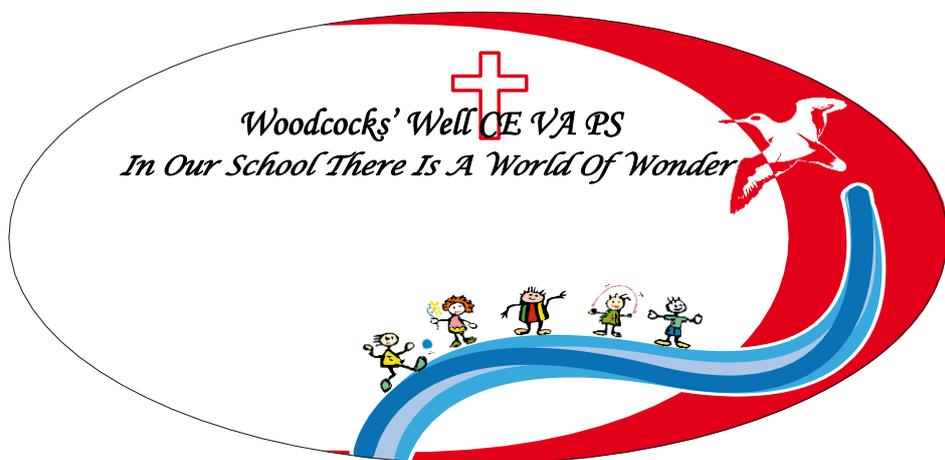


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Dear Parents,

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I hope you have been enjoying logging onto our school website where there is all the information you need to keep you informed of school life. The website calendar is regularly updated and contains all of the key dates you will need for your diaries. Below is a quick glance diary list:

Tues 6 th June	Oak Class Indian Dance Workshop
Wed 7 th June	Group Photographs
Thurs 8 th June to Fri 9 th June	Year 3 to Petty Pool
Monday 12th June to Friday 16th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics Screening
Wed 16 th June	Rose Queen International Day
Mon 19 th June	Whole School visit to Chester Zoo
Sat 24th June 12 noon	Crowning of the Rose Queen and Summer Fayre
Monday 3 rd July	'Growing Up' talk for Year 6 children
Thursday 6 th July & Friday 7 th July	Eaton Bank Y6 transition days
Tuesday 11 th July 1pm	Woodcocks' Well Sports Day
Friday 14 th July	School Reports out
Tuesday 18 th July	Open door parents evening for parents wishing to discuss
their child's report with teachers	
Wed 19 th July 1:30 & 6:00	Yee Ha Production
Monday 24 th July 9:30	Leavers Assembly in St Luke's Church for Pre-School and Year 6
Tuesday 25 th July	End of Academic year for children
Wed 26 th July	INSET Day – Teacher training
SUMMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Monday 4 th Sept	INSET day
Tuesday 5 th Sept	School opens for children

There is lots of good news to share:

It has been our intention, for some time, to introduce a fifth class and teacher to our school. As the current budget stands, we are in a position to do so. Naturally, there have been concerns about being able to sustain this in future years given the proposed cuts to the education budget. This morning, I was very pleased to receive a letter from Fiona Bruce MP confirming that the campaign to safeguard school budgets has not only been listened to by the government but has indeed brought about the action we have all been hoping for. In her words, '....no school in this area, or anywhere else in the country, will experience a reduction in their budget and an additional £4bn is being added to the national schools funding budget'. This is excellent news which means that we can move forward, as a school, with our plans with confidence. I shall be writing to Fiona to thank her for her hard

work and the support she has given our schools, children and families. I am also delighted to share with you our plans to move to 5 classes in September when we will be welcoming Miss Alice Rigby onto our staff. Miss Rigby is eager to spend time at Woodcocks' Well before we break up for the Summer holiday and she will be around to say hello and assist during the Summer Fayre on Saturday 24th June.

We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs Gurling who has been appointed as catering supervisor, in addition to Mrs Hough. Mrs Gurling will be working 5 days a week and taking responsibility for the school menus and meals. Already, she has created a new menu for next half term and met with children and parents to take on board their ideas. As per normal, there are 2 menus; week 1 and week 2. Week 1 will commence on Tuesday 6th June (please see attached). Parents wishing to purchase a menu for their child are asked to note their child's name on it and tick the child's chosen meals. This can be returned to school where it will help us to ensure that your child receives the food of his/her choice. There are 2 additional options on the menus; *light lunch* and *sandwich lunch*. Parents are asked to inform us if they do not wish their child to opt for the sandwich lunch. We are also introducing a sticker system for children who have either eaten all of their dinner or made a good effort to eat the vegetables. The stickers will be converted into team points when the children return to their classroom and the sticker is will also keep parents informed.

We are committed to serving healthy food and this includes healthy snacks each day. On occasion, children ask for snacks claiming that they have forgotten their snack money. We understand that this can happen and will always help out by providing a snack. We understand that it is important to inform parents when this happens. Parents providing a morning snack and packed lunches are requested to ensure that healthy snacks, lunches and drinks are provided (please avoid chocolate and fizzy drinks).

Congratulations to our Year 5 girls who will be taking over from our current Rose Queen and attendants and continuing their important work of fundraising for St Luke's Church and Woodcocks' Well. Our new Rose Queen, Emilia Stansfield, will be crowned before the start of the Summer Fayre in St. Luke's church. This Service is always very special and will be made even more so this year with the introduction of a flower festival in memory of our loved ones. If you have lost someone you love and would like to remember them on this occasion, then please see Mrs Rowley's explanatory letter on our website or contact school for details.

From 1.9.2017, Adventure Clubs Ltd will be offering 30 free hours child care in our on-site Pre-School. Please see the attached letter to find out more about how to apply.

The children and staff have been really enjoying the refurbished school hall. If you have not yet visited the hall, you will be very impressed by the spacious feel resulting from the removal of the old ceiling and opening up of the roof space and the tall windows.

We have plans to make further improvements to the school and grounds during the next academic year. Some of which is general maintenance and repair work and others which will have a WOW factor!!! Watch this space.....

Request: Please can parents ensure that children are collected from school promptly. Children not collected on time, without acknowledgement from the parent, will join the after school club where charges could incur. Please can all children be collected from the playground exit.

I wish you all a warm and pleasant half term break.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Massen