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Behaviour of parents

Staff at Woodmancote spend a great deal of time promoting positive behavior in the course of their day. When it occurs, they will also tackle poor behaviour and seek to ensure every child has a positive experience of school. Unfortunately this week the problem has not been children misbehaving, but has been parents!

There is no place for playground mud-slinging or verbal abuse at Woodmancote.

Those parents who indulged in this on Monday have been spoken to and they have given reassurances that it will not happen again. We all hope it doesn't.

The school will take action against any parent who is abusive or aggressive in school and may seek to bar them from the school grounds if necessary.

Thankfully, the overwhelming majority of you did not witness Monday's fracas and this may be the first you have heard of it. Apologies for drawing your attention to something that hopefully will not happen again!

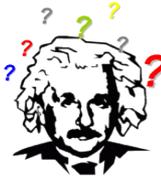
Reception Lining Up

As of the 23rd February, children in Reception will line up on the playground alongside children in Beech and Maple class. With so much equipment out for Reception children in their activity area, parents with pushchairs and pre-school children obviously find it difficult to navigate around the various tables and play equipment. It is hoped that by having the Reception children on the playground parents will find it easier to hand their children over to the Reception staff. At the end of the day parents are asked to wait by the gate into the Reception

area and children will be handed over to them from there.

Thank you for your cooperation.

STEM



To coincide with Tim Peake's trip to the International Space Station and the discovery of 'magnetic waves', we are looking to raise the profile of *Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths* during the week of the 23rd February. Year 1 are already planning to visit the SS Great Britain on Wednesday 24th February and each class will have the opportunity to undertake activities during the week in order to raise the profile of these important subjects.

If you have a particular interest in any of these subjects and feel that you have something to offer in terms of resources or your time, please contact your child's class teacher in the coming days. You may want to explore them over the break and this website is only one of many that has ideas to engage your child.

<http://www.raisinglifelonglearners.com/100-super-fun-stem-resources-for-kids/>

Gloucester Museums Young Designers Competition

Gloucester Museums are holding a Young Designers competition which schools across the county have been invited to enter. The theme this year is 'Robots' and the children have been asked to draw a design of a robot on an A4 piece of paper (details and paper will be sent home on the 12th February). Two winners will be chosen, one from the Infants and one from the juniors and their winning entries will be entered into the museum's grand final where they can win a variety of prizes. The two winners will also receive a



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small prize from school. It would be great if we could have as many children as possible entering and may be a good project to keep them busy over half term! All entries will need to be handed in by 26th February please. Any questions please see Mrs Dodwell.

Building Work-Further details

Children can still cycle to school in the coming months, but all bikes will need to be locked inside the fence by the Britannia Way entrance. Scooters can continue to be brought on site and preferably locked in the courtyard area.

Construction traffic is timetabled for after 9am in the morning and not between 3pm-4pm. Entrance to the site for them will be via what is now the exit gate.

Site Safety is incredibly important and all the children have had an assembly by the contractors highlighting the dangers of construction sites.

For security reasons the Britannia Way gate will be locked from 4.30pm onwards each day. Parents collecting from Woodpeckers after this time will need to park off site* and enter the school via the front door.

*Due to the fact that we will only have one gate to enter and exit the school site.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Due to Government changes to the assessment arrangements for children in Years 2 and Year 6, parent consultations may feel slightly different this term. This is because of changes we have made to how we use assessment information throughout the year. There will be an emphasis on what expectations are for each year group and teachers will discuss particular 'statements' with you, indicating whether your child is working towards achieving the statement or has achieved it. They will not give you a

record sheet as they have done in previous years, but will discuss in detail what their assessments are telling them about the progress of your child. You may want to bring a notepad and pen in order to make notes of the key areas that your child will need to work on in the coming months.

If you have any comments about the new arrangements for signing up for Parent Consultations, we would like to hear from you.

Parent Readers

We have a superb band of Parent Readers who read with children every day in school. They have made a significant difference to the attainment and progress of a group of children who were not meeting age related expectations. If you feel you could spare 10 minutes each morning to read with a specific child please contact Mrs Badham

sbadham@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you!

Thank you to all those parents who make a difference at Woodmancote School. Whether it is supporting your child with work, being an active member of the PTA, a Parent Reader or someone who comes in to help with whatever the class teacher wants your support is much appreciated.

We have gone through a period of change over the last 8 years, moving from 11 classes to 14, increasing in size from 280 children to nearly 400 and in all that time the staff have appreciated those parents who have actively engaged with their child's learning and supported them in giving children the best start to their educational journey.



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Dates for this term

22 nd February	Staff INSET Day
23 rd February	Children return to school ASPIRE/STEM WEEK
23 rd February	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm
24 th February	Year 1 Visit to the SS Great Britain
25 th February	Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-7pm
29 th February 1 st March	Reception Sight and Hearing tests
3 rd March	Feet First Dance Festival Year 1 and Year 3
3 rd March	Cross Country at Cheltenham College
4 th March	Girl's Football Tournament
10 th March	Cross Country at St Edward's School
18 th March	Japanese Student Visit
24 th March	Last Day of Term



Trip to the Jet Age Museum at Staverton



Young Voices-Birmingham



Gloucester Rugby Trip