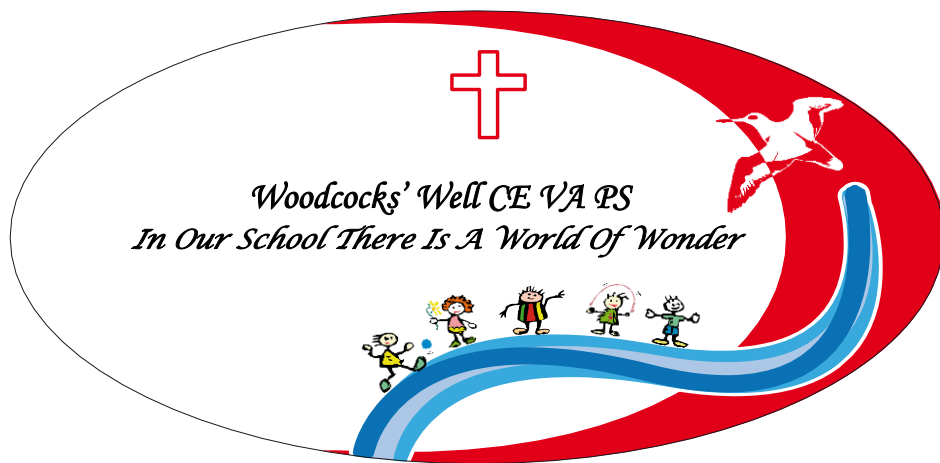


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Dear Parents,

15.1.2019

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. Children and staff returned last week, with a distinctive 'buzz' and readiness to launch into the Spring Term. It has been a most positive start to the New Year!

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Ryles, our temporary Reception Class teacher and thank all children and staff for making our return to school such a pleasant and happy one.

Please can parents keep a look out for the 'Class Topic Plans' booklet which will be made available via email and also on the school website.

Below is a list of events in the school diary for the Spring Term:

Fri 18.1.2019	3:15pm	PTFA Movie Night
Wed 23.1.2019	PM	School choir to sing at Lawton Manor Residential Home
Thurs 7.2.2019	All Day	Time to Talk Day
WB 11.2.2019		'Staying Safe' Week
Mon 11.2.2019	Evening	Young Voices Concert at Manchester Arena – Choir to attend
Fri 15.2.2019	3:15pm	PTFA Valentines Disco
Fri 15.2.2019		School closes for Half Term Holiday
Mon 25.2.2019		School opens for Spring Term 2 nd Half
Wed 27.2.2019	3:15pm	Parent Evening
Thurs 28.2.2019	3:15pm	Parent Evening
Tues 5.3.2019	9am	Astra Zeneca Science Morning (small group of Y4 children)
Thurs 7.3.2019		World Book Day + Rose Queen 'Harry Potter' Themed Fund Raising Event
Thurs 7.3.2019		PTFA Bags2School
Mon 11.3.2019	4pm	Defibrillator Training (Note if members of the public are interested in joining us for this training, please contact the school)
Thurs 14.3.2019	am	Evacuee Experience for visiting school
Fri 15.3.2019		Red Nose Day
Thurs 21.3.2019		World Down Syndrome Day - Gingerbread Socks will be sold in School
Thurs 4.4.2019	9:30am	Easter Service in St Luke's Church
Fri 5.3.2019		School Closes for Easter Holiday
Tues 23.4.2019		School Opens for Summer Term

Important Dates for Your Diary:

Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2 children) These will be taking place during weeks beginning 13.5.2019 and 20.5.2019

Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6 children) These will be taking place during week beginning 13.5.2019

Year 1 Phonics Screening This will take place during weeks beginning 10.6.2019 and 17.6.2019

During Weeks Beginning 13th May and 20th May, 'end of year' assessments will be taking place in school for all year groups.

Forest Schools Shelter:

Work has commenced to clear a piece of ground, directly above the Anderson Shelters, in readiness for the installation of a Forest Schools Shelter. Mrs Phillips is working towards becoming an accredited Forest Schools Trainer. Forest Schools education offers children a holistic approach to learning using the outdoors. It aims to enthuse children and build their self confidence, independence, team skills and general well-being.

Running Track:

Work will commence shortly to install a running track in the school grounds. It will be sited in the area behind the Early Years Classrooms.

Polite Request:

- Please can parents ensure that children attend school in school uniform (a list of this can be found on the school website) complete with suitable school shoes (not trainers)
- Please can parents keep the school informed in the event of a change of telephone number / address.
- Please can all children with shoulder length ensure it remains tied back whilst at school.

Parents of children due to start school this September are urged to register their child for school, if this has not yet been done, before the deadline of 15th January 2019.

Thanks are extended again for your wonderful support during the Christmas period i.e. your attendance at the many Christmas events including the Christmas Fayre.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Massen