



# WOODSEAVES C.E. ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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**'Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.'**

**Ephesians 4:32**

Well, we are all patiently waiting to say that Spring has sprung, however it seems more like April showers at the moment! We have had a busy start to the half term with Class 2 having a fantastic experience at Blists Hill museum and there have been some wonderful homework projects heading into school. We have some very creative families!

I am sure you are all a little jaded by the news coverage of Covid-19, however I wanted to reassure that as a school we receive daily advice from the DFE and Public Health England. All children will be washing their hands on entering the school in the morning as well as after breaks and sporting activities. We are also sharing informative handwashing videos with the children to encourage the correct method of washing. As a school, we have a contingency plan which is linked to the Government's response. I know there has been talk of schools shutting for two weeks to reduce the spread of the virus in the news, if this does become a directorate from the Government we will let you know immediately as well as provide access to learning materials for all pupils. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with me. Our value has now changed to **UNDERSTANDING**. If you have been in the school hall recently you will have seen a rather peculiar display which features a bucket. This is because we have read 'Have you filled a bucket today?' which is a lovely book focused on filling each other's invisible buckets with kindness and understanding. We are encouraging children and staff to write down when someone has shown an act of kindness or understanding to them and pop it in the bucket for recognition during collective worship.  
Michelle Easthope, Headteacher.

## DIARY DATES:

Wednesday 11th March – SPORT RELIEF 5K—children can wear sports clothes all day

~~Friday 13th March—Years 4 and 5 to NEC Big Bang Fair CANCELLED~~

Tuesday 17th March – Year 5 to Gnosall Fire Station— SAFE AND SOUND EVENT

Wednesday 18th March – Mother's Day Lunch

Thursday 19th March – Church Club 5.30—6.45pm

Friday 20th March - Book Fayre in School Hall after school—3.20pm

Monday 23rd March – Reception and Year 6—Heights and Weights check

- Second chance to catch the Book Fayre after school

Tuesday 24th March - School Disco 5.30—7pm

Mon 30th + Tues 31st March—BikeAbility for Year 5

Tues 31st March—Year 6 Pupils and Years 5 + 6 Parent Workshops re Social Media

Wednesday 1st April—BikeAbility for Years 3 and 4

Thursday 2nd April— 9.30am Easter Service at Knightley Church. OPEN TO ALL

Friday 3rd April— EGGSTRAVAGANZA day—Last day of term

Monday 6th—Friday 17th April EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 20th April— BACK TO SCHOOL

Tuesday 21st April—Academy Photography in—Class groups and Leavers

Thursday 7th May—Festival of Britain Picnic Lunch—more details nearer the time

Friday 8th May—Bank Holiday and VE Day—School Closed

Monday 11th May—School open to all—Start of SATs week for Year 6

Mon 25th—Fri 29th May—Half term

Monday 1st June—INSET DAY so school closed to pupils

Tuesday 2nd June—School open to all

### AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

After School Clubs for this half term are as follows:

- Monday—Football with Mr Newey— for Years 1—6
- Tuesday- Badminton/ Table Tennis with Ben, Progressive Sports for all children
- Wednesday- Tennis with Impactful for Years 1—6
- Thursday- KidKrew Film and Animation Club for Years 4,5 and 6 only.

### SPORT RELIEF

On Wednesday 11th March we are asking all children to come dressed in sports clothing for Sport Relief. Trainers are a must. There will be a special sport relief assembly after lunch, followed by a fitness warm-up and then at 2.30pm we will all gather on the sports field for a 5Km run.

Everyone is welcome to join in. Family members will be able to gain access to the school playground via the side gate where you will be able to join the children for 2.30pm. A small cash donation will help support the children and of course raise money for a worthy cause.



### BOOK FAYRE

To promote and encourage our children to read we have organised two book fayres in school. The first is on Friday 20th March and the second is on Monday 23rd March. Both book fayres will start straight after school at 3.20pm in the school hall. For each book sold, the school will receive commission which we will use to purchase additional reading books for each classroom.

### MOTHER'S DAY—Wednesday 18th March

Jane is cooking up another special lunch to help celebrate mother's day. Don't forget to return your slip and payment please via ParentPay.

### HEIGHTS AND WEIGHTS CHECK

The National Child Measurement Programme team will be in school on Monday 23rd March to record the heights and weights of all Reception and Year 6 children unless they receive an opt-out form from parents. Please return your opt-out form as soon as possible if you do not want your Reception or Year 6 child weighed.

### BIKEABILITY

The BikeAbility team are back in school from Monday 30th March to Wednesday 1st April to help our children with their cycling skills. This year they are extending their service to include the Year 3 children. Please return your consent forms as soon as possible to the school office.

### TERM TIMES

Please be aware that term times are now on the school website under the PARENT tab—School Calendar. The calendar includes dates into 2021 for those parents looking to book events in the future.

### BREAK SALES

Cheesy oatcakes are now on sale from the kitchen! Children will be able to enjoy an oatcake for 70p.

Other break sales items are still available ie:

Toast 20p    Teacake 35p    Crumpet 30p    Milkshake 60p    Juice 30p    Milk 20p

Jane is also appealing to parents that any request for a daily packed lunch is submitted to her on the packed lunch selector form no later than the Thursday before the week the cold lunch is required for. Copies of the packed lunch selector form are kept in the school office if you wish to collect one or would like one placed in your child's school bag.

### BARN DANCE AND SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Please put the weekend of 17th/ 18th and 19th July 2020 in your diary as there is to be a fun weekend in the village. It all starts off with a Barn Dance during the evening of Friday 17th July at Hollies Farm and the scarecrow festival will be on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July. The theme this year is "TO INFINITY AND BEYOND".

### SOCIAL MEDIA WORKSHOPS



We have arranged for a representative from our IT provider Conzero to come in and talk to our Year 6 pupils AND Class 3 parents about the difficulties faced by all with regards to use of social media and apps such as WhatsApp and Tik Tok as well as hidden apps. Please come along to be able to help your child navigate this complicated subject and make the internet a great and safe place for them to be.

