

Woodside Warbler



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Summer

The last Warbler for 2020/21!! It brings to a close another year of disruption and difficulty due to Covid 19. None of us would have predicted last July that we would have to persevere through a second year of bubbles, class closures, self-isolation and changes to school routines **BUT** we have all come through it, mostly, with smiles still on our faces.

I want to thank you all for your support over the year; it has been difficult for you being kept on 'the other side of the gate', feeling, I am sure, distant at times from your child and the staff. You have been accommodating with the alteration to routines; school times, having to collect your child either to self-isolate or more recently to carry out lateral flow tests.

Having to switch to remote learning in January was a challenge to us all; you supported your children so well and enabled them to continue to learn even though most could not be in school for several months.

The children have all managed these changes wonderfully and are a real credit to you!

Let's hope that September brings a more settled year; although unfortunately at the moment guidance from BDMAT and the Local Authority is still subject to change. Everyone is feeling uncertain about what the next few weeks will bring and therefore although I will provide the arrangements for September, this will have to be confirmed by me on Friday 3rd September.

I wish you all a relaxing summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

School closes today and re-opens to the children on Monday 6th September

The school calendar for 2021/2022 is available on the school website and shows all term dates and INSET days for the forthcoming year.

Announcement

Although my retirement is still some way off, my successor has been appointed. Mrs Natasha Johnson, who is currently a deputy head at a Church of England School in Lichfield will be taking over in January 2022. She is very keen to get to know the children, staff and parents, so you may well see her in school during the Autumn term

Goodbye Mrs Sandland

It is a sad day today as we say goodbye to Mrs Sandland who is retiring from Woodside School.

Mrs Sandland has worked as a teacher, first at Baddesley Ensor Middle School, and then later at Woodside Primary School, for 38 years. She has devoted the whole of her teaching career to the local community. She will be sorely missed for her exacting standards, musical expertise and desire to provide a wealth of experiences for the children at Woodside.

Looking back to the start of her career, Mrs Sandland formed and shaped many musical groups whilst at Baddesley Ensor Middle School; the choir, The Kennedy Klarinettes, the Saxonettes to name but a few and through her nurture and example, enabled all of these groups to compete and excel at national level with performances at the Royal Festival Halls in London, Cardiff, Glasgow and Harrogate as well as making an appearance on Blue Peter!

Everyone in the community will think fondly of Christmas concerts at St Nicolas Church where carols and readings in many languages; French, Latin and Spanish, were all orchestrated and rehearsed to perfection, leaving the whole audience spellbound.

Mrs Sandland has enthused so many children with her own love of all things Harry Potter and Shakespeare with a memorable outdoor production of 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' in Stratford and trips to the Harry Potter Studios. These are just two examples of her enthusiasm and desire to provide a whole range of extra curricular opportunities for the children at Woodside.

Past and present members of staff joined the children to say goodbye to Mrs Sandland and wish her well for her retirement. They presented her with a beautiful bird bath, garden centre vouchers and plants as well as a memory book signed by all staff and pupils. Each class went on to perform a song or a poem for Mrs Sandland and her guests!

We all wish Mrs Sandland a restful retirement, enjoying her garden and taking lovely holidays.



Year 6 Leavers

In what has been a very challenging two years in education, the current Year 6 class have continued to aim, high, work hard and are now all well on their way to reaching their potentials as they move to secondary school.

This is the class that every teacher wants to teach! They take responsibility for their learning, work well together as a team and work hard to meet expectations, while also being polite, respectful and great fun to work with. It really has been my privilege to be their teacher for the last two years.. With such a fantastic class, the prospect of singling pupils out for individual awards becomes increasingly difficult.....however, hopefully, all the more special for the recipients.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you—you are all STARS!

The Awards for 2021 are as follows:

Star Pupil—Stefania

English—Freya

Maths—Kieran

Science (STEM) - Isla

PE—Caitlin

Endeavour Girls—Lottie & Jenny

Endeavour Boys—Thiargo

Arts—Daisy

All Round Improvement—Dylann

Best Academic Pupil of the Year—Kayleigh

Headteacher's Award—Erin



Bronze Housepoint Certificates

The following pupils have received Bronze Housepoint certificates for achieving 125 housepoints:

Kaeson—Ash

Lacey, Summer & Layla—Larch

Zara—Beech

Silver Housepoint Certificates

The following pupils have received Silver Housepoint certificates for achieving 150 housepoints:

Erin, Enid, Lewis, Thomas, & Harry—Holly

Harry—Larch

Ava, Isla, Albert & Imogen—Beech

Gold Housepoint Certificates

The following pupils have received Gold Housepoint certificates for achieving 150 housepoints:

Eva & Jude—Holly

Freya, Grace, Kayleigh, Erin, Caitlin & Isla—Beech

School Uniform

In readiness for September, I would like to remind parents that our new school uniform supplier is S K School Uniforms.

They are based at:

44-46 Chartwell, Riverside, Tamworth,
B79 7UG.

Telephone—01827 705779

Opening times:

Monday—Saturday 7.30am—8.30pm

Sunday 8.00am—8.00pm

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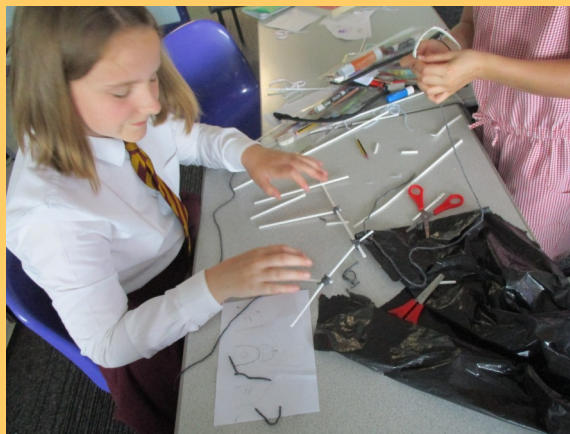
Black school shoes NOT trainers

PE Kit—plain white t shirts, black or navy joggers or shorts and plain black or navy sweatshirt

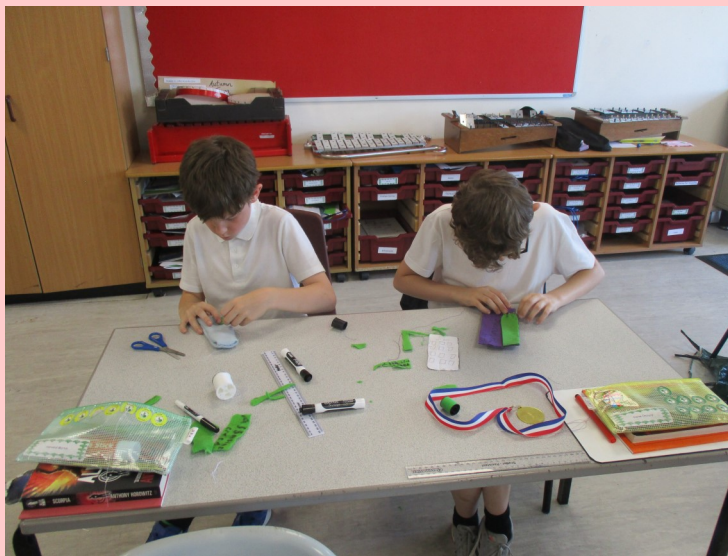
Year 5 D & T Project

Year 5 designed and constructed collapsible shelters to be used in the event of an earthquake for their Design and Technology project.

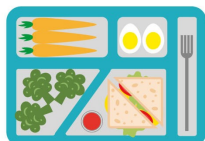
They trialled the designs using straws before using bamboo canes and tarpaulin to create the final versions, practising skills of knot making and sawing.



Year 6 Design and Technology Project



Year 6 have been busy completing their final D&T project- creating felt phone cases and practising the skills of sewing and design.



New School Meal Provider

Sodexo have been awarded the Catering Contract for all schools within BDMAT from September.,

The cost of a meal will be £2.40 and children will have a choice of two hot meals or a jacket potato.

The new menus are available on the ParentInformation' section of the school website .

Holidays

If children travel to a red list country during the summer holidays, they will need to quarantine on their return and this quarantine period **MUST** be concluded before they return to school.

School Council Fundraising

The School Council 'Bright' Non Uniform Day last week raised £102.12.

Gift & Ice Cream Sales this week also raised ????

This brings the total money raised by the School Council for Cancer Research to £803 .

This is an amazing total considering the unusual year that we have had. A cheque will be sent to the charity in September.

Well done everyone!

Star Pupil

The following pupils received a Star Pupil Award today. Well done to you all!

Lyla—Reception

Archie—Holly

Mairi—Maple

Layla—Larch

Oliver—Chestnut

Lauren—Cherry

Stefania—Beech

September Arrangements Year 1—6

As of today, these are the arrangements for September but they may be subject to change depending on the Covid19 situation at the time.

The arrangements will be confirmed by the school via email on Friday 3rd September and we will of course inform you of any changes.

- ◆ The school day will be 8.30am—3.00pm for EVERYONE
- ◆ Face coverings are no longer mandatory but may be worn if parents/staff prefer
- ◆ Children may come on to the school site no earlier than 8.25am and line up on the top playground ready to be collected by a member of staff
- ◆ Parents may bring children onto the school site but children in Year 5 and 6 are encouraged to come on to site without their parents and go straight in to class to reduce congestion
- ◆ Parents of children in Years 1—6 should collect children from the top playground at 3.00pm
- ◆ PE—we will continue with the current system of children coming into school in their PE kit on their PE days. Texts will be sent out in September to let you know which days these will be
- ◆ Please continue to send your child in to school with a book bag or a small drawstring bag (not a rucksack). Please also send them with an empty pencil case so that they can keep their school pencils, rubbers etc tidy on their desk
- ◆ Reception children are to be dropped off and collected from the Reception gate
- ◆ Children will no longer need to operate in 'bubbles'
- ◆ Children will still be encouraged to wash/sanitise their hands several times throughout the day
- ◆ BDMAT have instructed that the Autumn Parents' Evening will be via telephone appointments rather than face to face
- ◆ Staff will continue to carry out LFD tests twice a week
- ◆ Initially, in order to minimise the number of adults inside school, Friday Celebration Collective Worship will only be for the children. We hope to invite parents on to the school site by half term
- ◆ Further information relating to Covid19 outbreaks in school will be detailed on the updated risk assessment available on the school website.

The Family Information Service

The Family Information Service (FIS) is a helpful friendly service which supports families with a wide range of needs including childcare, finance, housing, Special Educational Needs, Disabilities and family relationships.

Not sure who can help? Give the team a call and they can offer advice and support.

They are available every Monday—Friday (except Bank Holidays) 9am—5pm by phone on 01926 742274 or email fis@warwickshire.gov.uk. You can also message on Facebook—WarwickshireFIS.

Please remember, FIS are available when school is closed over the summer break, so please don't hesitate to contact them if you need any sort of support.

Special Attendance Award Lunch

Larch class are the winners of the best overall attendance for this academic year - they won an amazing 16 attendance certificates over the course of the year and were treated to a pizza lunch yesterday!

Well done, Larch Class

Summer Activity Sessions

North Warwickshire Children and Family Centre are holding free summer activity sessions over the holidays. To view the timetable, please visit the 'Pastoral' page on the school website or contact them directly on 01827 718723