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Pre-School

We are delighted to inform parents that Woodmancote School will be opening its own Pre-School setting in the Autumn. Funding for the setting has come from 106 money, designed to increase capacity within the village and complement existing provision provided by Woodmancote Pre-School. We are currently recruiting an Early Years Lead and have planning meetings scheduled with the Local Authority in the next few weeks.

The existing temporary buildings will be removed and replaced with a building designed to accommodate up to 30 children. The area around the building will be landscaped and entry will be via Britannia Way.

As you can imagine there is a great deal to do before the Autumn, but enquiries can be made to the school office
office@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

STEM Week

We hope that the children have had a fantastic week undertaking a range of activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. A big thank you to Mrs Holding, Mrs Dodwell, Mrs McCormack and Miss Perkins for helping source visitors and speakers and organising the week. Thank you to all those parents and friends of the school who gave up their time to pop in.

Parents may find these links of interest
http://www.jamesdysonfoundation.co.uk/resource-category/challenges/?gclid=CjwKEAiA3NTFBRDkheuO6IG43VQSJAA74F77Hwdh6BcuxjPLHO1Dj_E4Qwx_KiMAZAXVBjx4qLCvhoCZjLw_wcB

<https://www.youngeng.org.uk/>

CBBC Down on the Farm

'Down on the Farm' featuring four of our Reception children will air on Friday 24th March.

Mobile Phones

We are getting an increasing number of children bringing mobile phones into school. All phones have to be handed in to the office first thing in the morning. They are then kept in a named envelope in a cupboard for security. We cannot be held accountable for any phones not handed in and which then go missing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Woodmancote Cricket Club

Woodmancote Cricket Club is looking for new players to join the Under 11 team. (Years 5 and 6)

Training for the new season starts on Tuesday (7th March) with indoor nets at the Prince of Wales stadium at 7pm. The hall is on the opposite side of the road to the main stadium, down some steps (adjoining Leisure@Cheltenham).

Indoor nets continue throughout March on the 21st and 28th. Due to traffic issues during race week there won't be a session on 15th. Cost is £2:50 with all equipment provided.

No experience is necessary, just plenty of enthusiasm!

After March nets will be outdoors at Cleeve School.

For further details contact:

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Assemblies

8 th March	Hazel
15 th March	Lime
22 nd March	Ash and Oak
29 th March	Pine
5 th April	Beech



Parent Governor Election

Letters regarding a current parent governor vacancy were emailed to parents yesterday. Hard copies of this letter and nomination form are available from the school office.

The closing date for all nominations is Friday 10th March at 12.00 noon.

Parent Governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. They serve a four-year term of office and bring a very important and valued perspective to the work of the governing body.

You might like to look at the information for prospective governors on the Gloucestershire County Council website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors Further information on the role can also be obtained through the school office.

The Governing Body has a vital role to play in making sure every child receives the best possible education. This is achieved by ensuring that governors have the necessary skills and commitment to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school. The particular skills that governing bodies need will vary and will include personal qualities and capabilities, such as the capacity and willingness to learn and work as part of a team. It is expected that governors will make use of the various training opportunities available to them and play a full part in the work of the governing body.

School Uniform Provider

Following many requests from parents, we have taken the decision to change our School Uniform provider.

From Monday 20th March our new provider will be Scooltogs, based at 252 High Street Cheltenham, www.schooltogs.com.

Schooltogs will stock uniform in their shop to purchase immediately and will also provide an on-line service for 'click and collect' or home delivery. Items available will be sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE t-shirts and bookbags, all with the school logo on. These will look the same as existing products so there is no need to purchase new items if existing ones still fit. From 20th March, Schooltogs will be our sole supplier and Brigade will be unable to provide any uniform.

Sport at Woodmancote

Football v St Gregory's and Naunton Park

The football team have played two hard games this week, drawing against St Gregory's on Monday 3-3 and losing against Naunton Park on Wednesday 3-1. Once again, they played brilliantly, with real sportsmanship.

Cross Country

The first race of 2017 took place at Cheltenham College last night and once again the team did very well, with three stand out performances from Georgia, Eleanor and Lily, who all finished in the top 50. Well done to everyone.

Netball v St James'

The A and B teams were recently in action, with the A team winning 7-2 and the B Team 6-1! Well done to all the children that played. Miss Chandler was really proud of them all. The winning streak continued for both netball teams this week. On Thursday, we played an A and B match away against Dunalley Primary. The A team won their game convincingly with a score of 14-1 and the B team also won their match 9-6! Super results!



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Red Nose Day/Book Day-31st March

We are looking to combine Red Nose Day and mark World Book Day (just a little late!) on the same day this year. Children can come dressed as any character from a book and they may even want to combine Red Nose with book characters!

Little Red Riding Hood

Where's Wally?

The Cat in the Hat

Clifford, the big red dog

Dennis the Menace

Katniss Evergreen (Catching Fire)

What the ladybird heard

The Queen of Hearts (Alice in Wonderland)

Spiderman/Ironman

Superman/Wonderwoman

Photographer needed

In order to update the school website, we are looking for someone to come into school for a few days and take photos of all the activities that the children do. If you are a keen photographer and feel that you could help, please contact Mrs Williams in the office

admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

London Marathon

Joan Palmer, Miriam and Hannah's mum of Yr 6 and 4 is running the London Marathon this year in aid of Children with Cancer. Joan will be selling raffle tickets on the playground before and after school up until Fri 10th March - £1 a strip or 6 strips for £5. There are some great prizes including Cineworld tickets, Hollywood bowl tickets, vouchers for County Kitchen, Saffron Lounge and Boston Tea Party. Please find Joan on the playground by the Yr 4 classrooms to buy some tickets and support this fantastic charity. Thank you.

Festival of Holi-13th March 2017

To mark Holi this year we would like all the children and staff to dress up in bright colours. Further information about Holi can be found at

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/quizzes/holi-quiz>

PTA News

This week the children took part in the sponsored pancake flip. They all seemed to have a great time flipping pancakes and trying to break their records from last year! Sponsor forms went out before half term so if these could be returned, with any sponsor money, by Friday 17th March it would be much appreciated. Please put all forms and money in the letterbox in the PTA shed and not handed in to main reception or the teachers.

There is to be a disco on Thursday 6th April. Reception-Year 3 17:45-18:45, Year 4-6 19:00-20:00. Admission £2.50 includes drinks a snack and gift.

There will also be a decorate an (hard boiled) egg competition. £1 entry, eggs to be decorated as one of the teachers at the school. Prizes per class, eggs to be judged by the class teacher.

Other events planned during the year are our lido evening event, summer disco, May Day and of course providing refreshments at sports day and plays.

The PTA is now a very small number of volunteers. It is becoming increasingly difficult to run events at the school. If you can offer support at events, it would be appreciated.

You can contact us via Facebook or email us at thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk



Young Photographer of the Year Competition 2017



Once again the school has the opportunity to enter photographs taken by the children into this competition. In the past two years we have been

successful in getting entries into the final display- maybe this year we will have a winning entry!

In each classroom the full rules of the competition are displayed with a poster, but it is important that the picture is **taken by the child please**. Each print should be marked on the back with the **title** of the photograph, **name of the photographer** and their **school**.

All entries to Mrs Greening by Friday 10th March, to allow time to get them to Churchdown School by the following week.

If you would like a full copy of the rules please ask your class teacher.

Diary Dates

7th March	Dance Festival for Yr 1 and Yr 3 Children should be back by 3.45pm/4pm
8th March	Final Briefing meeting for parents of Year 4 children going to the Forest of Dean (3.30pm)
w/b 13th March	Willow and Cedar to visit Woodmancote Church
13th March	Whole school to wear bright colours for Holi (Hindu Festival)
21st March	Japanese School visit to Year 4
22nd -24th March	Year 4 Residential Trip to the Forest of Dean
27th March	Fire Engine visit for Year 2
28th March	Year 6 Meeting to discuss Residential trip and SATs (6.30pm)
31st March	Red Nose Day/Book Day
6th April	Last day of term for children

	Whole School Photograph
	PTA Disco

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