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# Newsletter

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## **Mrs Thomas**

Today is Mrs Thomas' last day and on behalf of everyone at the school, I wish her a wonderful retirement. She has helped support three Headteachers over the years and has been invaluable in enabling the school to adapt to changes in the local population. Woodmancote is the school it is today thanks to her loyalty, hard work and dedication. She will be sorely missed.

The School Office will now be led by Mrs Williams, our new School Business Manager, with Mrs Meredith and the newly appointed Mrs Holder who will begin in a few weeks time. Without these people I would not be able to do my job and teachers would not be able to provide the level of care and support that they do.

## **Mr Clark**

Mr Clark will also be leaving us at the end of this academic year as he has been appointed Deputy Headteacher at Down Ampney School, Cirencester. Whilst being here for a relatively short period of time, he has had a massive impact on the quality of teaching at the school and we are confident that he will excel in his new post as well. We wish him every success.

## **Mrs Trigg**

We will also be saying a special goodbye to Mrs Trigg who will be leaving in July to take up a post at Coopers Edge School, Gloucester. She will leave a large hole in the life of the school and we will certainly miss the various costumes that she wears on dressing up days! We hope that she enjoys Coopers Edge as much as she has enjoyed being at Woodmancote.

## **Year 5 trip to Gloucester Mosque**

Year 5 children had a very informative morning at the Masjid-E-Noor Mosque in Gloucester on Thursday. The wonderful lady who showed the children around dispelled many of the myths that people can have about Islam and the children came away with a greater understanding about how Judaism, Christianity and Islam are linked.

Our children were very well behaved, respectful and mature.

## **Potential problems along Britannia Way.**

We have been made aware by a parent and have had it confirmed by Stagecoach that the new stagecoach E bus service will be running down Britannia Way from next week. There will be a bus going past school at 8.36am and 8.51am in the morning and then 3.07pm and 3.22pm!

The school has not been consulted on this at all and we have had no communication from Stagecoach other than the conversation we have had with them this morning.

If this new route does cause major problems, please contact Stagecoach on

<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-help-and-contact/west/complaints-and-feedback>

## **School Newspaper**

An enthusiastic and dedicated group of Year 5 children would like to put together a school Newspaper and are asking other children to design a heading. They can design what the heading will say and what it will look like. It needs to be innovative, creative and representative of the school. It is open to everyone in the school and needs to be handed back to Mr Evans or someone in Hazel class by May 9<sup>th</sup>.



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### **Netball tournament**

Our wonderful netball team came first in the recent Netball Festival at Pates. They started the season with a devastating loss, but through hard work and determination they have become a wonderful team over the year and thoroughly deserve winning all 6 of their games! A special mention must go to Miss Chandler for coaching them so well.

### **House Art Competition**

*Cleeve-Leckhampton-Nottingham-Malvern*

We have four Houses at school and children earn points each week for good work, exemplary behaviour and of course, for being engaged and active learners. We also have House events and this term we will be running a House Art Competition. Thanks to the generosity of the PTA we will be creating a wonderful school mosaic in the coming months and in preparation for this we want children to enter the House Art Competition.

Children are asked to draw, paint or crayon a picture that they feel represents something good at our school. It should be suitable to be turned into a mosaic design, but does not need to be drawn like a mosaic!

Entries should be returned back to school by 20<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Parking**

Thanks to the wonderful vigilance and support of parents we have a gallery of photos of cars that are parked in such a way that they endanger the lives of your children. Please continue sending them in and also consider sending them to the local community police. They are very interested in seeing cars parked on the yellow zig-zag lines, corners and on pavements, blocking pedestrian access. Their contact details are below

[tewkesbury.lpa.communities@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tewkesbury.lpa.communities@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

Alternatively, visit the website at

<https://www.police.uk/gloucestershire/DA3/>

### **Year 4 Residential**

The Year 4 children and staff had a wonderful three days in the Forest of Dean last week. The weather was kind to them and I am sure parents of Year 4 children would have heard all about their exploits. The staff had a great time too and it was particularly nice that Mr Hoyle and Mrs Badham could accompany the trip and see how the children they have taught in the past have matured and developed.

A big thank you to all those staff who accompanied the children and cared so well for them over the three days. A particular thank you to Mr Carter and Mrs McCormack for leading the trip so well.

### **Year 6 Residential**

This is fast approaching and parents have been invited along to an information evening on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. Letters have already gone out, but if you have not received one please contact either Mr Clark or Miss Chandler

[aclark@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:aclark@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

[jchandler@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:jchandler@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **SATs**

Once again there is a lot in the news and on social media about Year 2 and Year 6 SATs. Woodmancote School has always prided itself on providing an all round education of which assessment and testing is only one part. Our aim remains to ensure all children feel that they belong to an important local, national and international community, can aspire to be anything they want to by exposing them to a varied world of work and ensure that every child can achieve what they are capable of, with the necessary nurturing and challenge.



We hope that these are reasons that you chose Woodmancote and remain so supportive of us as a school. At a time of immense change (again!) within the education system, it is sometimes hard to remain true to our ideals, but we hope that we do and we appreciate all the support that you give.

**May Day Celebrations**

Look out for the wonderful group of Year 3 May Pole dancers on Monday. They have been working really hard learning the dances with Helen McLeod and we hope that they enjoy the experience. Helen has been given her time for free over the last few weeks and we really appreciate her time and efforts.

**PTA Newsletter**

Wednesday night's disco went very well and it's fair to say that the kids had lots of fun.

The face painting was very popular and DJ Dad was a hit with the kids, and the teachers all enjoying a good boogie.

Final figures still need to be totted up, but the disco should raise around £560.00 for the school. Thank you to everyone who came along and made the evening such a great event.

The PTA will have a Tombola stall at the May Day celebrations this weekend, please come along and see what you can win! Thank you to all of you who have donated items for the stall.

In the next few weeks, we will be helping the children to make gifts for Father's day. Please look out for the forms in the book bags.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June the PTA will be holding a Table Top Sale in the school hall. So now is the time to have a good sort out and sell all your unwanted items. Tables are

available to parents at a cost of £5. More details will follow nearer the date.

July 2nd the Lido has been hired exclusively for the school again. Despite the weather last year the event was a great success, let's hope the sun shines this year. There will be some races and events this year as well as refreshments and inflatables. Please look out for the forms in the book bags.

If you would like to contact the PTA with any suggestions for events, general feedback or you wish to join the PTA, or volunteer for events, you can do either by e mailing us, messaging via Facebook (Woodmancote School PTA) or there is the letterbox in the PTA shed.

**Diary Dates**

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak and Ash to the Cotswold Wildlife Park
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential Information Evening at 6.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> May	House Art entries to be in
23 <sup>rd</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education Van
27 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Festival
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Festival
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations



14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Juniors-am (9.15 start) Infants-pm (1.30 start)
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day Juniors-am (9.15 start) Infants-pm (1.30 start)
21st June <b>NEW DATE</b>	Year 5 Activity day at Cleeve School (details to follow)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Area Sports Field Events
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Area Sports Track Events
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cleeve and Year 6 Parents Evening Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 to Cleeve to watch Bugsy Malone
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco
20th July	End of Year Service for Year 6 Leavers at St Michael's Church  Teddy Bear Picnic for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children