



8th September 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

A very warm welcome back to everybody for the start of the new school year! It was lovely to see everybody back yesterday after the holidays – and a special welcome to those children and families who are new to our school. This year will be a very special one for our school, as we begin to see some very big changes to the school site. In assembly on Wednesday we started the year by thinking about how helpful it is to have a clear aim when you want to achieve something, and a picture in your head of what you are aiming for. At home you might like to talk to your child about the things she or he is aiming for at school this year.

Your children will be bringing home a letter, either this week or early next week, telling you all about the learning that they will be doing in school this term and with some ideas for ways that you can join in at home. Please do look out for details of exciting events, or in some cases short trips that teachers are planning to launch the children's learning for the coming term.

We are hoping to hold a special meeting for parents and carers of children in **Year 6**, on the 19th September in the early evening. Please make a note of this date and we will send Year 6 parents and carers more details shortly.

Can I remind you that the cost of school dinners has increased slightly to £2.10 a day from 1st September. Please make payments for school dinners on Mondays, and please do put your payment in an envelope with your child's full name written on the front.

There are still some small building jobs to be finished in the new classrooms and hall, but we expect to start using some parts of the new building during this term. We will also begin the work of planning for the next phase of the building programme. This will involve some quite big temporary changes to the playground, and the ways that children and adults come into the school – look out for more information and updates as this very exciting year for our school gets underway!

This week is Bike Week – please see the attached information from our local police on keeping your bike secure.

Dates for your diary:

5 th October	School photographer
7 th October	School closed for staff training
10 th October	Life Education bus visiting all week
11 th October	Group of children visit Houses of Parliament
21 st October	Harvest Festival. End of term 1

Best wishes
From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School



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