

**DON'T FORGET WE
BREAK FOR 1/2 TERM ON
FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER.**

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WOODSTONE NEWS

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WELCOME

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school after the summer break. Despite the difficult times we are all experiencing we have tried to make the experience here at Woodstone as 'normal' as possible for the children. Whilst acknowledging the need to be as covid secure as possible it has also been important to ensure children are not made anxious by the current situation, as this can have a lasting negative effect and really impact on their learning.

As well as welcoming new children to our Reception Class we have also welcomed some new members of staff. Many of you will already know Mr. Brewin, but if not, he has now taken over as the teacher of Year 3. Mrs. Leaney, an experienced teacher of over 10 years, is working in Year 1 and Year 2 on a Wednesday and Thursday respectively. Mr. Martin is covering Miss Daley's maternity leave and has been a great addition as a teacher in Year 6.

This type of newsletter is an important form of communication. They are published regularly and will be found on the school website www.woodstoneprimary.co.uk. We will also be emailing the newsletter to you all. If you would like a paper copy please give Gill in the office a ring.

Please remember, that despite the safety measures we have in place we do all want to be as accessible as possible. Teachers are outside every morning if you need a socially distanced conversation. We also have the class emails e.g. reception@woodstone.leics.sch.uk, year5@woodstone.leics.sch.uk etc.

We are all looking forward to a safe but busy term. Thank you for your support.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October

October has been chosen by the Local Authority 'Choose How You Move' (CHYM) team as Active Travel Month. Each week there will be a different theme and we are beginning with 'walking'.

Walking is the most popular mode of active travel to get to and from school, however it has steeply declined from the last generation to the current. Research shows walking to school to not only have a positive impact on children's health, but also supports concentration and behaviour.

On Tuesday 6th October we will be holding our Happy Shoesday. This is a day where pupils can wear any footwear as long as they walk to school (shoes they can actually walk in are preferable!)

CHYM are also running a Weekly Competition – take part in Happy Shoesday during walking week, tweet a photo to @CHYMLeics or @LR_Sport of some of your best footwear on Happy Shoesday using the #HappyShoesday and be in with a chance to win a Scoot Pod for your school!

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Thank you to all our parents/carers for helping to make Woodstone as safe as possible during the current pandemic. It has been really noticeable how you are trying to keep to the measures we have put in place i.e.

- **Maintaining social distancing on the playground**
- **Following the one way system**
- **Sanitising hands upon entry to the playground**
- **Adhering to the staggered drop off and pick up times**
- **Limiting the time you spend in the school building**



Some of our Year 6 children who last week completed their Bikeability training with Leicestershire County Council.

WOODY'S

From next week (week beginning 28th September) Woody's will once again be providing tea for the children who attend in the evening. Look out for the email you received on Thursday 24th September.

PARENTS EVENINGS - Tues. 13th & Thurs. 15th October

Don't forget to book your parents evening appointment via the link you have been sent by text or email (any problems please ring Gill in the office). We are looking forward to meeting with you but please remember the guidelines we have in place:

- Only one parent /carer to attend please
- If at all possible please leave children at home
- Please adhere strictly to your time - don't be too early and please don't be late
- Please enter the classrooms via the playground
- Please remember to wear a mask

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED COOPERATION & SUPPORT

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We are going ahead with school photographs this year. However, there will be a couple of differences.

Unfortunately, we won't be able to have toddlers/babies taken as we normally do. We also won't be able to have siblings taken together. Basically, all photos this time will be individual!

The date will be **MONDAY 12th OCTOBER**



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to our very own Mrs Marshall who recently successfully completed her Level 3 Diploma Supporting Teaching and Learning. Fran works at Woodstone both as a midday supervisor and in the classroom.

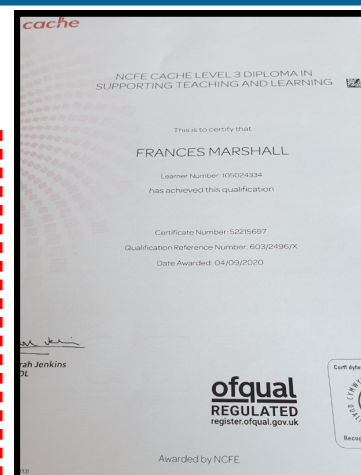
INSET DAYS - TEACHER TRAINING

Please note our Inset Days this academic year may be slightly different to other local schools. We have already had two of these days back in August but dates to put in your diary for the future when school will be closed for children are:

FRIDAY 28th MAY 2021

MONDAY 12th JULY 2021

TUESDAY 13th JULY 2021



TIME TO GET READING

We had a nice surprise last week when we received 60 free books for our Reception and Year 1 children.

The book, *The Runaway Pea* came courtesy of the Arts Council of England and the BookTrust. It is about a pea who wants an amazing adventure...will the pea survive the dangers of the dog bowl, the mousetrap and the toaster or will he meet an unhapPEA ending?!

Pictured are two of our new children enjoying their new books.

The BookTrust is all about getting children reading and is a great place to look for great book ideas and top reading tips. If you have 5 minutes take a look at booktrust.org.uk and then go to 'books and reading'. If you scroll down you will see 'recommendations'. They recommend books for babies to teenagers.