



9th November 2009

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It has been good to see so many parents and carers last week for meetings with teachers after school. If you weren't able to make an appointment to see your child's teacher last week please do ask about meeting for a brief chat after school this term to make sure that you have an up to date picture of your child's learning, and you are aware of his or her targets for the coming months.

Many thanks to those parents and carers who filled in the questionnaires in the hall last week. We will publish a summary of parent/carers views - as soon as we have carefully been through all of the replies (over 150!)

Last Friday children in Years 5 and 6 had the chance to watch a play, and take part in a drama workshop by Pegasus Theatre and Oxford Youth Theatre. The play, called 'Walking on Eggshells' was about family life and family break-ups, and we were all really impressed by the mature and thoughtful approach our children showed to the issues raised. BBC local news spent the morning filming the project, and some of our children (and staff) were interviewed by their reporter Wesley Smith. You should be able to see the finished report this week on BBC Oxford News (probably on Wednesday evening).

We have had a message from Peter Lundquist, who was a pupil at the school in Year 3 and 4 during 1972. He now lives in California and would love to hear from anyone who remembers him from all of those years ago - please let the office know if you would like his contact details. Incidentally we are interested in collecting lots of memories from former pupils at the school as a way of marking the start of the new building project towards the end of this year - do look out for more details soon.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers visiting classes last week and before the end of term to see the results of the children's projects. New projects have started this week, and teachers will be letting you know how you can join in with your children's learning at home.

This Wednesday the 11th is Armistice day and as in previous years we will be asking all of the children from Years 1 - 6 to join in with the **2 minutes silence at eleven o'clock**. We will be joining in with **BBC Children in Need on Friday 20th November by holding a non-uniform day**, and asking children to make a small donation (suggestion £1) to the appeal.

Whilst on the subject of uniform could I remind all parents and carers that on all other days of the year we do expect all children to be wearing school uniform every day (children in the Foundation Stage have the choice of starting to wear uniform during the year). If you are unsure of the uniform details please do ask in the office at any time. Parents tell us that they like the uniform because it makes organising what to wear for school easier, and we also feel that the uniform helps the children to feel a sense of belonging to the whole Wood Farm School community - and that school time is an important and different part of their week. Please do make sure that you put your child's name inside their school clothes - children sometimes



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say that they have lost parts of their uniform, but we still have masses of unnamed and uncollected lost property handed in each week!

Please make sure that the kitchen knows if your child will be having school dinner on Children in Need day (20th November) and also whether your child will be having school Christmas Lunch on Thursday 10th December. Letters have already been sent out about both dates - please ask the office for a copy if you have mislaid yours.

News from the Headington Schools' Partnership:

Headington Schools' Partnership presents PEACH BOY - the adventures of Momotaro : an action-packed adventure story based on one the most exciting Japanese folk tales.

The Oxfordshire Theatre Company's seasonal production is coming to **Bayards Hill School** on Sunday 22 November at 4.00 pm with special rate tickets for Headington schools' families : £5 adults, £2 children/concessions, £10 family (of 4). This production is suitable for children aged 6 and older, and adults.

Booking forms are available from the school office; return it with payment to the school office.

Best wishes from Mr. Lewin and everyone at the school.

