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PLEASE READ

Unfortunately I have to report that there was a 'Near Miss' involving a child last week on the junction with Woodmancote Vale. Because some parents feel the need to park on the corner with Woodmancote Vale the child and their parent, along with the parent driving their children to school, did not see each other. This left all concerned very distressed and shaken.

Can we please urge all parents to take collective responsibility for the safety and welfare of all children at Woodmancote School. *I do not want to be writing of the death of one of our children in the next newsletter, but this is a very real possibility if some parents continue to park irresponsibly outside the school.*

To help ease congestion in the morning, for the rest of this academic year, children may come in to school from 8.35am. Teachers or Teaching Assistants will be on hand in each class and children will be expected to come in and settle with an activity prepared by the teacher. Registration will be at 8.45am. We hope that this will help with the crush coming in the Britannia Way gate.

Sport Relief 2016

To mark this event and hopefully raise a few pounds, all children will run a mile in the week beginning the 14th March. This will take place during their PE sessions. We would then like the week to end with all children coming to school in some kind of sporting clothing on the Friday! If they play rugby, maybe their rugby kit!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Thomas

After 19 years at Woodmancote School, Mrs Thomas will be retiring at the end of April. We all wish her every happiness in her retirement and we are sorry to see her go after being such an important part of the school. Woodmancote has gone from strength to strength over the years and this has been achieved through astute and thorough financial planning and management. She is leaving us as we finally see the realization of 14 permanent classrooms and a two form entry school.

Cheltenham Dance Festival

Thank you to all those parents who supported the Year 1 and Year 3 children at the Town Hall yesterday. The children undoubtedly enjoyed themselves and we hope that you did too! A lot of work went into putting the dances together and I know the teachers were very proud of all the children. An enormous thank you to all the Year 1 and Year 3 teachers who organized the two dances that were performed.

Cross Country

With only one race left this season, the cross country team travelled to Cheltenham College yesterday. They ran incredibly well in a very fast race. Louis Mecklenburgh came in a superb third with many others in the top 40. Well done to all the runners.

Hockey

Well done to the small hockey team who competed in an event earlier this week. They won three out of their four games and played brilliantly. Thank you to Mrs Fletcher for coaching them so well!



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Your views are important

The Council is working with consultants at Knight, Kavanagh and Page (KKP) and Tewkesbury Borough Council to better understand the Borough's current and future needs for sport, recreation and open spaces, including cross boundary implications. As part of the work being undertaken, the council is currently seeking views on open spaces and outdoor recreational spaces within Cheltenham and Tewkesbury and invite local residents and other interested parties to complete a survey on open spaces. The study will act as an evidence base and will help them to inform decision making processes as part of the Council's work on the emerging Local Plan; a strategic planning document which will guide future development for the area up to the year 2031. Please follow the link to the survey: <https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=145405606869>

Tennis Star!

After coming close several times over the past year, Sam Austin (Fir) has finally won a 9&U National Title by winning the LTA Winter National Tour Grade 2 event in Manchester over the weekend.

Congratulations to Sam, who continues to go from strength to strength!

Year SATs Evening

Thank you to all those parents who came along on Wednesday night. I know that Miss Chandler and Mr Clark appreciated your support and the overwhelming positive comments following the presentation. It means a great deal to teachers who give up their time to support you as parents, when parents are so appreciative!

If you did not come along and want to see the presentation, please look on the website next week.

Parent View

We are always interested in how we are doing. If you would like to support us as a school, please go to Parent View and answer a few simple questions. We would like to think that if you have an issue at school that you feel welcomed enough to pop into school to discuss it with a member of staff. However from time to time you may feel that we are doing something particularly well and would like us to know about it. Parent View allows you to do this, whilst also giving us important feedback on a range of school related issues.



<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As we anticipate an inspection in the coming months, it would be useful for us to hear from parents, so please take time to log on and give us feedback.

Behaviour Policy

Several parents offered to review our draft policy and their comments are now being evaluated along with comments from children and Governors. As part of this review staff have been looking at a policy for using Class DoJo. This will form part of the new policy, but we know that many of you have appreciated the introduction of this behavior management system and the channels of communication that have been opened up. When the policy has been redrafted and approved by the Governing Body we will email a copy out to all parents and it will be posted on our website. We will let you know when this is.

Gloucester Museums Young Designers Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the Gloucester Museums Young Designers competition, all of your designs were excellent and it was very difficult to choose



a winner! However, congratulations go to Katie Overton and Kai Broomes for their winning robot designs. Their designs have now been sent to the Gloucester Museum and Art Gallery and we will hear in a few weeks if their entries have won the overall prize! Congratulations also go to the runners up: Elliott Kawalkowski, Kiki Warner-Moore, Annabel Hoyland, Josephine Watters, Nidhi Javaharlal and Natasha Hicks.

Dates for your diary

10 th March	Cross Country at St Edward's School
18 th March	Japanese Student Visit
21 st March	PTA Easter Egg Roll
22 nd March	Year 4 Play 1.30pm
	Year 4 Play 7pm
23 rd March	Year 4 Play 7pm
24 th March	Last Day of Term
15 th April	Grandparents Afternoon for Oak and Ash class
20 th -22 nd April	Year 4 Residential to the Forest of Dean
28 th April	PTA Disco
6 th -10 th June	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
14 th June	Sports Day Juniors-am (9.15 start) Infants-pm (1.30 start)
16 th June	Reserve Sports Day Juniors-am (9.15 start) Infants-pm (1.30 start)
20 th June	Year 5 Activity day at Cleeve School (details to

	follow)
23 rd June	Area Sports Field Events
29 th June	Area Sports Track Events
4 th July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cleeve and Year 6 Parents Evening Meeting
11 th July	Year 5 to Cleeve to watch Buggy Malone
19 th July	Year 6 Disco (7-9pm)
21 st July	End of Year Service at St Michael's Church (TBC)

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PTA News.

2016 Pancake flip

Thank you to all those who sponsored the children. We raised over £1000. This is going to go towards new library equipment.

During the past few weeks the children have been busily making gifts ready for 6th March. We had an incredible 82.5% of the children participate. The PTA have helped the children make over 350 gifts, wrapped them and got them ready. There are gifts for mums, aunties, grandmothers and even brothers! All of the gifts are beautiful.

21st March is the Easter Egg competition. The children are asked to decorate a hard boiled egg and there is a prize for the best decorated egg. There is also a prize for the egg that rolls the furthest. £1 to enter to be paid on the day.

We are planning on holding a quiz night in April/May. Details to follow.

28th April is the first school disco of the year. Infants 5.45-6.45, Juniors 7-8pm. More details to follow.

So far this academic year you have raised:

Over £120 from the Halloween trail

Over £1100 from the Christmas Fayre

£300 from the Christmas Cards

Over £165 from the Christmas disco

And over £280 from the raffle held during the infants nativity!

In 2015/16 your contributions have gone or are going towards

- £5 per child for school trips. There are now 400 children at the school.
- £358 Athletics Kits

- £495 Food trolleys to help at lunch time
- £3,000 for the staging
- £1,400 school life van
- £900 transport to Voices Trip for Years 5 & 6
- £2000 specialised art work for the school

Several thousand will go towards new playground and library equipment.

Should you wish to contact the PTA with any suggestions for events, complaints or feedback of events, either contact us via facebook, Woodmancote School PTA, e mail thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk or put a note in the PTA shed letter box.

The PTA shed is in the school playground near the entrance to the school off Britannia Way.

We do, from time to time, need help to run events. It has become increasingly difficult to run events with just a few volunteers and PTA members. If you can give up an hour or so of your time we would be most grateful. We have already had to cut down on events for 2016 due to not having enough people to help run events safely and efficiently.

Thank you for your continued support.