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Woodmancote Language Week

Thank you to all those parents who came into school over the course of this week. Your support is much appreciated and we hope that you enjoyed sharing your languages as much as the children enjoyed learning about them.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

To coincide with Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, 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!

Please ensure that all cakes are labelled with your child's name, class and House.

Can we ask that as far as possible, nuts are not used in any of the cakes? Thank you.

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

sbadham@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Triathlon

Well done to the various parents and staff who competed in the recent Sandford Lido Triathlon. It was wonderful to see so many Tri Woodmancote t-shirts. It seems like a long time ago! Same time, same place next year?

Assemblies

Parents of the children in the Year are invited to come along at drop off in the morning. We aim to start by 9.00 and be finished by 9.15am.

28 th September	Pine
5 th October	Year 4
12 th October	Year 5
19 th October	Year 1
9 th November	Year 5
16 th November	Year 2
23 rd November	Fir
30 th November	Sycamore
7 th November	Year 4



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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.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education/grants>

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.



Violin Lessons

Year 3 violin lessons are proving very popular and we have been really impressed with how children have listened to

the music teacher and responded to this new venture.

Music Junction

Individual and group instrumental lessons are provided through Music Junction. Further information can be found on the school website

<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/about/curriculum-well-being/music-junction/>

Parking on site

Can I politely remind all parents that the school car park is for staff and parents with access issues. It is not for general use.

School Car park

We have been successful in securing additional funding to totally re-tarmac and white line the front car park. Weather permitting, this will happen over the October half term break.

Two disabled bays will be marked out, one by the front door and another by the side gate that leads on to the new pedestrian access.

In case any parents were wondering, the green pedestrian bars that were installed on Station Road were knocked out by a large lorry turning. These are to be reinstalled asap.

Trim Trail

Children are not permitted to play on the play equipment before or after school. Please ensure your children are not tempted to have a quick play at the end of the day. Thank you.

Website Permission

We will continue to update our website with current photographs and news, if you do not give permission for your child to appear on the school website please let the office know by Friday 30th September.

Year 6 School Camp



The Year 6 children and various members of staff thoroughly enjoyed their camping experience last Thursday. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Year 6 staff to see the children out of the formal school setting. Putting up the tents proved quite a challenge to some children and adults, but we got there in the end! The weather was kind to everyone, especially after the initial warnings of rain!

Whilst we had some local residents expressing their negative views on the Friday, we have since had many



positive comments from other residents who felt it was a wonderful experience for the children and they wholeheartedly support our aims in providing children with a range of experiences at Woodmancote.

We recognise that it came quite quickly in the term and that communication could have been a little earlier, but thank you to all



those parents who supported this activity and have since given positive feedback to the staff. It

is much appreciated.

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	(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
7th December	Christmas Lunch
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Staff and Children
20th December	Last Day of Term

Diary Dates

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 October	Reception 2017 - open morning for prospective parents (9.30am-10.30am)
18th October	Harvest Festival Infants at 9am Juniors at 2.15



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