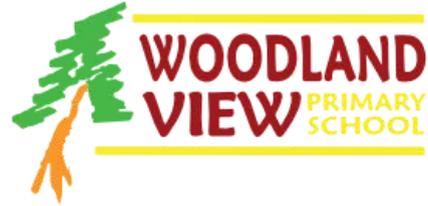


8th March 2023

Headteacher Newsletter No.403



Dear parents,

Headteacher's Welcome

You will have received a Ping message from the Chair of Governors last week announcing the appointment of the next permanent Headteacher of Woodland View. I am delighted to have been selected and want to take this opportunity to tell you of my pride and excitement to be given the chance to lead our wonderful school for hopefully many years to come.

I started teaching at Woodland View as a newly qualified teacher at the age of 21 and instantly fell in love with the school. After 8 years of teaching classes across many year groups and leading PE and school sport, I decided to leave so that I could teach in other schools and broaden my skills and experience. During this time, I taught in 2 primary schools from across Northamptonshire in Middle Leader roles before returning to Woodland View as Assistant Head. After several years, I progressed to Deputy Head for 3 years until taking the reins as Acting Headteacher this year.

With the knowledge and expertise I have gained during my career, across several schools, and the understanding and experience I have of Woodland View due to my roles as a Teacher and Senior Leader, I am confident that I am the right person to lead our special school into the next era.

We have a wonderful school community with talented and caring staff, fantastic children, supportive parents and ambitious governors; working together, our school will continue to be a place where children are inspired, enjoy coming to school and achieve!

Mark Horsley



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World Book Day

The children had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day last Thursday. It is always wonderful to see the children so excited about reading and enthusing about their favourite books and authors. World Book Day is a special opportunity to introduce the children to the magic of reading for pleasure! We were able to showcase great authors and reads for each year group, as well as the children sharing their own book recommendations with their peers. Children also joined in with inspirational live lessons during the day, and across the week, hearing from some famous children's authors and illustrators. As ever, we were in awe of their wonderful World Book Day outfits- such creative efforts! We love trying to spot the different characters in our special assembly. Here are a few photos, but do look on the blogs for more:



The Book Fair

Thank you for your tremendous support at our recent Scholastic Book Fair. The hall was full of a lovely 'book buzz' with children and parents searching for great new books to enjoy together. Scholastic gives us a school a percentage of the sales back to purchase new books. Thank you for your support as we now have **£220.66** to spend on new books for our beautiful library and the children's classrooms.

School Ping 4.0

We have been informed by School Ping that they are updating their app today. Please read their message below:

*The new app version brings a more consistent experience across different mobile operating systems. It has had a design refresh, improvements to notification handling and allows us to add new features and improve upon the old in future updates more easily. Version 12 and 13 of Android OS alongside iOS 15.7 to 16.2 are compatible with the app. **Parents will need to ensure that they remove the existing app on their phone and then go to the app store to download the latest version once the update is live.***

We are hoping for a smooth transition to the new version, but we will update you if we have any issues or further information.



School Lunches

We have been told by our school lunch provider, Chartwells, that they intend on increasing their price of school meals. We are all feeling the impact of the cost of living crisis therefore this news will be very disappointing for parents who book school meals. Additionally, from a school perspective, the government currently funds schools per meal for children in Foundation stage, Year 1 and Year 2. However, with the possible increase going further above the government funding we receive this means that for every meal ordered by children in these year groups, it will cost the school money.

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Therefore, we are in discussions with Chartwells to stop this increase, as we simultaneously look for other lunch provider options so that we can get maximum value for money for our parents without impacting on the quality of meals available. I will update you when we have more information.

Lost Property

We have gathered a large amount of lost property since last Christmas. Our lost property monitors have continued to return named items to children but we still have lots left! We will be putting the remaining items out on tables tomorrow and Friday. Please take any items which you believe to be yours, or any items unclaimed.



School Blogs

Remember to check the school blogs at <https://www.wvps.northants.sch.uk/blogs/> to see some of the things your child has been up to at school recently. Here are some pictures from the blogs:



Key Dates:

Tuesday 14th March - Year 3 Performance - *6pm children arrive, 6.30pm start*

Wednesday 15th March - Year 2 trip to The Think Tank

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd March - Parents' Evening (Foundation Stage - Year 5) - please see Ping message sent on 6th March for dates and times for your child's class

Thursday 23rd March - Mufti Day for Easter Egg tombola (more details to follow)

Friday 24th March - Year 4&5 Demon Dentist Theatre Trip (funded by FOWV)

Thursday 30th March - Year 3 Dinosaur Live Trip (funded by FOWV)

Thursday 30th March - Easter Egg tombola after school.

Friday 31st March - School closes for Easter

Monday 17th April - **School Closed** - designated training day

Tuesday 18th April - School opens for Summer term

Tuesday 25th April - Class drop-ins for parents - 3.15pm-3.30pm

Friday 28th April - Friends of Woodland View Quiz night for parents - at school

Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation - school closed

Many thanks,
Mark Horsley
Headteacher

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