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Macmillan Coffee Morning

To coincide with Macmillan Coffee Morning, we will be opening our doors on Monday 26th September for all parents and local residents to come into school and view the new extension and new teaching block. This day coincides with our first House event of the year, 'The Great Woodmancote Bake off'. (further details below)

Parents, grandparents, residents and friends are welcome to come into school from 2pm and cakes and drinks will be served in the Hall. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Great Woodmancote Bake Off

This is the first of our four House Competitions this year. Children from any house can enter by baking and decorating 6 cupcakes, 6 biscuits or something savoury! This could be one large or 6 small savoury things. Children can enter all three categories if they want to. They will need to be brought into school on the morning of the 26th September and they will be judged before being 'sold' as part of our Macmillan Coffee and Open School afternoon. Children can earn points for their house by simply entering!

Any questions, please refer them to the staff from Leckhampton House, led by Mrs Badham

sbadham@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Triathlon

Good luck to all those parents and teachers taking part in the Sandford Park Triathlon this weekend. It promises to be an interesting Sunday morning! Results to follow...possibly!

Settling In

We hope that everyone has settled well into school, but if your child is anxious about anything, please feel free to speak to the class teacher sooner, rather than later. The end of the day is better than the beginning, but you can also email teachers. Details can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the website.

Illness

Can we urge all parents to inform us of any illnesses that could be potentially dangerous for children and adults with low immune systems? This is particularly important in the Infants. Thank you

Curriculum Newsletters

These can be found on the school website from next week, with hard copies available from the main office.

Fire Alarm testing

This takes place every Thursday between 8am and 9am.

Transition to secondary school

The Headteacher from Winchcombe School will be holding a meeting here for parents of Year 6 children on 14th September at 6.30pm.

There will also be an opportunity for Year 6 parents to hear from the Headteacher of Cleeve School on Wednesday 21st September at 7pm in our school hall.

Applying for Free School Meals

The Local Authority have launched a new portal for parents that is designed to make applying for Free School Meals a lot easier. <http://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/education/grants>



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For every child that is entitled to Free School Meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your Free School Meal.

You will receive an instant response as to whether you are entitled to Free School Meals once you have submitted your claim. All you need is your National Insurance Number and a current email address.

If you have applied online for a school admission place for September 2016 or 2 year old funding, please use the same login details.

When your application is received, your eligibility will be checked with the Department for Education, Department for Work and Pensions and HM Revenue and Customs. If unsuccessful, children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive Universal Infant Free School Meals.

If your child is currently receiving Free School Meals at their primary school and transferring to secondary school in September, you do not need to reapply. Entitlement will transfer automatically to their new school unless your financial circumstances change; if so you will be notified if they are no longer entitled.

Clerk to Governors

The Governors are looking to recruit a new Clerk. For more details of this vacancy see the school website
<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/current-vacancies/>

Megan Rix-Author Visit

The Book

London 1666 - A terrible plague has swept through the city and people live in fear of animals carrying the disease.

Woofers is a loveable stray who works in the palace kitchen and Tiger Lily is the pampered pet spaniel of King Charles 11. They come from very different worlds but this hasn't stopped them becoming the best of friends and looking out for each other. When Woofers finds himself in trouble he has to escape the palace grounds and Tiger Lily isn't far behind him. It's not long before a new danger emerges - a great fire is sweeping across London destroying everything in its path. Can these two brave dogs survive the blazing fire and make their way to safety?



The Author

Megan Rix was born in London and lived in America, Singapore and New Zealand before marrying and living in England. When not writing she can be found walking by the river with her dogs, Traffy and Bella, who are usually in the river.

Megan will be visiting the school on Wednesday 21st September and will be talking about her book to children in **Years 4, 5 and 6**. Please see attached letter for further details.

Spare furniture

Following our building work, we have several items for sale. These include 2 blue chairs, 2 large desks, 1 kitchen cupboard and 1 water cooler. If you are interested in any of these items, all we are asking for are donations to school and their removal as soon as possible. Thank you.



School Prayer Group

A prayer group, open to Christians of all denominations, governors, staff and parents, meets regularly to pray for the school. The first meeting for this term is to be held at the school on Friday 16th September from 8.45 until 9.30am. If you think you might be interested in joining the group, please meet in Reception at 8.45am. If you would like more information, please contact Andrew Hiscock either by email: arhiscock@gmail.com or by telephone: 07926093738. The group is supported by the Cheltenham Prayer for Schools Network, part of Pray for Schools about which more information is available on www.prayforschools.org

Timings of the school day

8:40	Entry into school
8:45	Registers open
8:50	Registers close and are returned to office.

After 8:50 all children arriving must go to the office and sign in the late book.

From after 8:50 until 9:15, children signing in at the office will be given a code L for late.

After 9:15 if a child comes in, they must sign in the late book, but they will be recorded as U for the morning session unless they have been for something like a medical appointment.

It is the responsibility of the parents to let the school know if a child is unwell. This can be done by phone or email. Please make use of the new phone option to leave a message to report an absence. If a child who is ill has a sibling, they may deliver a note via the Home /School diary or a separate note to the class teacher.

Parents are reminded to update contact numbers when necessary as it is important that we know where an absent child is. If no

contact is made and no explanation is given for an absence, then this will be unauthorised.

Any requests for authorised absence must go through the head teacher (or deputy in his absence). Parents are asked to fill in a form available from the school office or email Mr Tucker directly.



European Day of Languages

We will be marking this day on Friday 23rd September, where we will celebrate the diversity within our own school and being part of the European Community. If you feel that you would like to support this event, please contact your child's class teacher. You may speak a European language or have artefacts that might be of interest. We would love to hear from you.

Year 6 Play 2016

If any parents of last year's Year 6 have photos of their end of year play, we would be grateful if you could send us a few in order that we can display these during this term. Please feel free to send them electronically to me at head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Autumn Term Clubs

These will begin the week beginning 19th September, other than Andy Tucker football, which will begin on Friday 16th September.

Clubs run by members of the teaching and non teaching staff are totally voluntary. We appreciate that parents like their children to attend after school activities and in the course of the year we will endeavour to ensure that all year groups have access to a range of clubs.

If you are interested in your child attending any of the clubs, please email the member of staff directly by 5pm on Tuesday 13th

September. Please assume your child has a place unless you are informed otherwise either by text or email.

Creative Crew Art will be running art sessions on Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.30pm. These sessions are for children in Year 5/6 who love to be creative! The children will explore a wide range of fun and creative techniques including: drawing, painting, printing and sculpture.



The sessions will be led by Louise Hutchinson, a parent and practicing primary school teacher.

An information flyer and registration form are attached.

Woodpeckers

As many of you are aware we have increased capacity at Woodpeckers this year in order to meet a growing demand. We have already recruited three new members of staff. Arrangements for collection on a Monday are slightly different after 4.45, with all children being collected from the Activity Room in the new block as Cubs are in the main hall from 5pm.

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Diary Dates

14th September	3.15 Maths Talk for Year 4 parents in Holly Classroom
14th September	Year 6 Residential Meeting for Whitemoor Lakes at 6pm in Hall
14th September	Year 6 parents meeting with Winchcombe Head - 6.30pm in Hall
21st September	Year 4 Greek Day Children encouraged to come to school dressed as Ancient Greeks.
21st September	Author Visit for Years 4, 5 and 6
21st September	Year 6 Parents Meeting with Cleeve Headteacher-7pm in Hall
22nd September	Reception 2017 - open afternoon for prospective parents 1.30pm-2.30pm
23rd September	European Day of Languages
26th September	House Bake Off Open Afternoon for existing parents and local residents Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (2-3pm)
10th October	Year 4 Residential Meeting for Dean Field Study Centre (5pm in Pine)
12th October	Photographs - Individual and Siblings
13th	Reception 2017 - open

October	morning for prospective parents (9.30am-10.30am)
18th October	Harvest Festival Infants at 9am Juniors at 2.15 (Led by Year 3 and Year 5)
19th October	Last day of term
31st October	INSET Day
1st November	First day of term
2nd November	Parent Consultations (4.30-7.30)
3rd November	Parent Consultations (3.30-6.30)
18th November	Children in Need
2nd December	M and M Production of The Wizard of Oz
14th December	Christmas Lunch
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Staff and Children
20th December	Last Day of Term

School Term and Holiday dates 2016/17

Please find attached the term dates for 2016/17. The previous version had a discrepancy in the text.



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