

# Headlines

Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls CE Primary School Newsletter  
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## Sports Day

Thank you very much for your patience and understanding after we had to cancel the School Sports Day at very short notice on Monday. Unfortunately the sudden downpour half an hour before the start made the grass too slippery to run on safely and soaked all the equipment. Sports Day always goes in the School Diary very early on and means that other events get planned around it. When it is postponed fitting in another date is tricky, especially as the forecast for the reserve day on Tuesday was not good.

Looking ahead, the best gap in the diary is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** in the morning – at present the forecast for this day is good, but the forecasts are very changeable at the moment. We will provide updates during the week through the School website, but we would intend to start at approximately 9.15am and it would therefore make sense for children to come to school dressed for Sports Day with their uniform in a bag to change into afterwards.

There won't be refreshments available, so please bring your own, the children will have their water bottles with them.

## Building Work

The School have appointed Drews Construction Group to carry out the Phase II building work and this is due to start next week as planned.

There are bound to be some changes to routines when we return to School after the summer break. The greatest impact will be as a result of the School's main entrance being

part of the development and the builders are hoping to have all the ground works completed during the break. The School Office will therefore be moving to a temporary structure in the front playground where the table tennis table is currently. Also the rear of the School and Key Stage 2 entrance will be fenced off as it was when the Phase I work was being carried out. We are also expecting that building materials etc will be coming on site over the School field and contractors parking will also be on the field so they do not add to our existing parking issues. We have met with the builders and discussions around Health and Safety on the site formed a large part of that discussion. We are therefore very confident that everything necessary to ensure the safety of our children will be carried out whilst the building takes place.

We will keep you as up to date as possible regarding any changes to procedures and progress reports. Drews anticipate that the build should take 26 weeks including a 2 week shut down for Christmas. This takes us to the end of February if all goes well. This is much shorter than we originally anticipated, which is great news.

## Staffing Changes

Mrs Rachel Brown will be leaving the School at the end of term. Mrs Brown originally joined the School as a Teaching Assistant in 2010 and completed her 'on the job' Teacher Training (GTP) with the School in 2012 and has been teaching at the School for two afternoons a week since then. Mrs Brown is a talented artist and exhibits her work locally as well as being a Science graduate and the

children have particularly benefited from her expertise in these areas.

As a staff we will be giving a leaving present. If you would like to contribute to a present for Mrs Brown please could you put money in an envelope and give it directly to either Mrs Jacobs or myself. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Brown on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July during our final assembly, please make any contributions by Thursday.

Mrs Holt will also be going slightly part time from September as she drops to 4 days instead of 5. We have already identified an experienced teacher to work with Spirals (Year 3/4) on Fridays, who already knows the school and has done a number of days supply teaching with us earlier in the year.

## Diary Dates

### Dinner Menus for 2016/17

Need to be back with the School Office by tomorrow (Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>) with payment please.

**Stripes and Swirls to Winchester Science Museum** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### Film Club

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July after School to finish Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters. Expected finish at 4.15pm.

**School Sports Day**  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

### Key Stage 2 Topic Day

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, parents are invited to the assembly at 2.30pm.

**Year 6 Leavers' Service**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 9.15am

**Last Day of Term 6**  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

**First Day of Term 1 2016/17**  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September