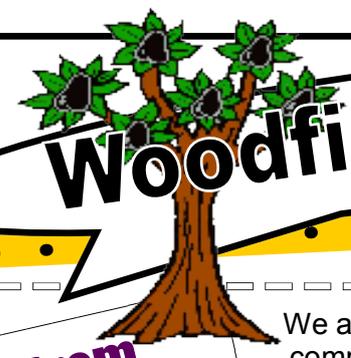




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A note from the Headteacher...

We are very grateful for the sunshine this week: our roof repairs have commenced at a rapid pace and we had lovely weather for our Year 7 trip to Umberslade Farm, which was a huge success. It has been lovely to re-open our school fields at lunchtimes and allow our pupils to make the most of the wonderful space our school site has to offer. The week has been topped off with a visit from Eek Batik and children have been dipping tjanting tools into wax for the first time, to create some inspiring batik art work. It has been a lovely start to a term of hard work and, in particular, I would like to wish year 6 and their teachers every success and encouragement in preparing for the forthcoming SATs, which begin in early May.

I am sure I have already mentioned our new staff members, Mrs Harwood (Assistant Head, Finance & Resources) and Mrs Spencer (KS2 Teacher), who joined us this week and to whom we issue a very warm welcome.

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Umberslade Farm Park trip—Year 7

On Wednesday April 15th, as the sun shone, Year 7 happily made their way to Umberslade Farm Park for an experience of pastoral and arable farming. The children had such a wonderful learning experience; fed lambs, kids, calves and goats, learnt all about diversification and sustainability of farming in the 21st century to support their classroom learning. It was a wonderful day, enjoyed by all the children—particularly the tractor ride around the farm.



We would like to congratulate the children on their impeccable behavior, they were a pleasure to take to Umberslade.



Attendance

Attendance is very important to ensure pupils reach their full potential and is something that Woodfield monitors very closely.

Attendance for the week 23/03/15—27/03/15

- Year 5 - 93.9%
- Year 6 - 93.9%
- Year 7 - 91.8%
- Year 8 - 92.8%
- Whole School - 93.2%
- Whole School Target - 94.8%
- Congratulations to 8JS who achieved 96.5%, the highest attendance this week.

Important Dates

- 4th May May Day Bank Holiday
- 11th-15th May SATS Week
- 25th-29th May Summer Half Term
- 3rd-6th July KS3 Trip to France



Second-hand Uniform Sale

On Monday April 20th between 3- 3.30pm we will be holding a second-hand uniform sale with blazers (£5) and ties (£3). These items are from lost property that can not be returned as they do not have any name or indication of owner.

(Please name all items of uniform!)
Any lost property (excluding uniform) not claimed by Monday April 20th will be taken to a charity shop.

Job Vacancies @ Woodfield

Please be aware that we are recruiting for a Lunchtime Supervisor and a Design Technology Technician. Please see our website for full details.

Sainsburys Vouchers

The PE Department are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers. If you shop at Sainsburys we would be grateful of any vouchers that you could donate. A box will be put in Reception. Thank you.



Our driveway is not a drop-off point!

We respectfully request that parents do not use our driveway and front car park as a drop-off point for children prior to the beginning of the school day (this request does not apply if there is a specific medical requirement to do so). Thank you.

Quest—Year 5

On Wednesday April 15th, a group of Year 5 pupils took part in a visit to Quest, a high ropes challenge course at Merry Hill.



After a little confidence building at the start, the majority of pupils conquered their fears and climbed up to 60 feet high.

Well done to all pupils—a great achievement!



Astwood Bank Cricket Club



Training starts Friday April 17th and continues every Friday night from 6pm-7:15pm
£3 per session per child.

All equipment supplied.

Boys and girls... if you are in Year 3 and upwards, go and make new friends and have fun!

Used Postage Stamps

Used postage stamps are still being collected for Leukaemia Research.

They are sent to Great Ormond Street Hospital where many children with leukaemia go for treatment.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

PE Kit

It is nearly a year since we changed our PE kit to the Red Polo, Black Shorts, Red/Black Socks. I must say that it looks fantastic and our children look so much better, especially when appearing with other schools. Could I remind parents, that if your child has lost or out grown items they are available to purchase either from school or through www.swi.co.uk.

J Thomewill (Head of PE)

PE Lessons

Could I please ask that if your child is unfit to participate in their PE lesson, that they still bring their PE kit. There are a variety of roles that a non-participant can take, from measuring and recording, umpiring/refereeing or assessing their peers. Wearing their school uniform is not appropriate for this.

J Thomewill (Head of PE)

Sport

Year 5 boys and girls football teams participated in a tournament this week after school. Both teams played to their potential but unfortunately marginally missed out on making the finals.

Fantastic effort and achievement by all!



Lunchtime and After School Activities

The children are due to receive a new calendar of activities on offer to them. Although many children like to get outside and enjoy the field at lunchtime, we do run a programme of alternative activities for the children. Our after school programme runs from 3.15 – 4pm or 4.30pm as written on the calendar. Please ask to see your child's calendar as we have had children stay to activities without informing their parents.

