

Woodmansey CE Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils, Staff, Governors and Friends of Woodmansey CE Primary School,

As we arrive at the last day of the 2019/20 school year, I would like to express a few words of thanks to our whole school community.

Parents, thank you for all your engagement with the Home Learning and embracing all the different projects and tasks which were sent home. Thank you for your understanding in dealing with the staggered times, coping with standing on stars and following yellow lines... for humouring Mrs. Nicholls and I recognising we were trying to keep everyone safe, but at the same time make it less threatening to the children.

Thank you for your wonderful support and encouragement of the entire staff team. Furthermore, on behalf of the team thank you for all the messages, tokens and kind words of thanks and support which have flooded in over the past few weeks. I know how much every kind word is appreciated by the staff.

Thank you to the whole community for having the trust in Bethan and the staff to chart a way through this national crisis and for subscribing to the vision.

Team Woodmansey, thank you for your creative response to the need to move learning to home. I think it is quite remarkable what you have achieved. One of the things I am most proud of is that you kept the whole curriculum spinning, nothing was left out. But this was more than just the teachers, it was together with the support and unbending cooperation of the teaching assistants, and lunchtime staff. Bethan and I have been supported throughout by Karen Scott our Admin Manager who has worked to create new systems to manage the most complex of situations recreating school, practically on a weekly basis. Thank you all for the professional way the school was reopened up with such care and success, showing us that schools can be once again places of shared learning and wonderful experiences. Thank you for your amazing sense of shared purpose and public service ... and fun! I just feel so sad that I haven't been able to visit personally to thank you, but it would not be acceptable to have been mixing staff and bubbles from different schools. This thankfully is not the case in September with the new regulations.

I would like to also thank our new hero, caretaker Mr. Phil Taylor for his diligence and flexibility which has kept everyone safe and will continue to do so in the future.

I salute cleaners and caretakers everywhere, because THEY are the frontline in the defence of us all.

Thank you, children, for keeping the learning going, and for being a part of the school, even though many of you are apart from it. I congratulate you for being enthusiastic and brave; for celebrating the positive; all through this crisis. We don't give up, we dust ourselves down, we believe in the possible not the impossible. We can do, never can't and life goes on. It may be different, a "new normal" but that future is something to grasp onto and make the most out of.

I know that the Year 6 children understand that their relationship with their Primary School doesn't have to end on the last day. Every one of the Woodmansey Team values each and every one of you, and I look forward to hearing about how you have settled into the other "new normal" of secondary school life, just as I do for the children at Molescroft.

Thank you for being part of our community, our family, our values and that goes for mums and dads too and a fair few grandparents!

So, thank you to everyone for keeping safe and doing the right thing.

Thank you for the support, care and encouragement of Mrs. Nicholls. Throughout the past 20 weeks we have worked together, planning, designing, problem solving. We have communicated practically every single day and many nights too to get it right for the community of Woodmansey. I know just how much Bethan appreciates the partnership that she has with all of you. I am so grateful to all of you for giving her your respect and understanding through this difficult time. You cannot imagine the difference that makes.

Mrs. Nicholls and I will write again before the end of the month with details of the full plans for September. It won't be the old normal, but equally it will be familiar to the staff and children.

Meanwhile, enjoy the joys of summer wherever it takes you and as always and above everything else.

Keep Safe and Sound



Michael Lancaster
Executive Head Teacher

