



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Thank you to everyone who came along to the **Wood Farm Festival** last Friday evening. We raised over £500, but just as importantly it was a fantastic community event for the school and for Wood Farm. Many thanks and congratulations especially to the groups of children from the school who performed songs and dances during the evening, and also to the Friends of Wood Farm School who helped to organise and run some of the stalls.

Congratulations too to everyone in the school for Friday's Big Dance event! The whole school did brilliantly, on a very hot day, performing together under the direction of Ms Farr and her assistants from Years 5 & 6. Some pictures of the event will hopefully be on the school website soon.

Parent and carer consultation meetings are being held tonight and tomorrow after school. Because the hall is being used for community events this week **meetings will take place in classrooms**. Classes in Years 3 and 4 are meeting in Miss Phillips' room (across the playground), Years 1 and 2 are in Mrs Pugh & Miss Farnworth's room, and Years 5 and 6 are upstairs in Mrs McMahon's classroom. If you have any mobility problems that make the stairs difficult please let us know so that we can make alternative arrangements.

After School Club: Next Tuesday 20th at 6:00 pm there will be a public meeting at the school to discuss the possibility of offering after school childcare at Wood Farm School. The meeting will be attended by advisers from the local authority's child care team and is in response to the survey carried out earlier this term. At present a small number of parents and carers say they would like after school childcare, but it is likely that growing numbers of people would find this provision helpful in the future. In order to set up a club we would need the local authority's financial assistance to begin with to make it cost effective, and that means showing that enough parents and carers are interested - so do please come along, even if this is something you think you might be interested in for the future.

A change to the morning routine next week: Next week we are going to try something slightly different at the start of the school day. The school gate will open, as now, at 8:45 but children will remain on the playground along with school staff, plus any parents and carers that would like to stay with their children and/or have a chat! At 8:55 (which is currently the time that registration starts) the bell will be rung and children will line up in their classes and go in for the start of the day. We are going to try this for a few reasons:

- We hope it will remind everyone that **the school day begins at 8:55**, and that children need to be on time for the register. We also hope it will make the start of the day smoother, with all of the children coming into class at once.
- By September we expect to have moved several of the classes - and children might not know which room they are in! If we practise starting the day like this now it will make it easier for people to go to the right room next year.
- With teachers and Teaching Assistants on the playground it will give you a chance to have a quick chat with school staff at the start of the day.

This term finishes next Wednesday 21st. **School will close for the year at 1:30**, which is an hour earlier than our normal end of year finish time, but this is a one off change because of the building work. We are expecting to move nine classrooms during the summer, and as you can imagine this will involve an enormous amount of packing and sorting for the school staff at the end of the year, in preparation for the arrival of the removals firm!

Reminders: Y6 Leavers' assembly Monday 19th 2:30
Y6 Party 5:00
After School Club meeting Tuesday 20th 6:00
End of term 1:30 Wednesday 21st
New Term: Monday 6th September

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



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