

# Woodmansey CE Primary School

***Building strong foundations, unlocking potential.***

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

## **A reflection, a year on!**

Together, we have passed the milestone of one year since the first Lockdown began on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020. We have all been through a period which none of us could possibly have previously comprehended. Some of you have suffered terrible loss in the most tragic of circumstances. Some have caught the virus and suffered what can be the most debilitating effects. Many continue to cope with challenges brought on through unemployment, financial loss and with all the worry that brings. The impact of all of this will take time to overcome. Many in our community work in roles that are key to the maintenance of the essential services of our society; working under the threat of being exposed to this invisible danger; and of course, this hasn't ended.

Many have felt isolation and despair, some shielding, some shielded, becoming increasingly nervous of the world outside. To be honest the majority of us will have experienced times of stress which come from having to juggle so many needs in a situation where we feel we have lost control.

We have a lot to be proud of though. We have worked as a community, supporting each other and recognising the needs of different groups and organisations.

Last week we celebrated Comic Relief with a "Superheroes" day. The event raised £166. Today I would like to commend all our extended family as our Superheroes. Parents/Carers, grandparents you have done an amazing job and everyone with any connection to our school has clearly continued to do all that they can to protect the school from any further bubble closures. Thank you for continuing to work with us.

As you would imagine, the risk assessments at school are pages long and reviewed and republished practically monthly, sometimes more often, but the staff team have diligently, purposefully and respectfully done everything they can to keep the children and all their colleagues safe.

It's not all over by a long way and in the April Newsletter are details of how we must not lower our guard in the Summer Term. As the Prime Minister reported, a third wave could easily "wash across our shores". We will continue to do all which we can to protect our community and the children in school. Their education, their wellbeing, their happiness is always our priority, as I know it is yours.

Clearly some things look unlikely certainly in their original format, the Exhibition of Work Evening and maybe the Woodmansey Sports Day, but one of the clear things we have all seen this year is that if there is a way, the Woodmansey team



will find it, and do all they can to provide the memorable experiences for all our children. These first three weeks with all children back in school are testament to this. Not only have all the children been settled back together, which was potentially a sensitive task, but we have provided a fabulous fortnight international festival. The children have been immersed in Thai food, music, dance, geography, flora and fauna, art and culture. It has been a wonderful way to return to learning in school.

I know that the fact that we cannot have our “drop off time” conversations is tough on some of you, compounded by the lack of the traditional open welcome at the front door. But we are the same people we were last March and if you have a concern, question or the need to reach out, you can always phone and of course you have the email links to your children’s teachers. They welcome your partnership and will do everything they can to support and help.

As always thank you for your support, your partnership and most of all your understanding as we, like everyone else on the planet, try to navigate our way through these most challenging and seemingly never-ending times.

Keep safe and sound from us all,



Michael Lancaster  
Executive Head Teacher



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Head of School