



Newsletter 2

Friday, 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your families well.

Today, our first Celebration Assembly of this academic year began with a tribute to Her Majesty, the late Queen Elizabeth II.

As the children walked into the hall, they listened to “Nimrod” by Elgar (from “Enigma Variations”), and then they watched part of an episode of “Newsround” about her long life and her great sense of duty and service. A story was told which exemplified her kindness towards others. Finally we held a minute’s silence to show our respect and to reflect on her life, well-lived. The children behaved very sensibly throughout and we were very proud of them.



Today, we celebrated: **Ella-Mai** and **Joey-Lee** (Y1); **Jaxon** and **Alex** (Y2); **James** and **Isabelle** (Y3); **Vogue** and **Lillie** (Y4); **Isabelle**, **Darcey** and **Tommy C-B** (Y5); and **Hannah** and **Dolly** (Y6).

Huge congratulations to these children who have been spreading kindness around our school and are role-models for us all.



This week’s Headteacher’s Award was based around **Kindness** which is one of our new School Values. **Respect**, **Community**, **Aspiration** and **Resilience** form our other new core Values.

Today, **Blue** House won the trophy for achieving the most Team Points and they had an extra playtime this afternoon. Very well done.



I would also like to share our revised Vision with you, including our motto:

***“Growing together: Inspire to aspire.”***

**At Woodlands Primary School, our collective vision is to provide every child with the fullest education and life chances they deserve, and to guide our children towards their best possible future. Together, we will continually strive to remove any barriers to success and fear of failure. We will celebrate achievement, progress and effective learning behaviours at every opportunity. We will provide a culture of aspiration and acceptance with children moving onto their next venture with the knowledge, skills and values to set them on the path to achieve their dreams. We will enable our pupils to drive their own futures to realise greater success and to actively shape our diverse community for the better, all working in tandem for the common good.**


Our **Rules** have also been reviewed, which we believe sit well with our Vision and Values:



It is lovely to welcome and start to get to know our **new Nursery** and **Acorn (Reception)** children. They are settling in well and are getting used to our routines and enjoying their learning.

I also wanted to mention that we now have an **“Emotional Wellbeing”** section on our Woodlands website which may be useful. Please feel free to request anything else that you would like to be included there. There are signposts to further agencies for support and activity suggestions for the children along with sections on Growth Mindset and developing Resilience etc.

**Dates for the Diary**

 <p><b>Harvest Festival</b></p>	<p>Tuesday October 11th</p>	<p>9.15am <i>All parents/carers are welcome</i></p>
<p><b>Final day of Term 1</b></p>	<p>Wednesday October 19th</p>	<p>3pm <i>(usual finish time)</i></p>
<p><b>First day of Term 2</b></p>	<p>Monday October 31st</p>	<p>9am <i>(usual start time)</i> <i>Gates open 8.45am</i></p>

Kind regards,

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**Matthew Kitley, Headteacher**