



Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery School Newsletter

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Coronavirus update

It has been a strange start to the final half term before the summer break. The reopening of school is beginning and we have welcomed back more children from Key Worker families as well as some more vulnerable children.

We will continue to monitor and review our systems and processes with the emphasis on keeping children and staff safe. Governors have been totally involved throughout the time of our school's partial closure and continue to support as we now head into this next phase.

Thank you for all your wonderful home learning responses. Staff have thoroughly enjoyed receiving your emails and photographs. Staff continue to find new ways to support home learning and will be in touch with regards to video messaging.



Staff changes at Woodside

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff for September. Mr Matthew Wood will be covering the Autumn Term of maternity cover before we welcome Mrs Samantha Easey back in January.

Mr Wood was appointed following a thorough interview process online.

Friends of Hethersett Woodside

Update

The Friends of Woodside are extremely sad that the annual Summer Fair did not take place this year due to Coronavirus. This is a first in the school's history that the Summer Fair has been cancelled.

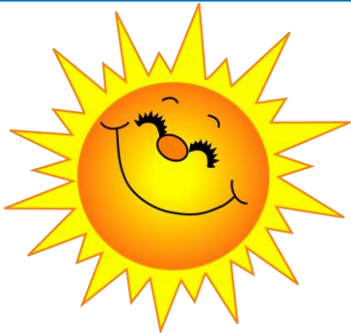
The Friends committee wish you all well and thank you for your continued support.

Transition

Due to the current situation transition arrangements will take a different form. We are looking to set up meetings online for parents of children who are new to: Nursery, Reception and Year 3. We will send more information for you in the near future.

Year 1 Dance Show

The Year 1 dance show unfortunately had to be cancelled this year. The future of this event is uncertain as the company that owned the Open building went into receivership. We will keep you informed of future plans.



Safety in the Sun!

As the weather becomes warmer, please ensure that your child, if they are in school has a sunhat (with name in it please!) and a water bottle in school.

Please also make sure sun-screen is applied before school if necessary.

Ducklings

Duckling's smooth transition to Woodside is now complete. When we all move to the new school site, they will continue to merge as part of the Nursery team. Two rooms will run within Willow Nursery. They will be called: Squirrels and Hedgehogs.



COMPOST CORNER

Bags2schools this year has raised a total of £204.00

We are hoping to have the last collection of the year in July, we will keep you informed of the date

Silly Squad, the 2020 Summer Reading Challenge is here!



You'll be pleased to hear, that whilst the library buildings are still closed to the Public, they're still able to offer children the chance to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge this year. The challenge has gone digital!

You can watch Apryl and Adam tell you all about the Summer Reading Challenge in Norfolk in this YouTube video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_kyeFhHV8o

Children join the challenge at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk Parents will need to set up their own account first before setting up their children to make sure they have permission to take part. There are also games and activities, as

well as book recommendations on the site. You can get virtual rewards and unlock new buddies as you get closer to your target.

What to read?

You can read ANYTHING you like - books you have at home, books you have brought home from school, library books you still have on loan. You can register to read a variety of ebooks on the oxford owl website.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

We'd also love children and families to try out the eBook library online, which you can browse here: <https://norfolk.overdrive.com/library/childrens> It's free, you just need a library card.

You can still join the library using this link:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries-local-history-and-archives/libraries/your-library-account/join-the-library>

All of the eBook and eAudio library is free to borrow, you can use the Libby app on your tablet or smartphone, or read online on a laptop or PC. As well as books, they have lots of magazines and comics you can read on the Press Reader app or website, www.pressreader.com. From the Beano to horse-riding, gaming to pets, there are lots of topics to keep you interested. To sign up for free, sign up with a library card, not a social media account.

If you've got younger children/new starters who're not reading yet, being read to counts too! Anyone can take part.

Events and activities

The library is not able to run all the great events they normally would have in the libraries. They're Facebook page, Norfolk Libraries for Families, has lots of different things going on. Storytime, bounce and rhyme, book recommendations and activities - find out the latest events

here: www.Facebook.com/NorfolkLibrariesForFamilies

Parents can message the children's team, who'd be happy to help with book recommendations and how to access books/join the library.

Keep up the super reading everyone!

From Ms Pearson (Literacy lead)