



3rd September 2009

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome back to the new term and to the new school year. I do hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer holiday.

Jane Bates 1946 - 2009

By now many of you will have heard the very sad news that our friend and colleague Jane Bates passed away at the end of the summer after a long illness. Mrs Bates had been a member of our school community for several decades, as a parent, a Teaching Assistant, a member of the office staff and as a school governor. Jane worked tirelessly for the school and for the children and families in Wood Farm throughout this time, and right up to the end of her life she continued to take a keen interest in the school and in the welfare and wellbeing of the children. Jane always put other people's needs before her own and it was typical of her approach that even towards the end of her life many people meeting her wouldn't have realised how poorly she was. Jane will be greatly missed in the school, and during the coming weeks we will be thinking about how we can best celebrate and commemorate her life in the school. The children have been told the news about Mrs Bates today, either in class or during a special assembly for the oldest children.

As they settle into their new classes over the coming days the children will be finding out about the exciting new projects that they will be taking part in this term. Teachers will also be writing to you to tell you what the children will be up to, and how you can get involved at home. Year 3 and 4 classes will be beginning their project with a trip so do please look out for extra information.

A reminder that school dinners now cost £2.00 a day. Payment must be made on a Monday in advance, and any monies sent in with children must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name and details of the amount marked on the front. Please bear in mind that we are not able to allow parents or carers to order school meals on credit. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please do speak to the office staff.

A reminder also that we do expect children to wear school uniform every day to school. The school uniform is a white school shirt, polo shirt or blouse; navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or school cardigan with black, grey or dark blue trousers (not jeans). Girls may wear blue or grey school dresses. For PE children should have a white T-shirt and shorts or jogging bottoms in school colours. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery, except a watch and studs in pierced ears. Please don't allow your children to come to school with painted nails or dyed hair (except in a natural hair colour).

Date for your diary: the school photographer will be taking individual portraits of children on the morning of Tuesday 6th October in school.

With best wishes from Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School.



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