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Woodpeckers Playworker

Our school is looking for an enthusiastic and well organised playworker to help at our popular Before and After school Club.

You will need to be passionate about providing stimulating, age related play opportunities for our children and be able to work within a team after school hours.

For more details about the role and an application form see the vacancies page on our website

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

Closing date for applications: **12 noon 14th July 2017.**

Staff Changes

We are delighted to welcome Miss Simcock, Mr Minards and Mrs McNamee to the school. All three will start in September

Some of you will remember Mrs McNamee as Miss Phipps, our Head of Infants from a few years ago. She will be joining the Nurturing and Emotional Support Team, as will Mrs Baxter when she returns from maternity.

There are a few other changes to staff deployment for the Autumn.

Mrs Hubbard will teach French in all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 alongside the class teacher, whilst Miss Perkins and Mrs Allen will cover Planning, Preparation and Assessment time across the school. Miss Perkins will also lead on the computing curriculum.

	TEACHERS	Current Class
Pre School	Miss Simcock	n/a
Reception Oak	Mrs Pearman Mrs Meredith-Smyth W-F	n/a
Reception Ash	Mr Minards	n/a
Year 1 Maple	Mrs Morrish and Mrs Fletcher	Oak
Year 1 Beech	Mr Williams	Ash
Year 2 Cedar	Mrs Badham and Mrs Workman	Maple
Year 2 Willow	Mrs Grosvenor	Beech
Year 3 Fir	Miss Waters	See below
Year 3 Pine	Mr Hoyle	See below
Year 4 Lime	Mrs Holding	Fir
Years 4 Holly	Mrs McCormack Mrs Jordan	Pine
Years 5 Yew	Miss Swan	Holly
Years 5 Hazel	Mr Adkin	Lime
Year 6 Sycamore	Mr Evans	Yew
Years 6 Rowan	Miss Chandler	Hazel



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Since the Year 2 cohort started back with us in September 2014, we have seen an additional 10 children join that year group.

We have therefore taken the decision to mix the current Year 2 children as they move into Year 3. We will be looking at a mixture of factors including gender, Special Educational Needs, Friendships and Behaviour. Mrs Grosvenor and Mr Hoyle are currently looking at these factors in order to come up with two classes that work for everyone.

Children will have a taster session in their new class on Monday 17th July.

Baby News

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that Mrs Howard's name is missing from the structure. She and her husband are expecting their first baby in October. We wish them best wishes for the future.

As Mrs McCormack will be travelling to Shanghai on 16th September as part of a Maths Hub fact finding trip, Mrs Howard will job share with Mrs Jordan for the whole of September.

We will then play host to two teachers from Shanghai from 5th November.

Year 4 and Year 6 Residential

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their permission slips. Both trips promise to be an enjoyable experience for all concerned.

Musicate is coming ...

I am very excited to announce that our school has been chosen, as one of only six

schools in Gloucestershire, to participate in a project run by Cheltenham Festivals.

Musicate is their ambitious primary outreach programme with the 'aim of inspiring a love of music to last a lifetime'.

Yesterday, both Ash and Hazel classes went to the town hall to take part in the Musicate launch concert. It was a truly fantastic experience as the musicians played a variety of pieces. They were treated to some cool Jazz and some equally cool classical music!

Over the course of the next academic year, the programme will see our teachers partner with a jazz pianist, as well as two professional musicians, who will help bring engaging musical experiences to the children in our school.

We can't wait until September!

Mr. Williams.

FREE Parent Music Festival Tickets

As part of our association with Cheltenham Festivals, they have asked us to advertise some family events that are running over the course of the music festival, for which you can get FREE adult tickets when you buy a child's ticket. The three events are: The Bear and the Piano on Sunday 9th July; The School of Music on Saturday 15th July; and Dr Dee's Daughter and the Philosopher's Stone on Sunday 16th July. To take up this amazing offer, call the box office on 01242 850270 and quote FAMILY2017 when you book.

Food Vouchers

Just a reminder that the school can issue food vouchers for the Food Bank. This is particularly important as we approach the summer holidays when some families will struggle without regular school dinners.

Please contact the school office in confidence, preferably in the next week and they will direct you to a member of staff that can help. Alternatively, contact Mrs Greening via the link at the end of this newsletter.

Year 6 Play-'Oh what a knight!'

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th July starting at 7pm. Children will need to be back to school between 6.30 and 6.45pm

End of Year Service for Year 6



After the service on the 20th, parents are invited to stay on for a while and have a coffee or tea at the University. Don't forget your money! This will also give you an opportunity to take photos.

Pirate Day in Reception

Children in Ash and Oak will be marking Pirate Day on the 12th July. Children are encouraged to come dressed up for the day ready for mayhem!

Assemblies

19th July - Hazel

Area Athletics

Well done to everyone who represented the school at the Prince of Wales a few weeks ago. All the children behaved fantastically and it was great to see such determination from everyone. Once again Edward Palmer is the fastest boy in Cheltenham, winning the individual boys Year 4 race, adding to his Year 3 win last year!

Year 6 'Camp out' and Year 3 'Camp in'

Following the success of our first ever Camp out last September, we are planning to repeat the experience for the new Year 6 early in September.

Children will help pitch the tents on Thursday 7th and have a range of activities to welcome them to their final year at Woodmancote.

We also thought that Year 3 would enjoy the experience of 'camping' at school, but they will camp inside on Thursday 14th September. A further letter with additional details will be coming out before the end of term.

Diary Dates

8th July	PTA Lido Event
11th July	Year 6 Production at 7pm
12th July	Year 6 Production at 7pm
12th July	Ash and Oak Pirate Day
18th July	Reports out
19th July	Year 6 Disco (6.30-8.30)
20th July	End of Year Service at Francis Close Hall, 10-11am
21st July	Last Day of term
4th September	INSET for staff
5th	Children back to school
7th	Year 6 Camp Out
12th	Cleeve and Winchcombe Schools information evening for Yr 6 Parents 6pm
14th	Year 3 Camp In



Community Links

Last year we sadly lost my father (Gramps to my children) to a brain tumour. He was very fit and healthy before he was diagnosed and was a keen long distance walker and mountain biker. So it was a huge shock to us all. Sue Ryder looked after my father in his last days and also gave amazing support to me and my family with adjusting to our loss. I would like to give something back to Sue Ryder for their support and so I have decided to run the Cheltenham Half Marathon (Sunday 1st October) with the Sue Ryder team. Fundraising is going well so far but it could do with a boost!

Claire Beavis

If you are able to add something to the newsletter the fundraising link is <http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/claire-beavis-run>

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