

Woodchester School News

Newsletter



20th April 2018

THEME

This term, we begin to explore "Truthfulness", learning through Bible stories and reflecting on how this teaching is lived out in every day life.

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

Welcome back to school and a new term. I hope everyone had a good, restful break and that you were able to spend some quality time together. The children seem refreshed after their holiday and it was a pleasure to see them looking so smart in their school uniforms when we gathered together for Collective Worship on Monday.

During the first week of the holiday, the school was alive with the sound of plumbing and heating engineers! They installed new water heaters in some classrooms and in the children's toilets in order to improve the availability of hot water.

I also had exciting news that two of our pupils, Jacob and Sebi, had their photographic wildlife entries chosen for exhibition in Cheltenham from 21st April - until 5th May. Congratulations, boys!

Finally, I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make World Book Day such a success on the last day of term. The children's costumes were wonderful and there was a real buzz around school throughout the day. During the day, we held a Bumper World Book Day quiz for KS1 and another for KS2 children. As well as being great fun, I was most impressed by the extensive knowledge of books, authors and stories some of the children possessed. Congratulations to all team players and to children in the audience who were also able to contribute to team's scores. Thank you also to the PTA for organising the book swap session in the hall.

PTA NEWS

Future Events

There is a **Clothes Swap** (adult clothes) and **Pamper Evening** on **Wednesday 9th May** (details to follow).

Wednesday 9th May Clothes swap for children (3:15pm).

Friday 11th May Bags2school (am).

Saturday 12th May—A Woodland Working Party and BBQ on Saturday 12th May.

Friday 25th May—Non school uniform—bring in a bottle of wine for the wine and water stall at the Fair.

It is 'full steam ahead' to the Summer Fair on

Friday 8th June (4:30—7:30 pm).

You are warmly invited to two planning meetings as we need lots of willing helpers to ensure we have a successful event.

The first of these is tonight at **7pm** in the **Ram Pub**, followed by a second meeting on **Friday 20th April at 9am in the school hall** — coffee and cake will be provided! Please do come along if you can help in any way as we need lots of willing volunteers. Thank you

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On Monday, all our Year 4 children travelled to Gastrells Primary School to watch a performance of 'In the Net'. This play was written especially for Year 4 children to inform and educate them about safe internet and social media use.

On Monday afternoon, the Year 4s went to Gastrells School to see a play which taught us about Internet safety and cyber-bullying.

It was performed by two men and a lady, one of whom played several roles. It was about a girl called Dotty, who got pulled into the Internet and learnt a valuable lesson about how bullying online is as bad as bullying in person. She also met lots of characters in the Net such as: Icon, Password, Virus, Spam and Uh-oh!

During her adventures she also learnt how to 'Close the screen that you have seen and tell and adult in a trice' if she had an 'Uh-oh' feeling and felt worried or scared. She realised it was wrong to put personal information in public on-line, or to give it to a person you have never met face to face. She learnt to always ask permission to use the Internet.

We all made a promise to keep ourselves safe online. It was a fun way to learn about how the Internet is sometimes unsafe.

By Nick and Isla (Y4)

DATES

Music Afternoon at King's School:

Thursday 26.04.18 (2:30–5pm)

Informal concert for parents at 4:45pm

Year 6 SATs: week beginning 14.05.18

Exploring Prayer Day: 22.05.18

End of Half Term: Friday 25.05.18

INSET DAY: Monday 04.06.18

Back to school: Tuesday 05.06.18

Year 6: Leavers' Service/School Trip
Thursday 07.06.18

Focus Week: Beginning Monday 18.06.18

Sports Day: Friday 22.06.18

Cheltenham Athletics: Sat 23.06.18

Small Schools Swimming Gala: 26.06.18 am
(this involves a small number of Y6 children)

Sports Day (reserve): Friday 29.06.18

Twelfth Night rehearsal: Monday 09.07.18

Twelfth Night Performance: Tuesday 10.07.18

Twelfth Night Performance: Weds 11.07.18

Musical Tea Afternoon: Saturday 14.07.18

Reception Children Celebration Assembly:
Tuesday 17.07.18 (2:30pm)

Leavers' BBQ: Wednesday 18.07.18

Music Concert Afternoon: Thursday
19.07.18

Please also see Key dates for PTA events.

SATs

May and June are very important months in the school year as this is when children have to take part in various formal tests. It is well known that children in Year 6 take Statutory Assessment Tests but children in some other year groups have formal tests as well. Teachers manage this skilfully and with sensitivity, so much so that younger children are often not even aware that they are being tested.

Please ensure your child arrives promptly and attends school every day.

Y6 SATS—week beginning 14th May 2018

Staff News

Sadly, Ms Dangerfield leaves us on Friday to take up another post. We wish her well and thank her for the enormous support she has given the children during her time here.

Finally, I am delighted to announce that Mr Smith has been appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher from September. I know that he is very much looking forward to meeting everyone in the near future and I'm sure he will receive a warm Woodchester welcome.