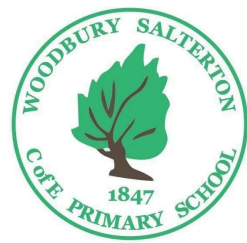


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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy start to the school year and it has been fantastic to see the children settling into their new classrooms, learning new routines and showing such enthusiasm for their learning. Last week was 'welcome week' and the focus had been on new beginnings for them and the school as it takes on a new adventure with The Link Academy Trust.

We have lots of exciting opportunities coming up over the next few weeks, beginning with a Key Stage 2 cross country event followed closely by a touch rugby competition as well as many school trips! More information to follow soon!

In the meantime, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new pupils and their families - welcome to the WSPS family!

Miss McManus
Head of School



As we start our new term and the children are visiting out libraries to choose their Accelerated Reader and Reading for Pleasure books, it is an ideal time to remind ourselves why reading is so important.

The skill of reading is the foundation for all other learning. Exposure to a range of stories, books, texts and genres is vital for improving vocabulary and learning skills across the curriculum.

As you can see, just 10 minutes a day can make a big difference. Please talk to your child's class teacher if you would like some support with this.

We will be incentivising this for the pupils!

If they complete 5 reads a week (and they are recorded in their reading records) they will be entered into a draw. The names will be drawn in Friday's collective worship and the children will win a 'cake and a story' with the Head of School!

Join the PTA!



Our fabulous PTA team are looking to expand so that they can organise even more fundraising and amazing events for our children! If you are able to volunteer even a few hours a term please do get in touch!

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On Monday 23rd September, the induction of the new Reverend Lewis Eden is taking place at 7.30pm at St Swithun's Church, Woodbury. It would be great if anyone wishes to join to welcome him to our community. Shortly after, we look forward to welcoming him into our school family and getting to know him better.

'Inspiring one another to live life in all its fullness'

John (10:10)

***'Serve one another in love.'* Galatians (5.13)**



In our Collective worship this half term, we will be focussing on the value of service. The children will reflect on what service is and how they can use their talents to serve others and make a difference.

Please read the poem below with your child and discuss the ways that they can use their gifts and talents to make a difference in the world.

Service is

Spending time on others

Enjoying giving help

Responsibility in action

Volunteering willingly

I second, you first

Committing to a task

Everyone offering their talents and gifts.

Please do let us know if your child performs any acts of service out of school so that we can celebrate this in our celebration worship.



Let's Celebrate!



We listen to each other.
We try our best and work hard.
We are friendly, kind and helpful.
We keep ourselves and other safe.
We are polite and have good manners.
We inspire each other with our efforts.
We respect our environment and other people.



This year, all of our weekly certificate winners will be linked to our school LIFE aims and can be awarded a certificate for showing one of the qualities on the left.

Last week our winners were:

Acorns: Rowan

Saplings: Luke

Oak: Guy

Oak: Cleo

This week's winners are:

Acorns:

Saplings

Oak:

Oak:

A huge congratulations to each of them!

Online Safety - Tips for using and Reviewing Parental Controls

With most children today having their own phones, computers and other devices, it's vitally important that parents and educators know how to keep young people protected while using them.

Between targeted adverts, age-inappropriate content, and other online safety concerns, it can sometimes feel overwhelming to keep on top of. Parental controls, present on most devices and several apps, can make this job significantly easier – but a certain amount of knowledge is required to use them effectively.

This free online safety guide will provide you with the information you need to activate and maintain parental controls on children and young people's devices. www.nationalonlinesafety.com

BE SMART ONLINE

- S SAFE** Keep your personal information safe. After chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be used to trick you, and where you store too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.
- M MEET** Chatting up with someone you only know online, even in front of a friend, can be dangerous as the person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photographs of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk.
- A ACCEPTING** Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.
- R RELIABLE** You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check the links and talk to someone about what you have found.
- T TELL** Tell a trusted adult if something or someone online makes you feel upset, worried or confused. They could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline - 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk.

BE SMART WITH A HEART
Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

WWW.CHILDNET.COM

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts **BUT** every minute is equally important!

Attendance Really Does Matter!

I just wanted to share a big thank you for working hard on getting your children to school on time. Attendance figures are already up, but we need to continue to work together to ensure our children get the best education!

Important Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th September	Pupils First Day
16th September - 21st October (Mondays)	Monday Multi-Skills Club (3.30 - 4.30pm)
Wednesday 25th September	KS2 Cross Country Event, Bicton
Monday 7th October	Year 5/6 Touch Rugby Tournament, Exmouth
Thursday 10th October	'Wear it Yellow' for Mental Health Awareness
Thursday 17th October	Young Playleader Conference
Friday 18th October	Harvest Festival Church Service
Thursday 24th October	School Closes for half term
Friday 25th October	Non-Pupil Day
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	Half Term
Monday 4th November	School Opens after half term
Tuesday 12th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 14th November	Parents Evening
Friday 22nd November	KS2 SEND PE Festival
Thursday 12th December	Christingle Evening Celebration
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Tuesday 17th December	Christmas Nativity
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term
Monday 23rd December - Monday 6th January	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 7th January	Non-Pupil Day
Wednesday 8th January	Pupils First Day back



Lastly....don't forget to check out our school Facebook page to see all the learning and exciting things your children are getting up to each week!