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Newsletter

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Non-Uniform Day-Friday 5th May

We are very aware that we ask you to support several charities throughout the year and that non-uniform days can cause disruption to the normal routines. However, we would really like you to support us next week in raising money in order to provide Bristol Hospital with much needed pillows for parents and visitors to the hospital.

One of our pupils recently died and the family would like to raise money for Bristol Hospital in order that they can provide pillows, etc. to make parents who are staying with their children, as comfortable as possible, in what must be very challenging circumstances.

If you can donate something, it would be much appreciated. The older brother has also organized a small raffle and tickets can be bought on the day for 50p.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

New Appointment

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Mr Minards as an Early Years teacher for September. Mr Minards comes to us from the University of Gloucestershire and impressed staff and Governors alike with his maturity, excellent manner with children and professionalism.

There will be the opportunity for parents and prospective parents to meet him and Miss Simcock, who will lead on Early Years, in the coming term.

School Meal Price Increase

We have been informed by the County Council that the price of school meals will increase to £2.28 from Monday April 24th 2017. This is the first rise since 2013 and is due to the introduction of the National Living Wage and large increases in the costs of

food, materials and transport during the last twelve months.

Lego/ Game appeal

Do you have any Lego figures or general Lego that your children no longer play with, or any games that you think may be suitable for a lunchtime club? If so Awesome Club would be really grateful if you would donate them to them via the school office. Thank you

Adult Readers

We would appreciate any offers of help with hearing children read at school. Please drop us an email. It could be a parent or grandparent!

The Friendly Triathlon Club

Tri Woodmancote has currently got 19 members including many complete novices - and membership is equally split between women and men.

We are running teams for the Lido Triathlon on September 10th (8am wave). We have 2 run sessions and one swim session per week. Plus, a ride and pub social every month. You can join us at www.triwoodmancote.com or give me (Pete Smith) a call on 07867 696023.

Gloucestershire's newest triathlon club specifically for beginners and intermediates.



A community club aimed at normal people to meet, train and compete together.

www.triwoodmancote.com

Adult membership for

2017 costs £22.

Tri Woodmancote is fully affiliated to Triathlon England (part of the British Triathlon Federation).



Music Junction News

Dear Parents we hope that you are well and that the summer term is treating you well. Below are a few advance notices about music lessons in September 2017

In September we are offering three Year 4 children (current year 3) the chance to have violin lessons at a very reduced cost. The lessons will cost £20 a term and the children will have free use of a Music Junction Violin for the year. You may also need to buy a violin book. The places are for children who are not currently learning an instrument in school. Students are expected to practice in between lessons. **If you're interested please email me at nathan.themusicjunction@talktalk.net.** Places are issued on a first come first served basis.

From September 2017 the price of lessons will be £50 a term (£150 a year). The extra monies paid will go straight to the music teachers and funding projects like the one above in various schools in the area. Invoices will be sent on a termly instead of a yearly basis.

Mr Nathan King

Assemblies

3rd May - Yew

17th May - Pine

24th May - Fir

7th June - Reception (Oak and Ash)

14th June - Holly

28th June - Lime

5th July - Y1 (Maple and Beech)

12th July - Y2 (Cedar and Willow)

19th July - Hazel

Summer Clubs

The summer term brings a range of demands made on staff in terms of courses and professional development opportunities, hence the few clubs running this term. If you feel that you can offer a club and have a valid DBS check, we would like to hear from you.

Cricket	Mon 3.15-4.15	Yr 5 and 6	Woodmancote Cricket Club c/o Mr Tucker head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Andy Tucker Football	Fri 3.15-4.15	R-Yr6	www.andytucker-soccercamps.co.uk
Creative Writing	Wed 12.30- 1pm	Years 4, 5 and 6	Zmeredith-smyth@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
Hockey	Tuesday 12.15-1.15	Years 4,5 and 6	fallen@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Mini Marines

Some parents may find this club of interest. They run out of Newlands and we have received many recommendations from parents who send their children on a Thursday evening from 5pm-6.30pm

Further information can be found by emailing info@elitecommandosurvival.com

Or

<http://www.elitecommandosurvival.com/>

Creative Crew Art Years 4, 5 & 6



Creative Crew Art will continue to run art sessions this term for Year 4, 5 & 6 on Thursday 3.15 - 4.30 pm. It will run for 10 weeks and costs £7 per session, with all materials and equipment provided.

The children had a fabulous Spring term, working to produce some lovely pieces whilst exploring acrylic painting techniques, watercolour techniques, clay work, acrylic inks, drawing skills, wax pastel effects and marbling.

This term we will continue to explore art skills and techniques with a range of activities. The children will start the term producing a large canvas work over several sessions - exploring ways to create texture, and further colour mixing skills. We will also try, weather permitting, to undertake some projects outdoors in the final term.

There is some limited availability for new places, but please contact **Louise Hutchinson** on **07964 229682** or creativecrewart@gmail.co.uk if you are keen for your child to attend. She will be happy to forward further information and answer any questions.



Music at Woodmancote

This year has been a very exciting year for music at Woodmancote as we have teamed up with several organisations to support our music curriculum.

During the autumn and spring terms, Year 3 children began their whole-class violin lessons with thanks to Gloucestershire Music. This was a twenty week programme culminating in a finale performance last term. I'm sure that all those who attended were as amazed as I was by the progress the children made: they were reading music, plucking and bowing, keeping time, varying their dynamics and there were even a few moments for some solos!

Similarly, in September, Year 5 and 6 children began learning songs for their performance at the Genting Arena in preparation for the Young Voices concert. This was Woodmancote's second time attending Young Voices, and it was another fantastic evening of dancing, singing and beat-boxing! A huge thank you goes to the parents who travelled to join in and to all the staff who made the event possible.

Last term, Year 4 children learnt how to compose music using iPads. This was a ten week programme of music technology lessons designed and delivered by The Music Works. All of the children were incredibly enthused by these sessions and produced some fantastic pieces of music.

Now we are into the summer term, Year 5 can look forward to ten weeks of whole-class brass tuition from Gloucestershire Music. The children will be given the opportunity to play a variety of brass instruments including, trumpets, cornets and trombones. The Year 1 team are very excited to be teaching the recorder to both classes this term too and hope they are practising at home as much as possible! I am very much looking forward to both the Year 1 and 5 concerts towards the end of the term.



Looking forward to the next academic year, we are looking to increase the time spent on whole-class lessons with both Year 3 and 5 spending thirty weeks learning their instruments. Year 4 will be able to have music technology sessions again, and Year 5 and 6 are already signed up for the next Young Voices concert. We are also hoping to secure some workshops provided by Cheltenham Festivals throughout 2017-2018.

If you'd like any information on how your children can access music lessons, or would like any other information about the music curriculum at Woodmancote, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Mr. Williams.

School Developments

Over the Easter break we had new windows installed in the Junior building, replacing the rotten, wooden windows with more energy efficient ones. We also removed the three canopies around the school and gave the Reception play area a much needed lick of paint. Thanks to the PTA we have also installed two large 'Ball Funnels' on the playground.

The Governing Body continues to manage the budget effectively in order to ensure that the fabric of the school building is appropriate and fit for purpose as well as providing a superb level of staffing. Infant toilets and the playground will also be tackled in the coming months, alongside the building of the Pre-School. This has been possible through prudent management of the budget, but also with an eye on upcoming cuts in our overall funding. Woodmancote School will not escape budget cuts and will actually suffer more if the proposed funding formula

goes through, penalising schools our size, whilst increasing budgets for smaller schools. For the time being the Governing Body continues to invest in the school buildings, preparing for less money to be spent on them in the coming years.

Toilets!

Unfortunately, some children are unable to go to the toilet without messing around and this has resulted in the new toilets in both the Year 6 block and the Junior toilets being damaged and left in a disgraceful state. This is totally unacceptable, but we find it very difficult to identify culprits. Can we please urge all parents to remind their children that new toilets cost thousands of pounds and that every time they are damaged, the school has to pay even more money to mend them. Thank you.

Year 2 and Year 6 SATS

The Standards and Testing Agency (STA) has published an information leaflet and videos about the 2017 national curriculum tests. This information is for parents/carers with a child in Y2 or Y6. The two videos give further details about specific arrangements for KS1 and KS2:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2017-national-curriculum-tests-for-key-stages-1-and-2-information-for-parents>

School PE kit

As the warmer weather returns can I take this opportunity to remind children and parents about the kit that children are expected to have in school.

The PE kit at Woodmancote consists of a white T-Shirt and black shorts and trainers or PE 'daps'.

You may also prefer to send your child with a sweatshirt or tracksuit top for when the weather is colder. We prefer it that they do not wear their school sweatshirt for PE and



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Games. The Year 6 may choose to wear their Leavers Hoodies if it is cold instead.

Plants!

Do you have any unloved outdoor plants or shrubs? If you do, we would love to have them in order to restock the border at the front of the school. Mrs Holder, our school caretaker is looking for various things that could be planted to brighten up the entrance. Please feel free to pop them into school anytime and Mrs Holder would be delighted to give them a new home.

Year 6 Residential-22nd-26th May

Please be aware that Mr Tucker, Mr Evans, Miss Chandler, Mr Adkin, Mrs Smith and Mrs Lee will be on the Year 6 Residential, week beginning 22nd May.

Dates and email addresses can be found on page 6.



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Diary Dates

1st May	Bank Holiday May Day in Woodmancote
2nd-5th May	Life Education Van in school
5th May	Non-Uniform Day
w/b 8th May	SATs for Year 6
19th May	Year 6 Photos and Teams
w/b 22nd May	Year 6 Residential
Thursday 15th June	Sports Day Am-Juniors Pm-Infants
Friday 16th June	Reserve Sports Day
w/b 19th June	International Belong Week
Tuesday 20th June	Area Sports (Field Events) at Balcarras School 4.15
Friday 23rd June	Area Sports (Prince of Wales)
27th June	2017 Reception Parent and child afternoon (1.30-3pm)
29th June	2018 Reception Open Morning (9.15-10.30)
5th July	2018 Reception Open Afternoon (1.30-3pm)
6th July	Induction Day for new staff (am)
6th July	2017 Reception Child only afternoon (1.30-3pm)
8th July	PTA Lido Event
19th July	Year 6 Disco (6.30-8.30)
21st July	Last Day of term

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