

JULY NEWS



WOODMANSEY CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A Whole New World...

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils,

In many ways it feels months ago that I last wrote to you in the June Newsletter and in others it feels only yesterday that I was preparing the school, along with the Woodmansey team, to begin the re-integration of children back into school. So much has happened but I can honestly say that the dedication of my team, whether the school was closed or open has been incredible. They have taken each change, tweak and idea with enthusiasm and trust and above all knew that welcoming the children back into a nurturing and happy space was what truly mattered.

The teachers and myself have felt at times mentally tired. The changes we have had to prepare for have come at speed and not always easily adaptable in small schools, but the many emails,

gestures and thumbs up on the playground have lifted spirits when at times teachers have felt they are juggling the trickiest of tasks. Thank you, your support really does mean so much, particularly when many of us have had our own families to consider as well as our school family.

Thank you also for your patience. You have followed the yellow line beautifully, waited on a star in all weathers and waited until instructed to leave. None of this could have worked without your commitment and engagement.

Thanks must also go to my committed worship watchers! I record them as much for me as I do for you (and I am totally aware that Jonah steals the show!) I know I can't see you watching but I feel connected to you and allows

me to be able to share my stories with you in the same way I would if you were all in school.

Then lastly, the wonderful parents of Woodmansey; You were many hats as a parent in normal times; entertainer, carer, cleaner, mediator, chef, to name only a few but to add the responsibility of teacher to the mix was always going to be perhaps the hardest to wear. I, like you, have been home schooling my son, and with a teaching degree and many years of classroom experience, I was deemed useless by the end of week 1. I salute you all. The work we have been sent in has been phenomenal, with many children going above and beyond and finding creative ways to extend tasks. No matter what you have filled your days doing, your children will have been CONT...

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reminded of the value of family. Memories will have been made during this lockdown which ordinarily would never have been thought of.

There is light at the end of the tunnel. We still need to follow the government advice but every few weeks it feels as though normality is finding its way back to us.

I will always feel incredibly sad that Year 6 were not able to complete their final

year at primary school in the way they have been expecting, something they have been working towards since some of them started at aged 3!

I have some ideas which should work under the new lighter restrictions which will give us the chance to bid farewell to our oldest Woodies before they embark on their exciting adventure to their new schools. I will write to Year 6 parents shortly.

To those of you who are remaining at home at the

moment and to those we see in school, thank you, stay well and I look forward to welcoming you all back in September, in what ever way that will look.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nicholls.

PARKING GOOD BEHAVIOUR

Restrictions apply, virus or no virus, sun or rain.

Earlier this year I thanked parents for not parking across the school gates or in the bus stop which has been also monitored by the PCSO and road safety team. I also thanked drivers for not parking directly opposite or infant of the crossing patrol. This keeps the view clear of the crossing patrol and protects the children, families and of course Mr Taylor.

However, it only needs one car to cause a disruption. As we begin to reintegrate children back into school, please can I ask all parents to remind others e.g. grandparents of the parking expectations and to alert them that the school car park must remain closed, even for blue badge holders. Thank you for your understanding, I have received some very supportive comments from those who usually access our car park under the blue badge scheme.

Please remember that all these measures are designed to protect

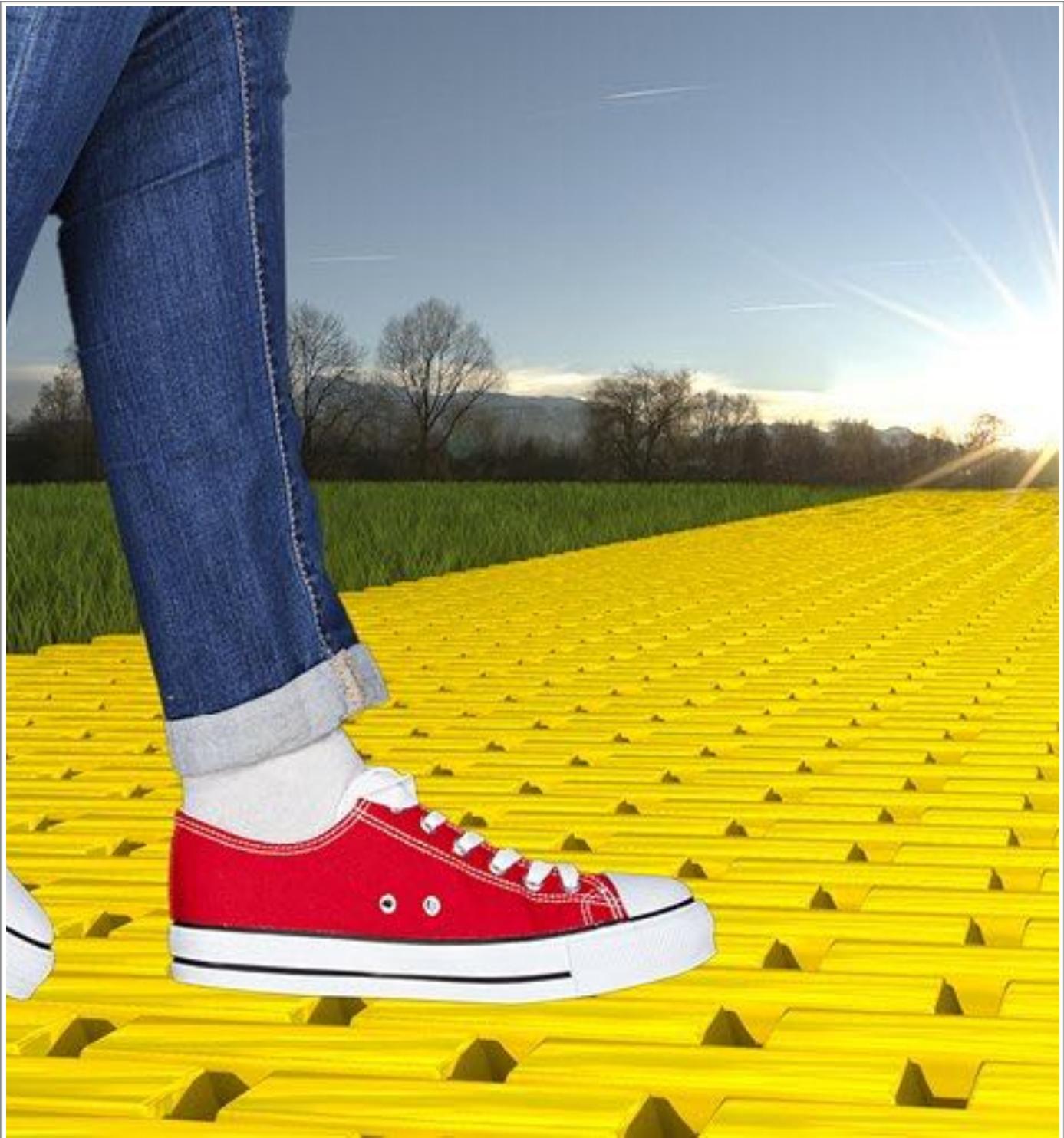
your children. A zero tolerance to infringement ensures that we keep the area safe. Turning a blind eye only ends up with the situations we see often on the news at other schools across the country.

In the current circumstances I would prefer not to have to personally discuss issues with drivers.

Mr Taylor is enjoying his new role, but I am sure everyone will understand that those crossing must keep moving swiftly pass him and at a suitable distance. It is possible to cross and keep 2m from him. I also remind everyone not to cross behind him. It is actually quite a complex crossing and is hindered by those crossing behind the crossing patrol officer.

Hopefully, from September 2020 he will be able to cross more of you as there may not be a need for as many staggered start and end times to our school day.

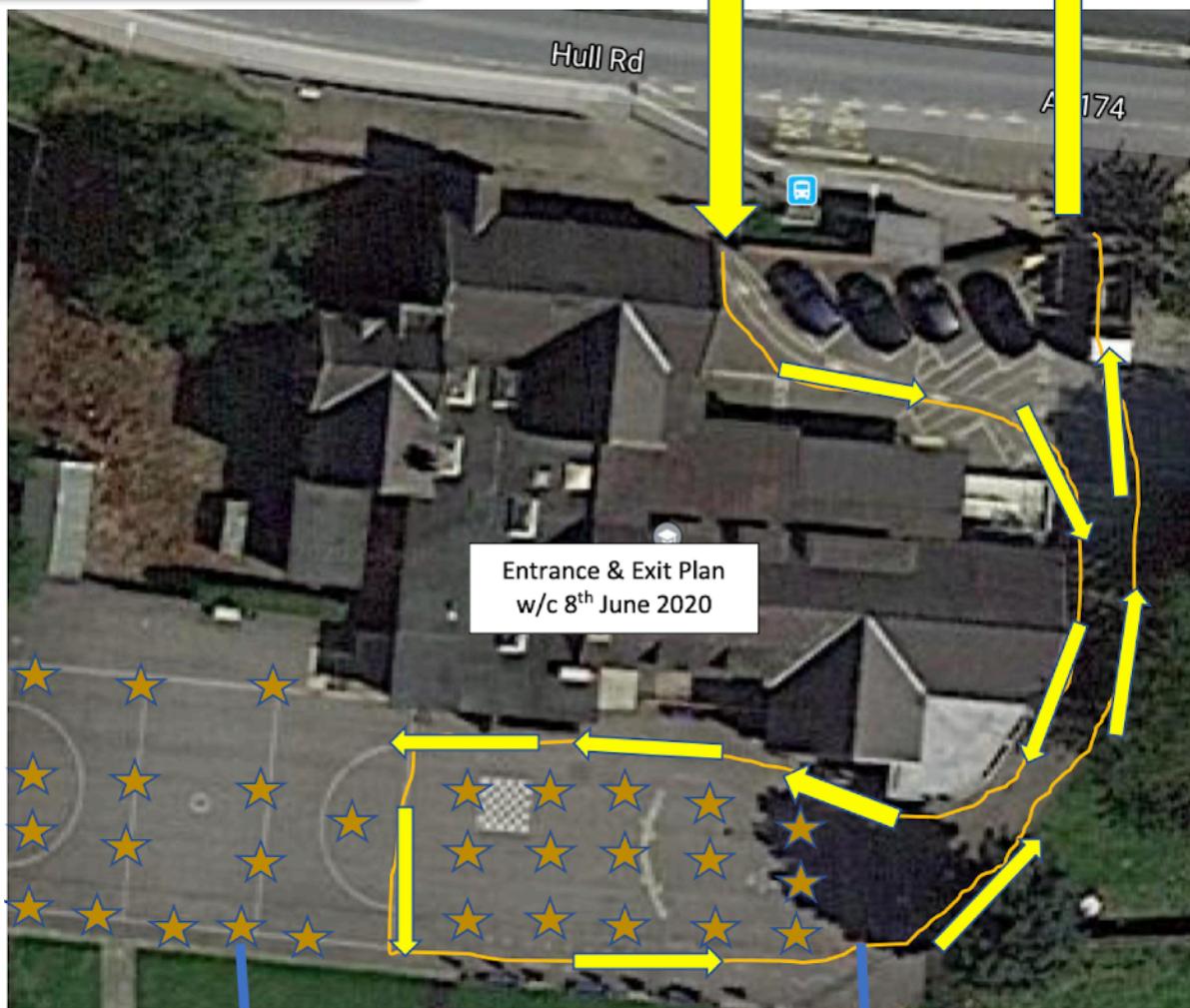




**PLEASE FOLLOW THE
YELLOW PATH ONE WAY
SYSTEM**
Ensuring Social Distancing

It is mandatory for all parents to adhere to the one way system now in place on the school site. Please familiarise yourself with the map below.

Please keep younger siblings with you at all times and arrive PROMPT for your drop off/collection time.



I know this process takes time, but please wait on your star until you are instructed to leave by a member of staff, to rejoin the yellow line on the one way system.



**PLEASE STAND ON A STAR
TO COLLECT OR DROP
OFF YOUR LITTLE STAR!**

Ensuring Social Distancing



FUN IN THE SUN

Keep safe this summer

Just a reminder that, even in these strange times it is still recommended that pupils have a wide brimmed or foreign legion style hat which protects the neck. Pupils are also recommended to have sun cream at school but the following protocol must be observed.

We remember the very hot summer of last year.

The sun cream must be clearly labelled with the child's name.

The sun cream must be kept in the **CHILD'S BOOK BAG**, which will remain at a child's station in school.

Normally, each child must be trained at home how to best apply his or her own sun cream, as teachers and supervisors cannot apply sun cream, particularly in the current crisis. However on sunny lunchtimes we will endeavour (but cannot guarantee) to supervise the pupils in Nursery, FY and Y1 in the application of their **own** cream either immediately before or after their lunch. Parents may consider applying a cream on their children which will last a full day, which clearly makes things easier at school, although I know there is some debate as to whether this is safe enough. I leave it to you to decide what you prefer.

ATTENTION SEPTEMBER FOUNDATION STARTERS!

Virtual Induction Meeting

In case you missed the email, if your child/ren are starting school with us in the Foundation year this September please visit the school website (www.woodmanseyprimary.school) and you will find a link on the homepage which will take you to a virtual induction meeting where you will find information you will need to help you prepare for September. If you have any questions then please contact the school office 01482 862186 or woodmansey.primary@eastriding.gov.uk

RE-INTEGRATION OF OTHER YEAR GROUPS

Halting the wider opening of schools

You will have no doubt have seen Gavin Williamson's announcement explaining that individual schools do not have to open to other year groups beyond Nursery, Foundation Year, Year 1 and Year 6 if it is not safe to do so. At Woodmansey we have re-integrated 5 separate home bubbles including Key Workers and as you will know we only have 4 classrooms, so this does include using the hall space. I am therefore unable to open to any other year groups which I am so sorry to have to say. However, we do know that we can welcome everyone back in September, with the details of how this will look and feel, hopefully being sent to schools soon.

HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP PROJECT

Returning your hands

We have had a lovely collection of foam hands appear in school, but for those yet to complete the task, I repeat the instructions on the next page as a reminder.

We have received our first delivery of hands from Südschule in Germany which are already showing the commonalities of humanity across Europe.

Families can drop them off between 9am and 3pm on school days from the 8th June. A box will be at the school entrance. Please make sure your name is on the back. We shall put them in quarantine for 72 hours. We will also display them in the Friday Assembly before despatch. Alternatively children can bring them when they return to school. Similarly we shall place all hands in quarantine for 72 hours.

FY-Y6 HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP

75 Years of Peace Homework Project



Marking 75 Years since the end of WW2

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

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This year we are to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe on 8th May 2020. Originally planned for Easter we now invite families to decorate a hand of friendship for peace to the world.

An art installation is to be created recognising the scars of the Second World War but reinforcing the hand of friendship across Europe and the Wider World and the continuing need for tolerance, respect and understanding to preserve the peace. A project which has been designed by Molescroft Primary, aims to bring together the children in both Molescroft and Woodmansey but also in our link schools in Germany and Poland. I joined Mr Lancaster and other staff to visit Südschule in Lemgo this February and actually completed the project there.

Every child will create a hand celebrating an aspect of shared European Value on foam. Some of these hands will be kept in the school, but a percentage will be sent to the two international partners and Molescroft. Each school will use the

home and gifted hands to create its own installation. These may climb up a wall or be suspended from a ceiling. The installations will be professionally photographed and shared via websites and other web media.

Through the preparation of the creation of the hands there will be an opportunity for families to explore the history of the Second World War and how it came about; to focus on the devastation which ripped Europe apart and destroyed millions of lives and futures; to understand the lasting impact of the war and how it is important that we appreciate the need to ensure that this never happens again. To do this we need to understand our past and appreciate our present and our common humanity across the world. We wish to use the project to realise that art is a vehicle for bringing people together. By using each other's resources we hope to create installations of beauty and inspiration and to embrace our wider community in the project. A piece of foam and a hand paper template is being despatched to every child. Please cut out the hand and

draw round it on the foam before cutting out the foam hand. Young children will need help.

The decoration is then entirely up to the individual, but the suggested themes are peace, openness, tolerance, friendship, respect, or maybe the design could be in the style of a British / European Artist. The decoration could also reflect shared European Culture e.g. representing music, dance, food, sport, history, scenery. It could represent pan European projects. IT IS UP TO YOU. Please see the virtual worship from the 8th May for further ideas.

The hand is to be brought to school on the first day that we properly return.

As always I do hope that you will feel able to support your children in this project. Engaging as a family in homework has a profound impact on how all our children relate to education.

Attendance and Holidays

Spring Term 2019	School opens	Tuesday 8th January 2019
	School closes for half-term	Friday 15th February 2019
	School opens	Monday 25th February 2019
	School closes for Easter	Friday 5th April 2019
Summer Term 2019	School opens	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
	School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2019
	School closes for half-term	Friday 24th May 2019
	School opens	Monday 3rd June 2019
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 19th July 2019
Autumn Term 2019	School opens	Wednesday 4th September 2019
	School closes for half-term	Friday 25th October 2019
	School opens	Monday 4th November 2019
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 20th December 2019
Spring Term 2020	School opens	Tuesday 7th January 2020
	School closes for half-term	Friday 14th February 2020
	School opens	Monday 24th February 2020
	School closes for Easter	Friday 3rd April 2020
Summer Term 2020	School opens	Tuesday 21st April 2020
	School closed for Bank Holiday	FRIDAY 8th May 2020
	School closes for half-term	Friday 22nd May 2020
	School opens	Monday 1st June 2020
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 17th July 2020
Autumn Term 2020	School opens	Wednesday 9th September 2020
	School closes for half-term	Friday 23rd October 2020
	School opens	Monday 2nd November 2020
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 18th December 2020
Spring Term 2021	School opens	Tuesday 5th January 2021
	School closes for half-term	Friday 12th February 2021
	School opens	Monday 22nd February 2021
	School closes for Easter	Friday 26th March 2021
Summer Term 2021	School opens	Tuesday 13th April 2021
	School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2021
	School closes for half-term	Friday 28th May 2021
	School opens	Monday 7th June 2021
	School closes for Summer Holiday	Friday 23rd July 2021

Attendance for the year to July 2019 was 95.4%

ABSENCE DURING THE CURRENT PHASE OF THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Parents will be given notice when normal absence procedures will return.

Unauthorised absence is currently suspended, consequently there are no fines being levied by the Local Authority.

For those children who are expected in school, it remains essential for safeguarding reasons that parents continue to telephone the school to report any absence. Your child will be expected if you register for your child to return to school or have booked places as a Key Worker or other qualifying groups.

DIARY



PLEASE PIN THIS PAGE TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD NOTICEBOARD

Please be aware that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances.

July

Mon 6th	End of Year Reports published this week
Fri 17th	School Closes for Summer

September

Mon 7th	Training Day
Tues 8th	Training Day
Wed 9th	School reopens to pupils*

***As soon as we know how this will look we will communicate our plans to you. Currently the government plans to open to all year groups but this may still require staggered start times and finish times. If I am still required to keep year groups in socially distanced bubbles then it is unlikely I will be able to offer Breakfast and After-School Clubs, but as soon as I know, I promise I will let you know.**

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Bethan Nicholls
Head of School

