



KEY DATES

September

24th

School Council Meeting

25th

Forms 3 - 6

Healthy Eating Session

27th

PFA Macmillan Coffee Morning

OCTOBER

2nd

Pre-School & Reception

Taster Session

Forms 5 & 6

High 5 Netball Tournament
(pre-notified teams)

4th

ISA Triathlon Event

Woodlands School
(Pre-notified children)

18th

Break up for half term

21st - 1st

Half Term

NOVEMBER

4th

School Resumes

DECEMBER

10th

Forms R - 6

2pm

Christmas Carol Service
St Michael's Church

11th

Christmas Lunch
Flu Vaccinations
(not at the same time!)

Dear Parents,

It seems a little bit strange to say "Welcome Back" when, three weeks into term, it is as if we were never away! I hope you all enjoyed peaceful and happy summer holidays. May I wish all pupils who are sitting external exams this weekend the very best of luck – deep breaths and do your best.

A couple of upcoming events to be aware of: Friday 27th September is our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning – any donations will be gratefully received, and we look forward to selling cakes before school that morning (weather permitting). Also, Saturday 5th October is our Open Morning, so invitations will soon be going out for pupils who are able to come in and join in activities around the school on that morning. Sorry to end on a moan, but there are still several pupils who are not following the school rules on haircuts and hairstyles. A reminder that girls' hair must be tied up with black or blue small bobbles and slides, and that boys' hair must be all one length and off the collar. Form Teachers have been asked to enforce these rules.

Mrs Whiskerd

Headmistress

Following Instructions - Form 2

This week Form 2 enjoyed making soup, just like in the story 'Pumpkin Soup' we have been reading in English. The children had to read and follow a written recipe, practising peeling, chopping and teamwork skills to make the soup. They are now busily writing their own instructions to make Pumpkin Soup. We all agreed that the soup tasted fantastic too, well done Form 2!

Miss K Mackie, Form 2 Teacher



Para World Swimming Championships - Form 5 School Visit from Brock Whiston

Form 5 (and a couple of children from Form 6) were lucky enough to go to the Para World Swimming Championships where they got to witness lots of inspirational performances from the athletes. We were then lucky enough to have a visit from one of the swimmers, Brock Whiston, on Thursday at school. Brock has won four gold medals and has broken three world records. She currently works as a swimming teacher in Dagenham and will be travelling to Tokyo to compete in the Paralympics next year.

The children asked lots of thoughtful questions, including:

How often does she train? (she swims 300 lengths every morning)

Who is her hero? (Ellie Simmonds)

Brock explained how she has to do two hours training every morning before she starts work and she also talked about the lack of funding available to the athletes.

Thank you very much to Mr Christiansen for arranging such a worthwhile experience for the all the children.



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram where we post regular updates about what the children are getting up to and helpful reminders about school life.