

Message from Mrs Morris

As you are aware, this is my last week as Head at Woodlands. I have been here more years than I dare to count and this school has formed a huge part of my life. Although I am looking forward to the new challenges I have ahead, I am leaving Woodlands with heavy heart.

When I took over as Head, the school was in the worst position it had ever been. I am so very proud of how we have turned this around over the last 7 years. One of my greatest achievements was leading the school to receive the 'Good' Ofsted judgement in July this year. I couldn't have done without the wonderful staff team we have here at Woodlands. They are the best people I could ever have hoped to work with.

Over the years I have been through some ups and downs and faced tricky times but also many happy times. It has been amazing to see the children grow and develop in so many ways. Your children are a credit to you and the school and I am proud of every single one of them.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their support over the years. I have always put the children at the heart of decisions I have had to make. I may not have got this right all of the time but I have always learned and tried to do better the next time. I would like to think I have made a difference to some children and families in my time as Head.

I am not moving too far away and will pop back in on occasions to see the children and check how they are getting on. I leave the school in the best position it has been in for nearly 15 years and with a strong staff team to keep it this way.

I wish you all a happy and restful Christmas.



Attendance

Class attendance since September 2022:

Reception: **96.6%** ↑

Year 1: **92.7%** ↓

Year 2: **92.7%** ↑

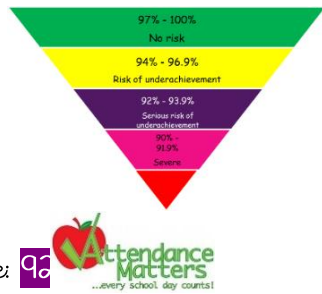
Year 3: **90.9%** ↓

Year 4: **91.2%** ↑

Year 5: **90.4%** ↓

Year 6: **94.8%** ↑

Whole school attendance: **92.7%**



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd January - Inset Day

Wednesday 4th January - First day of Term 3

Friday 6th January - TT Rockstars Day

Tuesday 31st January - Reception application deadline

Term dates 2022/23

Term 3 - 3rd January 2023 - 10th February 2023

Term 4 - 20th February 2023 - 31st March 2023

Term 5 - 17th April 2023 - 26th May 2023

Term 6 - 5th June 2023 - 21st July 2023

Inset Days

3rd January 2023

20th February 2023

26th May 2023

21st July 2023



Message from the PTA

The amount raised at our Christmas Fayre on Friday 25th November was **£930.13!!** Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our school!



Reception applications for September 2023

Reception

The window for applying for Reception 2023 places is now open, and all applications must be submitted by midnight of Sunday 15th January 2023. We are holding an open day for all prospective parents on Monday 7th November. If you are aware of any friends or family who are looking for reception places, please feel free to make them aware of this date. Applications for reception places can be made here: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-apply>



School Closure Procedures

Should the school need to close due to severe weather, the decision will be made as early as possible; the aim is to have the closure notified by 7:00am of the morning of closure. In the meantime, please ensure you're taking extra safety measures at drop-off and pick-up.

TT Rockstars Day

On Friday 6th January 2023, we will be having our whole-school Times Tables Rockstars Day. Children can come into school wearing their best rockstar get ups ready for a day full of times tables fun and rock and roll!!

RSE Day

Following feedback from Ofsted during the inspection, we have changed the time of year we deliver RSE (relationship and sex education). RSE became a statutory part of the curriculum in September 2020. In previous years we have taught it in July but feel it needs to be moved earlier in the year so that the children can get the most benefit out of it.

We use recommended curriculum content from The PSHE Association which is updated regularly. If you would like to know more information about what your child will cover, please click the link below or see the email sent to families today: https://www.woodlandsacademybristol.com/web/rse_curriculum/589898