

# **VOODSTONE NEWS**

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## 'Some Sad Farewells'

As we approach the end of the school year, it's natural to feel a mix of emotions—and this year is certainly no exception. In fact, it feels more poignant than ever as we prepare to say goodbye to four valued members of staff, three of whom have been part of the Woodstone family for many years.

Miss Williams has been an incredible asset to our school community for 20 years! A dedicated team player, she has supported almost every event and has been a fantastic colleague and a highly respected class teacher. Her contribution to school life and sporting life has been immense, and she will be deeply missed by staff, families, and children alike.

We're also bidding farewell to Mrs Hooton, though her next chapter might not be quite as restful as she may hope—her granddaughter is sure to keep her on her toes! I first met Celia when she appointed me back in November 2005 during her time as Chair of Governors (yes it's Celia you have to blame!). From the start, she was a strong and thoughtful leader, always a voice of reason and a passionate advocate for both children and staff at Woodstone.

Mrs Shepherd began her journey with us as a volunteer and gradually took on increasing responsibility, both in the classroom and through her valuable work as an ELSA. Her intuition, and ability to support children through difficult times have had a real impact. She will be missed by many of our pupils who found a safe and supportive space in her care.

Lastly, we say goodbye to Mrs Springthorpe, one of our midday supervisors. Although her time with us has been shorter, we are delighted that she has secured her dream role as a science technician at South Charnwood School. Congratulations and best of luck, Charlene!

To all four members of staff leaving us-thank you. You have each contributed so much to our the Woodstone community, and you will be very much missed.

The Key Stage 2 SATs results arrived in school yesterday and although we haven't had time to do a lot of analysis the headline figures are really pleasing. In Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling 87% of children achieved the expected standard. In Reading 87% and in Maths 74%. Well done Year 6!

(Read Page 2 to find out all about our Year 6 presentation evening)

## WOW! ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Congratulations to these children who achieved an amazing 100% attendance!!!!

In Reception - Don & Elsie Prew

In Year 1 - Rory

In Year 3 - Freddie (for the second year running!) & Iona

In Year 4 - Alfie-James

In Year 5 - Beatrix & Lottie

In Year 6 - Hallie & Harriet

These children all received a certificate and a £5 WHSmith book voucher. Read page 3 to see all our fantastic children who achieved 99% attendance or better.

#### FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF '25

It was once again a pleasure to present a number of awards at the Year 6 Leaver's Play and Presentation evening on Tuesday 8th July. **Every** child was presented with a beautiful dictionary with a personalised name plate in the front which the children will be able to treasure for a number of years. I still have mine from primary school which I was proud to show off again during the evening!

The first was a Special Achievement Award voted for by the Year 6 children themselves. They vote for someone in their class who has been a good friend, been kind, loyal, helpful and is generally popular with their peers. The winner of the girl's shield was **ANNIE CLARKE** and the boy's was won by **LEO SYMONS**.

The second set of shields were Citizenship Awards. These are given to a boy and girl in Year 6 who have shown great kindness around school, helped with a variety of jobs in a responsible way supported the younger children, shown good manners and generally set a good example to others - basically acted as a good citizen! The winner of the boy's shield was **ASHLEY BEEKEN** and the girl's trophy was shared by **OLIVIA LIDDELL & EMMA CONWAY.** 

The third set of prestigious shields handed out at the evening were won by **ANNABELLE WROOT** and **HARRY YOUNG.** These awards are voted for by <u>all</u> the staff who work in school. The shields are given to children who have consistently worked hard, been impeccably behaved, made good progress, represented the school in a mature and sensible manner, set a good example to others and generally been a top student whatever their ability.

We also gave out shields for academic achievement. These were given to the children who made really good progress, from whatever their starting point, during Year 6. The winners were:

Reading — HARRIET CORDON & THABANI CHIKOORE

Writing — OLIVIA LIDDELL

Mathematics — BETH NICKELS & ELA GRYNIEWICZ

Science — LUCAS MORGAN & BARNEY RICHMOND

The next shield was an award for an element or elements of the creative arts. We pride ourselves on the Art, Music, Drama, Writing opportunities we offer the children here at Woodstone. The winner of this prestigious trophy was **LOTTIE BELL** who is well known throughout school for her artistic skills, her piano playing and her incredible creative writing ability.

Finally, we also hand out two Sporting Achievement shields. The boy's trophy was shared by **EDWARD WOOD-INGS & CHARLIE JARVIS** and the girl's was won by **EMMA CONWAY**. These children have not only taken part in many sports events during their seven years at Woodstone, but also shown determination, turned up week in week out for practices, helped and encouraged younger children and often given up their own time at week-ends to take part in sporting activities, shown great sportsmanship.

## WELL DONE TO ALL OUR WINNERS AND GOOD LUCK TO <u>ALL</u> OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN TRANSFERRING TO SEC-ONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.

A huge number of families are also leaving us after many years of having children at Woodstone. We would like to say a sad and a fond farewell to the families of the following children:

Ashley Beeken, Lottie Bell, Annie Clarke, Merryn Clarke, Emma Conway, Harriet Cordon, Lottie Dawes, Faith Francis, Daisy-Rae Grewcock, Ela & Leo Gryniewicz, Charlie Jarvis, Alesha Kumar, Lucas Morgan, Amelia Pollard, Emily Ridgway, Leo Symons, Rose Wass, April Wileman, Edward Woodings (after 13 years!)

Thank you for your fantastic support over the time your children were at Woodstone.

DON'T FORGET THE CHILDREN START BACK TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 26th AUGUST. Remember the register is taken at 8:55am. Thank you.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE CHILDREN WHO ACHIEVED 99% + ATTENDANCE**

(This equates to two or less days off school in the whole academic year)

**RECEPTION: Oakley, Benjamin** 

YEAR 1: Penelope

YEAR 2: Penelope, Joshua

YEAR 3: Arley, Reuben, Willow, Evan, Isabella, George I

YEAR 4: Albert, Arthur, Ons, Jessie, Charlie

YEAR 5: Toby, Douglas, Blake, Liam

YEAR 6: Ashley, Barney, Joshua, Alisha

Well done to all these children. You should all be very proud of your attendance this year.



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