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Woodmancote PTA

The PTA continues to raise much needed funds for the school, but the number of committee members continues to fall, as does their capacity to run events.

In recent months the PTA has paid for the Funnels on the playground, The Life Education Van, coaches to Young Voices and subsidised trips to the value of £5 per pupil.

It has also earmarked funds for playground development, the Year 6 Leavers and additional Sports Kit. Without their support the cost of trips would go up, sports teams would not be well turned out at competitions, we would not be able to afford to go to Young Voices and the playground would not be developed.

If the cost of trips goes up because they are unable to subsidise them, we will get more parents unable to contribute, which will result in trips being cancelled.

Please support their endeavors and offer your support by considering joining them for the benefit of all children at the school. They are not a clique, but a group of like-minded parents who would welcome your involvement.

Non-Uniform Day-Friday 5th May

Thank you to everyone who supported us last Friday. We were able to raise in excess of £600, with hopefully more money to follow with the Prize Draw.

On Wednesday the 17th of May we will be holding a raffle to raise money to provide pillows for parents who sleep overnight in hospital at the bedside of their gravely ill children.

The tickets will be 50p each, or £1 for 3 tickets. They will be on sale at lunchtime in Hazel classroom on Wednesday the 17th of May. If you want to support this work, please furnish your child with 50p or £1 (or more as you see fit) this Wednesday. First prize is a remote controlled car.



Parent View

This provides you with the opportunity to let OFSTED know how well the school does in providing for your children. With OFSTED long overdue, we would welcome your thoughts about the school. We hope that you feel positive enough about the school to leave feedback that would support our judgement that we are a Good School and improving.

If you are unhappy about our provision we would prefer it if you came into school and told us face to face so that we could do something about it, rather than simply leaving negative comments on the website.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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

Quad Kids

Well done to the group of 8 Year 4 children who travelled to St Edward's school last week. They completed in 4 scored events and did incredibly well, achieving a Bronze medal for all their efforts!



Assemblies

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

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/>

Playground Expectations

It is our expectation that when children come on to the playground in the morning before school, they wait near their parents, do not play any ball games and do not use bikes or scooters on the playground. In recent weeks the children seem to be finding these expectations a little tricky! We would really appreciate it if you could remind them about the balls, scooters and bikes as they can pose a nuisance and danger to other parents and pre-school children. Thank you.

Donations

Thank you for the donations of plants that some parents have already made. The front of the school is beginning to look a bit brighter.



Help!

Are you, or do you know anyone who is experienced at landscaping? We are looking at how we may reduce the cost of landscaping the Pre-School area and the playing field generally. We know that many parents have a range of skills that we sometimes do not tap into and it could potentially save us thousands of pounds. This money could then be spent on staffing and resources.

If you feel that you could support the development of the playing facilities at the school, we would love to hear from you. It could be that you are an ideas person or that you can help with the physical side of digging, etc. Whatever it is, please make contact.

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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>



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.

PTA News

The disco last month was a big success. Thank you to all those children who attended. A huge thank you to all the teachers and those who volunteered to help make the evening run smoothly.

The next PTA event is on Saturday 8th July at Sandford Lido. The evening starts at 1930-2200. Forms will be sent home with the children next week. Please ensure the forms are returned to the PTA shed letter box on time.

The final PTA event of the academic year is the year 6 leavers party. This on Wednesday 19th July. This year the year 6 are having a disco, photo booth and fish and chips.

We are hoping to be selling cornetto style ice creams on a Friday after school. 60p per ice cream. A text will be sent out on Thursday or Friday letting parents know if the ice cream sale will be going ahead. Currently we are having issues from our supplier but this will hopefully be resolved soon. As a result there will be no ice cream sales on Friday 12th May.

The PTA is run by a few parent volunteers. Over the last few years our numbers have reduced and we currently have 8 parents who are part of the PTA. In the new academic year the PTA will be down to 6 parent volunteers, possibly less. We need parents to join the PTA if it is to continue. Over the next few months we will be letting you know what money has been raised during the past 3 years and how this money has been allocated. Without the PTA school trips will cost parents more and we won't be able to

run fun fundraising events for our children. If you can help, please contact the PTA via Facebook or e mail. Our next meeting isn't until September and our AGM will be in October 2017.

Grandparents Afternoon

On Monday 3rd July at 2.15pm the reception children would like to welcome their Grandparents into the classroom to show their work and make some snacks. If no Grandparents can make it, Aunties and Uncles are welcome instead.

K'nex Challenge

On Wednesday 26th April, Daisey Parsons and Miriam Palmer from year 6 took part in the county final of the K'nex Challenge. This was a competition to build the best possible model in a limited time from K'nex construction kits. The competition was fierce as Millbrook Academies hall was packed with the best K'nex builders from around the county. Daisey and Miriam's model was superb, but sadly they did not win.

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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)
3rd July	Grandparents Afternoon 2.15pm
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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