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Newsletter

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Newsletter 2.Friday 22nd September 2017

Next week will see all the Reception children in full time. We are delighted with how well they have settled and would welcome any comments you may have in order for us to improve the transition into school for our 2018 intake.

From Monday parents of Reception aged children will need to drop off and collect via the playground and access the school through the pedestrian gate on Station Road.

Woodmancote's Festival of English

We are looking forward to a Woodmancote School Festival of English during the month of October, kicking off with National Poetry Day next Thursday. All year groups, except Reception, will be attending the Literature Festival (6th-13th October) - details were sent out last week.

We will be embracing *No Pens Wednesday* on the 4th October, teachers too- what fun! There will be a 'Book Club' in every class from the 16th-20th October, including buddy reading sessions across the classes, as well as a celebratory assembly to share our favourite books.

If any parents, friends or grandparents would like to come in and share their favourite books with the children, please do get in touch.

Finally, all children will also be writing a fairy tale in their English lessons during the last couple of weeks of term, with the hope of publishing a book to raise money for the school. If you have any contacts in publishing, please do contact either Mrs Meredith-Smyth or Miss Chandler.

Thank you for your support

Reading Appeal!

Could you spare half an hour once in a while? We are looking to create a 'High Priority Team' in order to support those children who need an extra boost with their reading.

We are not necessarily looking for a regular commitment (although if you are able, that would be wonderful), just pop in and out when you can. There will be a file in the office for you to simply pick up and read with the children at the front of the folder on that day. You can come in once a week or once a month - whatever suits you.

If you are interested in either regular reading or becoming part of the HP team, please contact Mrs Meredith-Smyth:
zmeredith-smyth@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk.

Many thanks.

Parking in staff car park

Can I politely ask all parents not to use the staff car park unless you have a blue disabled parking badge (or our equivalent*) or if you are dropping off for Woodpeckers
*Disabled parking-We can issue parents/grandparents with cards that can be displayed in your window. This might be because of a long term need or might simply be because your child temporarily has a leg in plaster, or similar. Please just ask at the office.

Clubs

Pick up from clubs is via the front door. Many parents are choosing to park in the car park and this does then pose a risk to other parents who have parked off site and walked round. Please avoid parking on site.



We have received several complaints from our neighbours regarding parking. The Veterinary Surgery on Station Road has contacted us to say that many parents are parking in their car park, preventing staff from parking and deliveries being made. Parents are even becoming abusive when asked to move their cars. As from Monday any parent parked in the car park will be blocked in by staff, who will not necessarily move to let them out!

If you are parking irresponsibly on private property or dangerously along Station Road, please take time to park on Britannia Way and walk round to the Station Road pedestrian entrance.

Thank you to those parents who walk to school.

School Development Plan

The School has identified several priorities for the year ahead. Once again our Year 2 and Year 6 results show that we are above the national % for children reaching age related expectations, with many making excellent progress. (please see website for further details)

Priorities for 2017-18

1. Ensure clear expectations apparent in Year 2 and Year 6 with the teaching and assessment of writing, are developed in all year groups.
2. Teaching of phonics and reading is consistent across the school and where gaps are identified or where children are not reaching the expected standard, appropriate and timely interventions are a priority within the curriculum.

3. The Health and Well-Being of all children and adults is an integral part of the curriculum and extended opportunities are planned for specific year groups in order to meet the needs of individuals and groups.
4. Standards in Science are improved further with an emphasis on key scientific skills.
5. Professional Development in Maths is enhanced with further collaboration through the GLOW Maths Hub. <http://www.glowmathshub.com/>
6. Tracking and Assessment procedures, both formative and summative, are improved further in order to meet the changing needs of children.

Andy Tucker Football-Friday

Can I also ask that parents do not stay on site for this club on Fridays? The school gates are locked at 3.30 to improve security for children attending clubs and for Woodpeckers. Unaccompanied adults should not be on site and will be asked to return to school after the club finishes. We believe that most parents support these extra security measures in order to keep children safe.

Thank you for your support.

Year 3 Camp

Thank you to all the parents who supported the Year 3 'Camp in' last week. We hope the children enjoyed themselves and were not too fractious over the weekend!

Thank you to all the staff involved with the Year 3 and Year 6 camp. Without their time and dedication, neither would have been able to run.



Developing the school grounds

This year we are looking to develop the school grounds further in order to create play areas that use natural materials. We would like to create willow structures, dens, digging pits, 'humps' and other features that promote imaginative and physical play. If you have a skill that could be used, we would love to hear from you. Perhaps you have a small digger, work in horticulture, can acquire logs, etc. Please email Mr Tucker if you feel that you have a skill or a resource that would be useful.

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House Captains and Prefects

House Captains have been elected, along with vice-captains for the four houses. The Senior Leadership Team, recognising those children who have made a significant impact on the life of the school over the last 6 years, has also appointed prefects.

Leckhampton

Captains:

Seb Price Beatrice Medhurst

Vice Captains:

Charlie Steele Milly Quick

Cleeve

Captains:

Theo Howard Evie Green

Vice:

Will David-Green Esme Meadows

Malvern

Captains:

Sam Austin Imogen Bullingham

Vice:

Luke Davies Abi Rose-Vaughan

Nottingham

Captains:

Jack Harrison Libby Davis

Vice:

George Quartermaine Sophie Kent

Prefects:

Sam Austin, George Quartermaine, Milly Parker, George Hutchinson, Eleanor Davis, Nia Evans, Ned Burton, Jacob Lockart, Anna Butcher, Sam Smith, Charlie Hill, Tom Williams, Aaron Hughes, Melis Oner

Current Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for a Pre-school Assistant and a Midday Supervisor. For further details of these posts, and how to apply please visit the vacancies page of the school website

<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/current-vacancies/>

Behaviour

Whilst the children above represent the very best in behaviour and attitude, we also have a small minority of children whose behaviour is less than perfect. It is a sad fact that schools across the country are having to deal with children who challenge authority and show no respect to other children or adults.

We aim to deal with unacceptable behaviour through our Behaviour Policy. This can be found on our website. Please support us by getting children to bed at a reasonable time, establishing and maintaining clear boundaries, and having high expectations for behaviour at all times. We know that many of you already do this and we thank you for it!



We recognise that there are many parenting styles, but we will not allow the behaviour of a small minority of children to impact on the learning and happiness of others.

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Diary Dates

26 th September	European Day of Languages
4 th October	No Pens Wednesday
6 th - 13 th October	Cheltenham Literature Festival
12 th October	Open Morning for Prospective parents (9.30-10.30)
13 th October	Harvest Festivals Infants at 9am (Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2) Juniors at 2.15 (Years 3 and 5 only)
17 th October	Parent Consultations (3.30-6.30)
19 th October	Parent Consultations (4.30-7.30pm)
20 th October	Last day of Term 1
30 th October	First day of Term 2
Week beginning 11 th December	Reception Nativity (TBC)
18 th and 19 th December	Christmas Parties

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