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# Newsletter

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## **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

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## **Year 6 Medical forms**

Can parents please return these as soon as possible as the Year 6 residential is fast approaching.

## **House Art Competition-A little reminder**

*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.

## **Bus Route**

Stagecoach have recently started a new route down Britannia Way. When we were

made aware of this the school contacted Stagecoach in order to highlight our concerns. If you would like to contact the company direct, you may find the following useful.

James O'Neill  
Commercial Manager  
Stagecoach West  
01452 418637

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## **Assemblies**

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak and Ash
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple and Beech
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Holly and Lime
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Yew and Hazel

## **First Aid Update**

Following recent changes to the advice given to schools regarding head bumps, we would like to advise all parents that if a child receives any kind of bump to the head we will send a text to let you know. If it is a serious bump we will telephone you directly and aim to speak to you personally so you can seek further advice. The text is designed to simply inform, not alarm parents. This will replace the current system of sending home a paper 'Bumped Head' slip. Advice about what to look out for regarding head bumps will be on the website shortly and is also attached to the newsletter email.

## **Year 2 and Year 6 SATs**

We are immensely proud of all our children who have had to sit these externally set tests over the last few weeks. We believe that they have all done their very best and that is all that we expect from them.



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### **Panathlon**

The superb **Panathlon Team** achieved a wonderful gold medal position in a recent stage 2 competition and now go through to competing on behalf of Cheltenham in the county final. The team is made up of children who would not necessarily compete in traditional sporting teams and this event gives them the opportunity to show what great sportsman they are. We were very proud of them and their achievement.

### **Healthy School Status**

Woodmancote achieved Healthy school status over 5 years ago and we have continued to keep this under review. As a school we participate in a range of sporting activities and aim to promote healthy minds and bodies through our curriculum. At a time of national debate about childhood obesity, tooth decay and other childhood health issues, teachers have revisited some of the principles behind Healthy School status and there have been a few discussions recently about the number of children distributing sweets, chocolates and cakes when it is their birthday. Opinions will obviously be split on this and on any action we take as a school. However, as of September we will not support the distribution of sweets, etc when it is your child's birthday. We are aware that many parents feel obliged to buy all children in the class a packet of sweets and that there is a degree of expectation from other children. We hope a ban will take away some of this pressure.

A healthy diet is one that does not necessarily ban all sweet treats and as such we recognise that at certain times of the year children in certain year groups will receive a special treat from such organisations as Woodmancote Free Church. In recent years they have been kind enough to give some infant year groups Easter eggs and Advent calendars. We hope that you

agree that these are special times, marking particular events.

It may also be the case that the PTA will distribute sweets at the end of discos for example.

Could we also take this opportunity to remind parents that children should not fill water bottles with anything other than water. When bottles of juice or squash are spilt around school we then have problems with ants and tables being sticky. Children should also not bring in any mid morning snack other than fruit.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Sports Day**

Can we remind all parents that their child will need to wear a T shirt in their house colour on Sports Day. Thank you.

### **Woodpeckers**

We are looking to expand Woodpeckers in order to meet the increasing demand for places. We have two positions available and details of these can be found on the GCC website or the school website.

We also have an opportunity for someone to work for 4 or 5 hours per week at Woodpeckers. We currently have a sixth former from Cleeve who does this role. Please speak to Zoe Coltman or Mr Tucker if you know of someone interested in this post.

### **Sponsored Swim**

Mrs Tracy Murphy will be organising a sponsored swim at Tewkesbury Park Hotel for all those children who attend her swimming lessons. We are very appreciative of her taking the time to organise this as money raised will go towards sports equipment at the school, whilst a raffle will



raise many for breast cancer care. If you would like to support this event in any way, please contact Mrs Murphy via Mrs Badham.

**PTA Newsletter**

Letters have gone out in the book bags this week, with details of the Father's Day Pressie Planet. Your child will have the opportunity to make a gift for the special man in their life, dad, stepdad, grandad, uncle etc, in school on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June.

To take part the forms need to be completed and returned, with £2.50 by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Please post into the PTA shed and clearly state your child's full name and class.

We would really appreciate some extra help on 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> June. If anyone can spare an hour or two, please could you pop your name and contact details on a slip of paper, and post it in the PTA shed.

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. If you have any ideas for races and events, please pop your suggestion into the PTA shed.

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.

**First Stage Theatre**

Some parents may be interested in a holiday Drama Club running out of the Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Leaflets can be found in the office.

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**Diary Dates**

18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential Information Evening at 6.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> May	House Art entries to be in
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)
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Offices and Staffroom will be vacated to allow



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	builders to knock through! Front office with Mrs Meredith and Mrs Holder will still be accessible for parents
18 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Table Top Sale
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- St Edward's
28 <sup>th</sup> June 1.45-3pm	New Reception Intake afternoon (Children and Parents)
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 trip to Gloucester Cathedral
<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	Area Sports Track Events
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Prince of Wales Stadium
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Induction Day at Cleeve and Year 6 Parents Evening Meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> July 1.45-3pm	New Reception Intake afternoon (Children only)
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 to Cleeve to watch Buggy Malone
19 <sup>th</sup> July	House Talent Show
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Children to meet their new teachers
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

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