



# Newsletter

4<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Dear Parents

A few weeks ago I was asked by Hampshire Local Authority, who oversee all the schools in Hampshire, to support a local school. As many of you are aware Woodlea Primary failed its recent Ofsted inspection and currently has no Headteacher. The request from Hampshire was for me to assist by taking on the role of temporary Headteacher until Christmas. After careful consideration by my Leadership Team and the School Governors I have agreed to this request.

This will mean that for three days a week I will, temporarily, be Headteacher at Woodlea. It is a real indication of how much respect our school has and the strong place the school is in. This request would not have been made unless Hampshire was completely confident in our school's ability to be able to support another school.

The School Governors, the Leadership Team and I have put plans in place to ensure the smooth running of the school on the days I am not here. My Assistant Heads, Miss Cross and Mrs Kennedy will have additional time next academic year to do some of the jobs I would do if I was here full time.

For the children all it will mean is I am not around quite as much, nothing else will change. We will still deliver the same high quality of education and our school will continue to strive to be the best we can be.

I became a teacher as I believe every child deserves the highest quality education. I see it as our job to help and support where we can when this is not happening. Every child in the local area deserves the very best and we are in the fortunate position to be able to help.

If you do have any questions or concerns please do speak to me about it but be assured I would not have agreed to this request if I felt it would impact negatively on our school or on the children's education.

Thank you

Matt Greenhalgh  
Headteacher

## Upcoming events

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July

End of year reports go out

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Sports day 9:30am to 11:00am

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Summer Celebrations of children's work after school

### Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Year 2 leavers assembly 9:10am-9:30am

### Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Last day of school, finish at 3.15pm

## Sports Day

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

9:30am-11:00am

Sports day will follow the same format as last year

The two classes in each year group will compete against each other in a series of activities. The teachers will total the points and the winning class from each year group will be announced at the end of the morning.

Each year group will work separately. If you have children in different year groups we suggest you watch one or two activities in each one. There will be three activities in total.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available on the playground from 9:00am for parents who wish to wait.

## National Strike 10<sup>th</sup> July

Some of the unions are holding a national strike day on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. UNISON and the NUT are involved in this action. Some members of staff are part of these unions and may well therefore take strike action. At this moment I am not anticipating having to close the school but if the situation changes I will inform you as soon as I know. Staff do not have to inform their employer until the day of the action and even where they have indicated their position they may well change their mind. The schools position is to do everything possible to stay open while ensuring the children's safety.

## Year 2 parents invited to watch Year 3 lesson

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9:10am the Year 2 children will be going over to the Junior School for the final part of their transition. For this session the parents are invited to come and watch the lesson to get a feel for what life is like in the Junior School. This is a great opportunity to get into the Juniors and to see the children in action.

If you are able to come and work with your child alongside the Year 3 teachers then go to the Junior School Office and they will direct you.

## Stars of the week

### 26<sup>th</sup> June

Morgan Russell  
Miruna Antoci  
Olivia Maunder  
Aeryn Maliphant  
Hubert Gorecki  
Eddie Kester

### 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Phoenix Down  
John Boswell  
Lily Prior  
Mikey Wells  
Samantha  
Ringrose

## Bird World Tickets



We have with the Junior School been running a fantastic scheme which enables families to go to Bird World free of charge. FoBS have funded one free ticket to bird world every day this year.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer all you need to do is come into the school office and sign up for the day you would like the ticket for. The ticket is for two adults and three children.

We have a huge amount of free days for over the summer holidays. Only ten days have been taken so far. The tickets are handed out on a first come first served basis. If you are looking for a free family day out come and talk to us and we can get you signed in.

## Children's end of year results

At this time of the year we are gathering all of the children's end of year results and analysing how each child has done and how well the school as a whole has done. This is a long process and the governments data on how well we have done compared to all other schools will not be out until November.

What I can say is that you should be very proud of your children. The overall progress from where the children were at the start of the year to where they are now is fantastic. Early indications suggest that the progress the children have made is the best in most areas for a considerable period of time. The attainment the children have made in writing at the end of Year 2 is especially amazing. I don't think it is modest to say that the teachers have done a fantastic job.

The teachers could not have had such a big impact without the incredible attitude of the children. Whenever I walk around the school I see children engaged and eager to learn. This fantastic attitude can only happen with the support of parents. Can I say a big thank you to all of you who take such a keen interest in the work your children are doing. It really does make, and has made a huge difference.