



PARK WOOD SCHOOLS FEDERATION

HEADTEACHERS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017

YEAR 6 ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

You will receive the letter from Ofsted today, which confirms the Junior school has successfully kept it's 'GOOD' judgement. This means both the Infant and Junior parts of the school are now seen as 'GOOD', under the new Ofsted framework, and this is something that collectively, as a school community, we should feel proud of. There are many positives picked up by Ofsted which I feel reflect fairly and well on what makes Park Wood such a lovely place to learn and also to work, and also some new challenges which we will need to rise to, in order to keep moving forward.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our highly supportive parent community, there was an overwhelming majority of positive comments and praise for what we do together as a school, and I speak on behalf of the staff, governors and myself, when I say that that support is genuinely appreciated.

I'd also like to say a massive thank you to the staff, who give so much to the school all the time and who put in so much effort. We have some brilliant teachers, teaching assistants and support staff.

I'm sure you would also all join me in celebrating the children, who have always been and will always be, the very best thing about Park Wood, it naturally and brilliantly shone through to the Ofsted team, as it does to us every day.

Please take the time to read the Ofsted letter. All Junior parents will receive a paper copy, and there will be a copy for all parents to read on the school website.

ATTENDANCE

Can I thank our families for helping to support the school in raising the attendance in the schools to above the national average and rising. I was particularly happy to give out '100%' certificates to classes in both the Infant and Junior parts of the school this week. Well done all.

A REMINDER

I have been contacted by a number of local residents about some dangerous and disruptive parking in the local area, at the start and end of the day. Could I ask that parents do not block drive ways or prevent pedestrian or driving access in the local roads, especially those closest to the school. Our local residents have always been supportive to the school and understanding, but I would ask that parents respect this by driving and parking appropriately.

YEAR 2 ACCEPTANCE LETTER

Could I ask that Year 2 parents who have not yet handed in their acceptance letter and brought in a utility bill with proof of address, please do so as soon as possible. As the schools now entirely function as one (with the exception of Ofsted inspections and transition between schools), we will not be staging any introductions to the Junior events, we will, however, be sending all relevant information to Year 2 parents, and for those not familiar with Park Wood, we would be happy to meet you and answer any questions you have.

UPCOMING TESTS

I would like to wish all the year 6s and year 2s all the very best in next month's end of Key Stage Tests. I'm sure if they relax, get a good night's sleep and go in with confidence, they will do their best, which is all we can ask of anyone.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We will soon have a position available for a parent governor from the school. If you would be interested in finding out about becoming a governor, please contact the school and an appointment with myself or with a member of the current governing body can be arranged.

OLYMPIANS AND STAFF VS PUPILS

It was fantastic to welcome three actual Olympians to the school this month. Jack Green, from Maidstone, who competed at London and Rio as a hurdler, Chris Cracknell, a Rugby 7s competitor and gold medal winning coach and Kate French, Olympian and World No.1 at Penthalon. The three of them spent time working with the children across the school and were genuinely inspirational. This was brilliantly organised by Miss Edgley and the PE team and I thank them for it.

I will also briefly mention the staff's heroic 4-1 defeat to the pupils, the following day, in the Staff vs Pupils football match. As we watched the goals whistling past us and the children doing a lap of honour, the staff felt proud to be upholding our firm belief that failing, in this case, crushing defeat, is the first step to success.

A WORD FROM OUR GOVERNORS

So much has happened since the last newsletter that there is not enough space to expand, so just a few points:

- *Governors continue to be fully involved in monitoring in school*
- *Our recently elected Parent Governor has had to resign his position, due to work commitments, so the vacancy will be advertised shortly*
- *We will be focusing on the outcomes of the recent inspection to look at ways forward for both schools.*
- *On the subject of the Junior Ofsted inspection, the accompanying letter covers all the main points, but we would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all school staff involved, in what is a pretty stressful period; the children for being fantastic advocates (as they always are); and parents and carers who gave feedback for the inspection and your support of the work the schools do. We will not be resting on our laurels but continue to work pro-actively to thrive, along with a great, involved, school community.*

Suzanne Emson, Co-opted Chair of PWSF Governing Body

DIARY DATES INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

5 May	Year 1 Trip
8 May	SATs Week
18 May	Junior Spring Ball (Junior Hall) 5.00 – 7.00pm Isle of Wight Parent Meeting 6.00 – 7.00pm will be held in Infant School due to Junior Spring Ball
23 May	F.S. Parents – Measures Workshop
24 May	Year 3 Production 2.00pm
25 May	Year 3 Production 6.00pm
26 May	F.S. Parents in Class - Writing Last Day of Term
5 June	Term 6 – Children back to school

Mr A Moir
Headteacher

