

Newsletter Spring 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It is lovely to finally see the sunshine and daffodils. It feels like Summer is on the way. Our children have tried so hard this term to catch up and we are so proud of how well they are doing.

As parents and carers, we have seen how hard you work to balance this support, to help your children and recover from the pandemic. I would like to thank you so much for everything you have done to help us.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still around and we still need to stay vigilant to any illnesses that both adults and children present with.

Next term, we are looking forward to trying to open our doors to visitors again. Hopefully, assemblies and events can take place – we will monitor the situation.

Sports Day should be definitely on, as it is an outdoor event – we look forward to seeing you there. Get training for the Parents' Race!

We are saying goodbye to Miss Yarnall and Miss Sutherland at Easter, and are in the process of appointing their replacement teachers. We wish them both all the best in their new school and for the future.

We have a new reading scheme coming soon and will have a lot of reading books spare. We are hoping to invite you to a meeting especially in Key Stage 1 – please try to attend – it is a new teaching process. We will be sending spare books home for your children to keep. They may not be specific to your child's ability so you can use or share them with others as you would like to (we cannot bear to throw books away).

Thank you so much for your responses to our Parents' Survey. We are sending a separate letter to let you know what we have changed and developed further following your suggestions. Thank you for the lovely comments – we really appreciated your kind words, it really lifted us all.

So, Summer here we come! Please ensure you follow the uniform policy as we are tightening up on our consistency across all of our approaches. No trainers unless they are wearing PE uniform on PE days. We are proud of how smart our children look and we want to continue this high standard. Have a lovely Easter, see you soon in school.

Kind regards

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1S Animals Topic

1S have been learning about animals in Science. We have been learning about what animals need to survive and we know that they need food, water, air and shelter. We then had a go at making some bird feeders just in case any of the birds in our school grounds were hungry. We used pine cones as they are a natural material and we then mixed lard and bird seed together to make a yummy treat for the birds to eat.

Here are some pictures of how we got on!



Well done 1S!

From Miss Sutherland

Year 2 News

Art Club - During the Spring term, some year 2 children have taken part in art club with Miss Attwood. They have produced some wonderful pieces of art and crafts. Last week, the children looked at art by Paul Klee then created their own masterpieces using his art as inspiration (they even used some shape vocabulary linked to their maths lessons!). Well done to all the children who have attended the club!

Dragon's Den - As part of our topic 'Dragon's Den', the children have created fantastic sock puppets. They designed and planned how to create their sock puppet, as well as learning how to straight and cross stitch. We were so impressed with the super sewing skills and the children were really proud of their final creations.



Well done Year 2! *From Miss Attwood, Mrs Millar and Miss Moseley*

Safeguarding at Woodside Primary School and Nursery

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility

DSL: Mrs S Bloomer (Safeguarding Lead)

Deputy DSL's: Mrs K Burns, Mrs L Hingley-Stewart

Dudley People Partnership Board: 0300 555 0050

Emergency Duty Team: 0300 555 8574 (or 999 in an emergency)

Alternately, you can call **Childline** on 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk

Dates to remember . . .

Wednesday 6 th April	Parents Evening (telephone appointments only)
Friday 8 th April (last day of Spring Term)	KS2 Playground 3:00 pm Reception/Year 1/Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade – weather permitting
Monday 11 th to Friday 22 nd April	Easter Holidays – school closed
Monday 25 th April	Summer term begins – all children in school
Monday 2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday 6 th May	INSET Day – School closed to all children
Friday 13 th May	Class Photos
Monday 16 th May	SATs Week Year 6 – all children to attend daily
Friday 27 th May	Trust INSET Day – School closed to all children
Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June	Half Term Holiday – School closed
Wednesday 29 th June	Open Afternoon – parents to visit classrooms
Friday 1 st July	INSET Day – School closed to all children
Monday 4 th July	Transition Week – children to meet their new class teachers for September
Wednesday 13 th July	Sports Day
Thursday 14 th July	Sports Day
Friday 15 th July	Nursery Graduation
Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Summer Festival
Thursday 21 st July (last day of the Summer Term)	Year 6 Leavers Assembly



Ordering School Uniform

Please look at our website for a full list of our school uniform

<https://www.woodside.dudley.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=105>

Please remember to allow plenty of time for ordering new items from

SchoolClothing4U.com as they are extremely busy over the Summer term fulfilling new orders

Thank you

Well done to our amazing **Cleaning Team**. They have received 99% score and have been shortlisted for the upcoming Cleaning Team of the Year Award. This is fantastic and we really appreciate all your hard work.



Year 5 – Galileo’s Galaxy Cookies

This term we have been learning all about Space. We have been studying a variety of astronomers and their planetary models and observing what the universe looks like through a telescope. We were inspired by Galileo, who constructed his own telescope, and what he could have seen through it.

In Design Technology we were investigating how to understand and apply the principles of a healthy diet. Taking inspiration from Galileo, we designed our own healthy cookies and iced them to represent the view from Galileo’s telescope. We learnt how to glaze and dust our cookies and enjoyed eating the finished product!

Amazing work Year 5! From Miss Bennett and Mr Brazier



1H Dental News



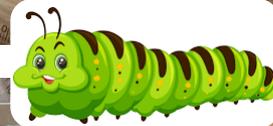
In 1H we had a visit from two dental nurses, who came into the classroom to talk to us about our teeth and how we can look after them.

It is really important that we eat lots of healthy foods and remember to brush our teeth twice a day. We were able to practice with some of the dental nurses’ friends!



Reception Transformations

We have been observing caterpillars. They started off tiny and measured only 1cm long. They have been getting bigger and bigger. We are very excited when we get to school to see how they have changed. We are watching for them to turn into chrysalis’ so they can begin their transformation into butterflies!



Year 3 Swimmers

Year 3 have been having swimming lessons this year. The children have amazed us with their bravery in their first lessons. No matter what, the children have 'had a go' and tried their very best. Fantastic progress has been made with some children entering the main pool and swimming with their feet off the floor and their bodies balanced. Keep it going Year 3!

From Miss Howell and Miss Cartwright.



We have some exciting events planned over the summer term, including our usual Sports Days, Open Afternoon, Book Fair and Leavers' Celebrations. In addition to this we will also be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 26th May, and the D-Day Commemoration on 10th June.

More information to follow soon!

