July 2024

Dear Parents

Another school year has ended and the children are ready for a rest, recuperation and some holiday fun time.

What a year we have had. It has truly whizzed by and as usual the children have been absolute stars.

The last day is the 19th July. Many local schools are open till the 24th July. We try hard to work out an early finish so that you can take advantage of early get away and hopefully a cheaper start to your summer holiday breaks.

Can I remind you that the school will have its Year 6 Leavers service in the church at midday on 19th July followed by pick up at 1.00pm where you are welcome to enjoy a picnic on the school field with friends before heading home.

Any uniform that you know your children have outgrown is always gratefully received by the PTA who organise a second hand uniform sale – each item 50p. A bargain!

The school starts again on **Tuesday 3rd September** for children and we look forward to welcoming our new friends to Lake Class and a few new starters sprinkled around the school.

A personal thank you to you all for the wonderful presents you have given me over the last week. I am overwhelmed by the love and kindness. I shall treasure my bench, painting and the tokens presented in my special service. Thank you.

There is now a national commitment to ensuring that all families have access to affordable before-school and after-school care for their children. The Government and Local Authority have started to instruct schools to help parents by sign posting them to the schools provision or other available facilities in their area.

Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy does not currently own or manage its own Breakfast Club or After School Club provisions. The current **Breakfast Club** and after school club, **Woodpeckers**, are both independently owned and held on the school premises with the added benefit of employing school staff at present. They are independent clubs and the bookings and running of these clubs are quite separate and not managed by the school.

Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am to 8.30am, Monday to Friday, term time only

Woodpeckers is available from 3.00pm to 4.00pm (Monday to Friday) and 4.00pm -5.00pm (Monday to Thursday), term time only

To help parents, we have put the details, including contact details and the relevant charges set for each provision by the owners, onto the school website https://www.woodfordvalley.wilts.sch.uk/clubs/

Additionally, local childminders can be found on the following website, although the school is unable to endorse any of the providers.



Have a super summer break and enjoy your time together. A fond "Goodbye" from me as I pass on the baton to Mrs Young to start the new school year in September.

Last of all I want to wish our fabulous Year 6s a wonderful time in their new schools. They have been a wonderful bunch of young people and we will miss them enormously.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Rebecca Carson

Dates for your diary

Monday 2nd September TD Day

Tuesday 3rd September – Children return to School

Friday 20th September – Jeans for Genes

Tuesday 1st October – Trussell Trust Harvest

Monday 14th October – World Book Week celebrations for the whole School

Tuesday 15th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 17th October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 23rd October – Last Day of Term

Monday 4th November – Children return to School