



Headteacher's Newsletter no.2

15th October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hope you are enjoying our new-look newsletters!

Mrs Lee has been visiting different year groups to take some photos for our new updated website, which will be launching soon. I am delighted to be able to include some of her professional-looking photographs in this newsletter. They really are fantastic and show the children working hard, as well as enjoying themselves out on the playground!

I'll let you know when the new website launches.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Slocombe

Headteacher



Parents Evening



Thank you to everyone of you who attended our virtual Parents Evenings this week. They are an important opportunity to discuss your child's educational progress, as well as how they are doing

socially in school. If you weren't able to attend, please get in touch with the office to have a conversation with your child's teacher.

Our next Parents Evenings will be in February.

Y6 visit to Rhos-y-Gwaliau



1 - I liked the Gorge Walk. I got to fall backwards into the water. It was freezing! - Eugenie



2 - I liked the Via Ferrata, it was literally like climbing up the side of a cliff. It got really high but I wasn't scared - Max

We were all delighted that the overwhelming majority of Year 6 children managed to take part in our residential visit to Rhos-y-Gwaliau in North Wales, accompanied by Mrs Lee, Miss Kinch, Mrs Ghosh, Mr Hollingsworth, Mr McAllister, Mrs Walker and Mrs Miller. Given all that children have missed out over the last 18 months, it was great to hear of their exploits, which, despite the drizzly conditions, they enjoyed.



3 - I loved the mine, especially going up the waterfall. We weren't hooked on which made it fun! - Amelie



4 - I enjoyed the Gorge Walk; it felt as if I was standing in the middle of the ocean - Jack



The Year 6 children took part in a number of exciting activities including canoeing, travelling on a zip wire, visiting a slate mine and gorge walking. The children and staff also enjoyed the disco at the end of the week! I'm sure you will join me in thanking the staff who gave up their time to go with the children.

Parent Workshops



As part of our work in enabling you to better support your child with their learning, we are going to be holding a number of virtual Parent Workshops over the course of the year, focusing on different aspects of learning and the curriculum.



The first of these will be held on **Tuesday the 19th October** at **4pm**. This workshop will be led by our Reading Lead, Mrs Edwards, who will talk through the amazing Read Write Inc programme and how we support your child in learning to read. A letter has been sent out to parents in Reception/F2, Year 1 and Year 2 with the link, but please let the office know if you would like to receive it again. If you are unable to join us, a video of the meeting will be uploaded onto your child's Google Classroom pages afterwards.



We are also holding an Oracy workshop on **Thursday the 11th November at 4pm**. This workshop will be led by our Oracy Lead, Miss Beaumont, who will talk through the importance of Oracy and talk, as well as give you an opportunity to take part in some Oracy activities. A letter with the link for this workshop will be sent out shortly and parents from any year group are welcome to attend. If you are unable to join us, a video of the meeting will be uploaded to the school's website afterwards.

We hope you find them useful!

Dress like a rockstar!



On Monday 18th October, we are having a Dress like a rockstar day to celebrate our use of Times Table Rock Stars - the website that supports children with learning and practising their multiplication tables. Children in our Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 may come as either robots or rockstars, as they begin to use Numbots in Years 1 and 2 which is TTRockstars' sister programme to develop number fact knowledge. Number facts, particularly times tables, are the key to so much mathematics knowledge across primary school and beyond, so having quick recall of those facts is vital.



During the day, we will be judging the best rock star/robot as well as celebrating those children who use the apps frequently. Please support your child over the weekend by spending some time practising their recall facts on either Numbots or Times Table Rockstars - our homework expectations are for at least 30 minutes per week! Thank you for your support.

COVID-19 Update



Thank you for your support with the ongoing COVID cases within school. Where we have more than one case within a group who have mixed together inside the building (such as a class), I am asking that

parents take their children for a PCR. This then helps us to identify any other cases and prevent it spreading further. Whilst PCR tests aren't pleasant, they are the only guaranteed way for checking for COVID-19.

Please make sure you report all COVID-19 test results to our covid@radstock.wokingham.sch.uk e-mail address. Thank you for your support.

Autumn KS2 House Netball results

Great netball played with respect, determination and teamwork.. well done everybody!



Results

1st Farah

2nd Weir

3rd Ennis & Simmonds

Y6 School Games Netball Festival



Our Yr 6 Netball squad, inspired by playing House Netball this week, took part in the School Games Netball Festival at Bulmershe School.



We played Hawkedon, Robert Piggott and All Saints. We had mixed success with a draw and two losses but played confidently practising our attack and defence, driving for the ball and our shooting accuracy is improving. We have definitely been inspired by the recent English Roses win against the New Zealand Silver Ferns! Well done to the whole squad: Mudra, Charlotte, Holly, Armeti, Mannat, Darcy, and Adhya...! You should be very proud of yourselves! The values award went to Holly for her determination in defence.

Parkrun



5 - Have you thought about taking yourself or your children along to parkrun?

What is Woodley parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!

When is it?

Every Saturday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place at Woodford Park, Woodley

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please **register** before you first come along. Only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a **printed** copy of your barcode. If you forget it, you won't get a time!

How fast do I have to be?

We all take part for our own enjoyment. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

What is Woodley junior parkrun?

It is a 2k event for juniors only (4 to 14 year olds).

When is it?

It is held every Sunday at 9:00am.

Where is it?

The event takes place in Woodford Park, Woodley

What does it cost to join in?

Nothing - it's free! but please **register** before your first visit. Only ever register with parkrun once. Don't forget to bring a **printed** copy of your barcode.

How fast do I have to be?

The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

Diary Dates

Please find below the Diary Dates for the Autumn term. As I am sure you understand, these dates are provisional and dependant on government guidance and the number of COVID-19 cases in school and the local community. Some events may be virtual and some may be cancelled and postponed. We will update you with further information as we move through the term.

Tuesday 19th October: Virtual Read Write Inc Phonics Workshop for parents

Friday 22nd October: FoR's Happy Circus

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October: HALF TERM



Monday 8th November: Parents' Drop In after school until 4pm - Parents **must** wear masks if they wish to come in

Thursday 11th November: Virtual Oracy Workshop for parents

Friday 12th November: Children in Need - please wear 1 spotty item along with school uniform

Monday 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week - please wear odd socks on Monday - the brighter the better!



Tuesday 7th December: *Virtual EYFS* Nativity Performance

Thursday 9th December: *Virtual KS1* Nativity Performances

Friday 10th December: KS2 Carol Concert at Church - just children, unfortunately no parents this year

Wednesday 15th December: Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 17th December: End of term - school finishes at 1.10pm to 1.20pm



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