



Welcome to Woodside  
C of E Primary school  
Reception 2021

# WELCOME

- ▶ We strive to work in partnership to enable your child to be happy , safe and flourish while they are at Woodside; hopefully for the next seven years
- ▶ Our Christian Ethos underpins all that we do
- ▶ We have 5 core Christian values : love, respect, hope, forgiveness and challenging injustice.
- ▶ We aim for everyone to 'Live life in all it's fullness'
- ▶ We have strong links with our local churches at Baddesley Ensor and Grendon

# BDMAT- Woodside as part of a larger academy trust

- ▶ We are part of Birmingham Diocese Multi-academy Trust which consists of 17 primary schools; six of these are located in North Warwickshire.
- ▶ The Trust's values are honesty, hope, integrity, respect, helpfulness, wisdom and dignity and compassion.
- ▶ In the current world of education, 'success' is often measured by literacy and maths attainment alone at the end of key stages. BDMAT are committed to the holistic development of each child and therefore see success in a much broader context. We want our pupils to experience a range of subjects and experiences in order that they have the opportunity to achieve within these.

# Monitoring

- ▶ Ofsted
- ▶ Woodside was last inspected in March 2016 and was graded as *Good*. We are now due an inspection any time. This could take place from Spring 2021 onwards.
- ▶ SIAMS
- ▶ This is the organisation which monitors the Worship and RE teaching in Church of England schools. We were last inspected in June 2016 and were graded 'Outstanding'.

# Working together in partnership

- ▶ Everyone at Woodside works as a team, to ensure that your child receives the best possible education and support. We are a school where children thrive; they are happy, safe and enjoy learning. Being able to read and write and understand number is key to success in the future but we also help children to be caring and curious. We aim for children to leave this school as independent learners who are resilient, with a desire to find out about the world about them, and who strive to be the best they can be! We provide a broad and ambitious curriculum which enables children's minds to flourish.

# Woodpeckers- wrap around care

- ▶ We offer wraparound care on site. This is run by school staff and provides flexibility for working parents.
- ▶ It is open from 7.30 each morning and breakfast can be provided
- ▶ After school it runs until 6.00pm
- ▶ Full details of this provision, and the associated costs, is on the school website [www.woodside-cofe.eschools.co.uk](http://www.woodside-cofe.eschools.co.uk)

# September 2021

- ▶ Our Planned Admission Number is 30. You will see from the video that the reception classroom is large and there is plenty of space for the children to access all areas of learning; both inside and outside the classroom
- ▶ There will be an opportunity for your child to visit our school, if you are successful in obtaining a place, in the summer term.

# Dinners and Pupil Premium

- ▶ **Every** child in reception class is eligible for a free school lunch (provided by the government). There are 4 choices; two hot choices , a deli-bag or a filled jacket potato). The dinners are of a high quality and the midday supervisor takes great care of your child at lunchtime.
- ▶ If your child is eligible for **Pupil Premium** ( previously known as free school meals ) then we would very much still want you to apply for this as the school receives additional funding which helps to provide extra resources for the school
- ▶ You can easily check eligibility and apply online and if your child is eligible they will receive; a starter goody bag which contains a sweatshirt/cardigan, a water bottle, a book bag and a range of creative resources
- ▶ Each term they receive a book and later on there are reductions for residential trips etc.



# UNIFORM

- ▶ Our website provides information about our uniform suppliers
- ▶ We do have a great deal of good quality second hand uniform - please do get in touch with the office and we can let you have some FREE - sweatshirts, cardigans, trousers, skirts, pinafores etc
- ▶ PLEASE, PLEASE put names in your child's uniform so that if it is mislaid we can get it back to the right child- otherwise we end up with piles of unnamed uniform and you may get frustrated when you child has 'lost' theirs.

# The Early Years Foundation Stage is

- ▶ Education for children from the age of birth to 5.
- ▶ The final year is when children are in a Reception class of a primary school.
- ▶ It prepares children for learning in their future school career.

# Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

## Seven areas of learning...

1. Personal, social and emotional development
2. Communication and language
3. Physical Development
4. Literacy
5. Mathematics
6. Understanding the world
7. Expressive Arts and Design

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- ▶ Your child will learn to:
- ▶ Be self confident
- ▶ Take an interest in things
- ▶ Know what their own needs are
- ▶ Tell the difference between right and wrong
- ▶ Take turns and share





# Communication and Language

- ▶ The children will learn to:
- ▶ Talk confidently and clearly
- ▶ Enjoy listening to stories, songs and poems
- ▶ Hear and say sounds and link them to the alphabet
- ▶ Use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations



# Physical Development

- ▶ The children will learn to:
- ▶ Move confidently
- ▶ Control their body
- ▶ Handle equipment - using scissors, riding scooters, kicking and throwing balls
- ▶ Be able to dress and undress and manage personal hygiene
- ▶ Use a pencil effectively





# Literacy and Mathematics

- ▶ The children will learn to:
- ▶ Read using systematic synthetic phonics
- ▶ Make marks and write using their phonics knowledge
- ▶ Develop an understanding of maths through stories, songs, games and imaginative play
- ▶ Count and learn simple number facts to 10 and beyond
- ▶ Understand ideas such as heavier than, smaller than, more than, less than etc.
- ▶ Develop an understanding of shapes and patterns



# Understanding The world

- ▶ Children will learn to:
- ▶ Find out about the world about them, asking questions about it
- ▶ Find out about past events in their own and their family's lives
- ▶ Build with different materials , know about everyday technology and learn what it is used for
- ▶ Find out about different cultures and beliefs





# Expressive Art and design

- ▶ The children will explore:
- ▶ Colours
- ▶ Shapes
- ▶ Making things
- ▶ Movement
- ▶ Making music



# A typical Day in Reception.

8.45-9.00	Come in and self register
9.00-9.15	Whole Class Time
9.15-11.00	Activities
11.00-11.15	Snack time
11.15-11.35	Guided Reading
11.40-12.00	Phonics
12.00-12.10	Tidy up and get ready for lunchtime
12.10-1.30	Lunch time
1.30-1.50	Register and Whole Class time
1.45-3.00	Activities
3.00-3.20	Story

# Special days

Welly Wednesday - every Wednesday we take the children out and around the local area, this may be on a long walk or to our Forest Schools site in the woods.

Wellies and waterproofs are essential.

We like to take our children on school trips which are connected to what we are looking at in class. In previous years, we have had successful trips to Conkers to experience the 'Robin's Winter Warmer' and had a great visit to Donington-le-Heath Manor House to find out about life long ago.

We hold open afternoons, which allows you to come and spend the afternoon and join in with your child for activity time.

# Learning Journals

- ▶ During the year we will take photographs of your child doing various different activities.
- ▶ We now use an on-line learning journey called Tapestry. The photographs we take are annotated with a little comment about the learning that is taking place and then it is posted to you via the Tapestry app.
- ▶ The app is secure and only you can see your own child's learning. Parents can contribute too by posting things that your child does at home.

# You can help prepare your child for school by:

- ▶ Sharing and enjoying books with your child
- ▶ Talk to them about the things they do and see
- ▶ Encourage mark making, write own name and other words
- ▶ Visit/join the local library
- ▶ Practice counting at any time- climbing the stairs, shopping etc.
- ▶ Play simple board games, dominoes, snap
- ▶ Sing number songs and rhymes together
- ▶ Practice sorting activities
- ▶ Look for shapes in everyday objects

# Finally:

- ▶ Although COVID 19 prevents us from holding our usual open morning for parents to come and look around our school, I do hope that this presentation has given you a flavour of our school and life in the reception class. Along with the short video you have had a 'peek' inside our school. If you have any further questions which will help you to make up your mind as to whether Woodside is the school for your child, please call the office (01827 715507) or go to our website [www.woodside-cofe.eschools.co.uk](http://www.woodside-cofe.eschools.co.uk)
- ▶ I do hope that I will be able to meet with you soon and look forward to welcoming your child to Woodside.
- ▶ Awen Simpson (Headteacher)