

25th October 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I thought it would be a good time to give you all an update of all the wonderful things that have been taking place in school this half term;



Nursery have enjoyed learning about Autumn and looking for the changes taking place. These have included learning about Harvest, creating using natural materials particularly leaves, conkers and acorns and culminated with their Autumn walk.

Reception children have settled into school life really well and have been exploring the learning environment in Reception. They have picked up the new rules and routines whilst having fun and making friends. They have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and dressed up as the different characters and took turns to act the story out.



Y1 have enjoyed learning about their topic 'Memory Box'. They started the year off by bringing in some of their summer holiday memories and showed them to the class. Then they had a family picnic and wrote a recount of it using their sentence must haves. In their science work, they have learnt all about the five senses and they really enjoyed the taste investigation. In their maths work, they have been learning to add and subtract numbers to 10.

Y2 have enjoyed their new topic 'Castles, Tunnels and Turrets' and have been learning about the different jobs there were in a castle. They had a fantastic day out visiting Bolsover Castle where they got to imagine what it would have been like living in a castle many years ago. In their English lessons they have written a story about a brave knight and have learnt new skills including expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. The children have also been making castles out of clay and wood.



Y3 have had great fun during their Tribal Tales topic. They have made Stone Age roundhouses using saws, glue guns, mud and straw and have written some fabulous Stone Age stories. They have investigated lots of different types of rock and they have had the chance to examine real fossils with magnifying glasses.

Y4 have had lots of fun learning all about the Vikings for their 'Traders and Raiders' topic! Using the book 'How to Train your Dragon' as a stimulus, they have written non-chronological reports about different types of dragons and diary entries from the perspective of different Vikings in the text. They have had lots of fun looking at amazing artefacts in their Viking box too, which sparked lots of questions about how they were used and they even got to dress up as Viking boys and girls!



Y5 have been learning all about the Tudor monarchs. They have made Tudor galleon inspired boats, created a podcast to advertise for a new wife for Henry VIII and written persuasive letters. They really enjoyed their trip to a real Tudor house, Bishop's House and whilst they were there, they took a tour around the historical home and made lavender bags which people in the Tudor times would carry to cover up the fact that they smelt really awful!

Y6 visited Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet for their 'Victorians' topic. They saw how poor and wealthy Victorians lived and they also got to play with Victorian toys and saw how steel was made in the very place where Crucible steel was invented! They took part in a wash day - Victorian style - using carbolic soap and a mangle!



Well done everyone!



Do we have your up to date contact details? It is very important that we are able to contact parents quickly in the event of an emergency. If anything has changed then please let us know as soon as possible. The same applies for **medical conditions**, it is important that we have sufficient information about the medical condition of any child with long term medical needs. Please inform your son/daughter's Class Teacher and the School Office of any such need or of any changes to their medical needs, we can then arrange for you to meet with Mrs Morton - School Manager, to create a Health Care Plan.



Well done to all our sporting stars this half term! Our Y5 boys and Y5/6 girls football teams have done really well. We have decided to join in with the Daily Mile which hundreds of schools across the country are taking part in. We also have lots of different after school clubs happening - take a look at our website for further information. We have also emailed a Sports newsletter to all parents today and a copy can also be found on our website.

Tickets are currently on sale at £1.50 each for the **Friends of Woodseats disco** which will be in school on **Thursday 8th November**. Reception and KS1 will be from 5pm to 5.45pm and KS2 from 6pm to 7pm. Please complete the order form from the letter which was sent home recently and bring it with payment to the School Office.



We will have a **new winter menu after the half term break**. The new menu has been sent home this week and is on our website. We will start on week 1 of the menu when we return, but there will be a special **Bonfire lunch on Monday 5th November** which will be bangers and mash with gravy or Quorn bangers and mash with gravy. The jacket potato and sandwich options will also be available.

As you may be aware, **today was Mrs Firth's last day** as she leaves us to start her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and we will let you know when she has her baby!



Please check **lost property** if your child loses anything. We try to re-unite items with their owner if it is named. Please write your child's name on all their belongings.

Children from Y1 to Y6 will have brought a letter home about a **three mile sponsored walk** which will be taking place on Tuesday 6th November. The length of the walk was missed from the original letter - please accept our apologies.



Has your child been collecting the Lego cards from Sainsbury's? Friends of Woodseats have arranged the **'Great Woodseats Lego Card Swap'** which will take place in school on Tuesday 6th November from 3.30pm to 4pm. Please bring any cards that your child would like to swap or if you have any cards you would like to donate, FOW would be very grateful. Refreshments can be purchased during the card swap and a donation pot for Lego cards will be available.

We will be having our **'Bring an Adult to School' for maths** during the week commencing 26th November and letters will be sent out after half term. We hope lots of you will be able to join us!



School Holiday Dates:

Autumn Half Term	Monday 29 th October to Friday 2 nd November 2018
Christmas	Monday 24 th December 2018 to Friday 4 th January 2019
February Half Term	Monday 18 th February 2019 to Friday 22 nd February 2019

More dates for your diary and lots more information can be found on the school website: www.woodseatsprimaryschool.org.uk



The **next newsletter is due on Friday 23rd November 2018**. This will be put onto the school website and emailed to all parents as we no longer send paper copies home. If you would still like a paper copy, please collect one from the School Office.

Finally...

Our last day at school is today, Thursday 25th October as tomorrow is a teacher training day. We look forward to seeing you all when **school re-opens on Monday 5th November 2018**.

We would like to wish you all a restful half term break.

Sinead Fox
Headteacher

