

# Woodcroft Primary School



## School update - 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We currently have **91% of Year R children** and **80% of Year 1 children** attending school. We are hoping that those children in these Year Groups who are not attending will do before the end of term. However, I am more than aware that we still have two thirds of our pupils at home and unable to attend. This is very frustrating for all involved and I wanted to thank all of the parents and carers who have continued to support their children's learning during this very challenging time.

We have now been told by the government that all children will be returning to school in September although the details of this are yet to be released. It is expected that children will be in whole class 'bubbles', rather than limited to 15 pupils as they currently are. This may still have an impact on the school day, for example staggered drop offs and collections or a shorter day on a Friday to allow for cleaning and teachers' PPA. The guidance for the full reopening of schools should be released this week and we will then start to plan for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September to welcome all children back.

### Transition and your child's new teacher

We would like to invite children in our current Year 2, 3 & 5 who are not attending school the opportunity to come in and say 'goodbye' to their old teacher and meet their new teacher. These will be short 5 minute appointments, but although brief, we hope that it allows your child to ask any questions they may have before the Summer holidays. We need to run these on a strict appointment only basis to ensure that we limit the number of people on site at any particular time. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions we were unable to safely arrange for more in-depth activities to occur.

The available slots are on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:

**Year 2 and Year 5:** Between 9:00am and 11:30am

**Year 3:** Between 12:00pm and 2:25pm

If you would like to book an appointment for your child please call the school office on 02392 593939 as soon as possible.

We will arrange for all children who currently attend school to have the same opportunity during the school day on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July. Mr Holland will arrange individual Zoom calls before the end of term with all pupils in Year 4.

### Class teachers from September

Year R – Miss Jones

Year 1 – Miss Cooper

Year 2 – Mrs Owen

Year 3 – Mr Osborne

Year 4 – Mrs Hawkins

Year 5 – Mr Holland

Year 6 – Ms Golden (Previously Mrs Biggs)

LSAs are allocated to individuals, groups or classes depending on the needs of the children and may change throughout the year.

### **Summer activities and learning catch-up**

We realise that children who have either been in school or completing home-learning need a break. So do the adults that have been supporting them, especially at home! The Summer holidays should be a time for children to play and relax. Your child's new teacher will be providing them with a number of tasks that they may complete during the holidays. These will help prepare your child for the initial work that will be taught when they return after the holidays.

Teachers have already started planning a rapid Maths and English catch up programme for September which will help children recover any lost learning that they have suffered during lockdown. We know that every child's education experience will be very different during this time and we will support each of them individually to fill any learning gaps that may have occurred.

### **School Reports**

These will be sent out to parents the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. They will summarise learning and your child's achievements for the Autumn and Spring term.

Thank you again to parents and carers for your continued support. I will hopefully be in a position to write to you all next week with firm plans for all children returning safely to school in September.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Fanning', written in a cursive style.

Mr Fanning  
Headteacher  
Woodcroft Primary School