



Woodside Warbler

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Pen License



As part of the School's commitment to increasing standards, in particular this year in writing, we have decided to award Pen Licenses to children.

When the class teacher feels that a child's writing is consistently neat and joined and all the letter are correctly formed and sized, they will recommend them for a Pen License.

The Literacy Leader, Mrs Bruntlett, will then decide whether the neatness of the writing is of the highest standard and if so the License, along with a pen, will be awarded in Friday's Collective Worship.

Licenses can be taken away if the presentation of the work deteriorates.

The children are all aware of this challenge and I am hoping to award the first licenses after half term.

On Line Payments

Woodside is delighted to announce that we will be trialling a system to allow for parents and carers to make payments online for school activities such as dinners, trips, clubs and before and after school care!

A huge amount of time is spent on collecting and keeping track of what payments have been received for the numerous events that take place. This, combined with the burden that you may endure in either finding the correct change or writing a cheque to pay for your child's activities can at times be frustrating.

Our new Schoolmoney.co.uk facility will allow for both parties to experience a more streamlined, cost-effective and efficient payment collection system in a secure and safe environment. The trial will start after the half term break on Monday 27th February and there will be no transaction charges for parents/carers with this system. Payments may still be made by calling in to the office and we will also have the facility to take payment by card.

From time to time you will receive a text message from the school inviting you to access a website as an option to make a payment for an activity. We would appreciate your support in this matter.

To ensure that we all experience maximum benefit from this service, we would ask all parents to notify us if you have recently changed your mobile number and/or email address.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and if you would like any further information regarding the new payment system, please do not hesitate to call in to the school office.

We would welcome any feedback you may have on the new system too!

Hairstyles

We encourage children to be well presented for school and therefore do not permit unsuitable hair styles or very short hair. This includes letters/tram lines/patterns cut into the hair, hair gelling and hair dying. These are considered to be inappropriate in the primary school setting.



Collective Worship—February

This month's theme is 'Trust & Confidence.'

'And I pray that Christ may be more and more at home in your hearts as you learn to trust Him. May your roots go deep into the soil of God's marvellous love.'

Can you find the passage in the Bible?

Ephesians 3 verse 17 (it's on page 231!)

Messy Church

St Nicholas Hall Sunday 12th February 4.00pm—6.00pm
Games & Crafts. Activities & Worship. Followed by food and drinks. Free fun for all the family. (adults need to be accompanied by a child & children accompanied by an adult).

More details from Rev Roger Chamberlain on
01827 713245 email revrog@hotmail.co.uk



Thank You!

Thank you to Grendon PCC who have very kindly agreed to fund the Lent booklets for all children at Woodside. They will be given out later in the month.

Before & After School Clubs

A letter regarding Before & After School Clubs for next half term will be sent out at the beginning of next week.

Unfortunately due to budget constraints, it has been necessary to increase the cost of clubs run by members of staff from £1 to £2. This is the first increase in price in over 8 years and I am sure you will agree it still represents good value for money.



House Point Achievements

Congratulations to Harry Carmody who has achieved a Bronze House Point Award.



Parent Governor Vacancy

There is a Parent Governor vacancy at Woodside School.

If you are interested in this position, please complete a nomination form available from the school office.

The closing date for completed forms to be returned is 3.30pm on Friday 3rd March.

If you would like more information on what the role of a Governor entails, please contact Mrs King in the school office.

We also have a vacancy for a Community Governor. Please see Mrs King for further details.

School Uniform Logo

You may be aware that last academic year a new school motto was agreed upon.

However, Clothing 4 (our uniform suppliers) still have stock with the current logo.

It has been agreed that we will not produce any new uniform until the current stock has been sold.

Forthcoming Term Dates

Tuesday 14th February	PTA Valentine Disco 3.30—5.00pm
Wednesday 15th February	Parents' Evening 3.30-7.00pm
Monday 20th—Friday 24th February Half Term	
Monday 27th February	School Re-opens
Wednesday 1st March	Year 4 Library Visit
Thursday 2nd March	Year 5/6 Cross Country, Warton School
Wednesday 8th March	Year 1 Visit to Baddesley Library
Tuesday 21st March	Year 5 First Aid Training St John's Ambulance
Friday 24th March	Year 2 Trip to Stratford
Wednesday 29th March	Reception Library Visit
Wednesday 5th April	Fire Service visit Year 1 & Year 5
Monday 10th—Friday 21st April Easter Holidays	
Monday 24th April	School Re-opens for Summer Term

World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March

We will be focussing on poetry this year and would like children to find a poem they enjoy and share it in class on World Book Day. They can look at poetry books at home, at the Library or use the internet. We also have lots of poetry books in school that can also be used!

We will have visitors in school who will also read their favourite poems to the children.

Children can come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book or related to their chosen poem.