



# Woodbury C of E Primary School

17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## Friday Flier 30

Dear Parents

### **Federation Consultation**

A number of people have asked me if I am leaving the school due to the proposal to form a federation with Pinhoe Primary School. I would like to reassure you that this is certainly not the case; I could not be more strongly in favour of the proposal, and that my reasons for leaving are purely personal.

There are many benefits for a school to be in a federation; in fact over 90% of Devon Church Schools are already in federations. The important factor is being federated with a compatible school which is why I have spent over a year looking into the possibilities of which school would be a suitable partner school and in my and the governor's opinion, Pinhoe C of E Primary would be an excellent choice. I believe Woodbury School would be in the strongest position to meet the demands of the future if it were to federate with Pinhoe. It would retain its identity and values as well as be able to develop the curriculum, maintain staffing and enable leadership to be sustained in financially challenging times.

Woodbury School is incredibly important to me and I would not recommend a path for its future unless I fully believed it was in the best interest of the children and Team Woodbury. If I were remaining at the school, I would recommend that it considered forming a federation with Pinhoe.

Please do come to the presentation on Thursday at 5.30pm where myself, our Chair and Vice Chairs of Governors and the Headteacher of Pinhoe, will be able to explain the proposal more fully and answer any questions you may have.

### **Exiting the school building**

In order to foster a sense of independence, we are asking that the children be encouraged to come into the school building independently, especially those children in Years 1-6.

At the beginning and end of the school day, please could you exit the premises via the school gates. The gates close promptly at 9am and 3.30pm respectively.

For those visitors in school during the school day, there is a new system to exit the building. You need to press the intercom button (to the right of the door) and ask for the door to be released.

Visitors must also make sure that they sign out of the visitor book and return their lanyard/fob.

### **May Day Celebration**

The May Day Celebration will be on Tuesday, with the gates opening at 1.20pm for a 1.30pm start. The children should come to school in their costumes. Fingers crossed for good weather!

### **Willow Class Assembly**

Willow class will be having their class assembly on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 9.10am, to which their parents/carers are invited to attend. The children will be performing their own version of Jack and the Jelly Beanstalk.

### **Reminder - PTFA Netball Tournament**

The PTFA Netball Tournament is tomorrow so please do come along and support us. You don't have to be playing to come and enjoy the BBQ, Bar and Bouncy Castle!!!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sparks

### **Reminder of Dates for the Term (including KS2 Production)**

18th May	PTFA Netball Competition
21st May	May Day Celebration
23rd May	Back up Date for May Day Celebration
27-31st May	Half term holiday
6th June	Parents CAP (Child Assault Prevention) Workshop
8th June	PTFA Safari Super
10-13th June	KS2 Class CAP lessons
13th June	Year 6 Environmental Change Workshop at Exeter University (change of date)
14th June	Fun Sports morning – whole school
17-19th June	FS & KS1 CAP lessons
18th June	KS2 Sports Day
20th June	Back up date for KS2 Sports Day
27th June	Year 6 Life Skills (pm)
2nd July	KS1 & FS Sports Day
3rd July	KS1 & FS Sports Day
8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 School Production – dress rehearsal
10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 School Production - afternoon and evening
11 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 School Production - evening
19th July	Last Day of term and Leaver's Service