45pm

**Year 3**—Tuesday 23rd June—Shakespeare Performance at Magna—leaving school at 8.15am, **collect your child from Magna after performance ends at 9pm**—you will be notified of a collection point in due course

**Year 4**—Friday 12th June —Yorkshire Wildlife Park, Doncaster—leaving school at 9am, returning approx. 3.30pm

**Year 6**—Wednesday 17th June—Gullivers Kingdom - leaving school at 7.45am, returning approx. 5.15pm

**Last day of term is MONDAY 20th July 2015 —school closes at 3:30pm**

**Have a fantastic summer break**

**The new year starts Thursday 3rd September—Following 2 INSET days Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd**