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NEWSLETTER – Monday 18th July 2016

End of Term message:

Another academic year has come and gone and I am sure, like most of you, when we reach the end of a year we always wonder how it is possible for time to pass that fast. It has been a year of change of adaptation for all of us, staff and children alike.

Thanks

I want to express my gratitude and best wishes to all the staff who are leaving us at the end of this academic year. You have contributed much to the children's development, whether you have been here for many years or a few months. All of us wish them well on the next part of life's journey. So to Mrs Dixon, Miss Rochester, Mrs Douglas – Watson, Ms Atkins, Mr Foley and Ms Wannell: Farewell, Good Luck in all you do!

Welcome

To all the new staff and children joining us in September, welcome to Woodford Green! We hope your time with us will be a happy one and we look forward to working with you all.

Farewell

To our amazing Year 6 cohort this year I say, well done! Well done for working hard, for trying your best, for taking on those leadership roles and for being good role models for our younger children. All the best for Secondary School!

Highlights

This year we have introduced an online system for dinner money and educational visit payments. Parents can also book appointments for Teacher Consultations using this online system. Already we are seeing the benefits of this in our administration, especially in the time saving department. Please ensure that you continue to update us if your email address or mobile phone number changes.

Our uniform provider has changed too; orders can be made online (www.speedstitch.co.uk) or parents can visit the shop in person. We were pleased that we were able to reduce the cost of most of the uniform.

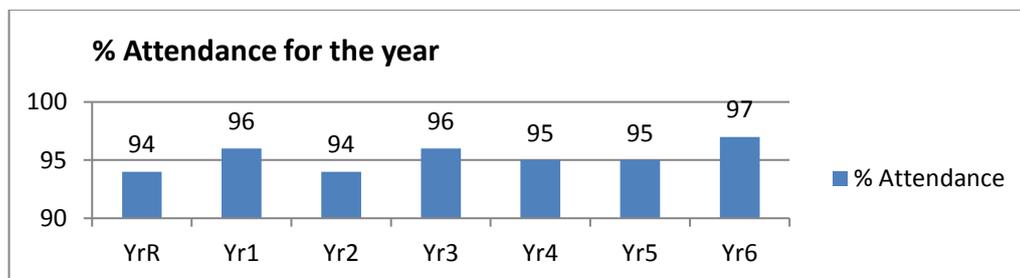
Our school Library is now fully functional, many thanks to the parents who have helped to open the library after school. Next academic year, we look forward to involving the children as librarians and to having even more parents involved after school. Don't forget there's an app: *imls* (downloadable for free) which allows you to track your children's library use and also to see which books are the most popular. The username and password will BOTH be your child's 4 digit number on their library card. I want to encourage all our children to make full use of the library next year and to read as much as they can!

The afterschool club programme have again been enjoyed by many this year, although we have had to cancel a few clubs due to reduced numbers. We will continue to offer as many clubs as we can next academic year and hope that we will have more children joining the activities after school. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for new clubs or if you would like to help run any of the sessions. A few of you already have, and we thank you for involvement.



Absence

Our levels of absence this academic year have been slightly higher than last year. Next year we will be working with the borough to really improve our attendance as this has a huge impact on the progress that children make during the year. I ask that all parents ensure that they communicate effectively with the school regarding their children's absence and that we are able to reduce the number of term time holidays that are currently taking place.



Finally, to all our parents, children and staff: Have a fabulous summer holiday!

PJ Prince

General Info/News

Medicines in School

Over the summer break we will be updating our Medication in School policy to bring it up to date with current Government and Borough guidelines. The new policy will be issued at the beginning of September.

In the meantime **all medication that is currently held at school will be sent home on the last day of term.** In September the only medication that will be held at school will be for children diagnosed with a medical condition that requires them to keep medicine at school for emergency use such as Epi-pens, Insulin or Asthma pumps. In September when returning to school if your child has such medication you will need to send in your medication again and complete a permission/instruction sheet.

School Dinner Money

All parents need to ensure that their dinner money payments are up to date by the end of the school term please.

If you owe money at the end of term we may not be able to provide your child with school dinners in September.

Year 6 parents – should make sure their payments are up to date as a matter of urgency. Any credits can easily be returned on the last day of term.

A reminder that the cost of school dinners is rising from September to £2.16 per dinner.



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July

Break up for the children this term will be on Tuesday 19th July at 3.20pm.

(20th July is a staff only INSET day – school closed for pupils)

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September will be staff only INSET Days when the school will be closed for pupils.

**Children will be returning to school on
Monday 5th September.**