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# Newsletter

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## Great Woodmancote Bake Off

Congratulations to Leckhampton who won the Bake Off last week. All the cakes, biscuits and savories were superbly judged by Mr and Mrs Armitage and Jan Turner. Leckhampton secured 2 winners and four runners up, along with the most entries, making them the overall winners. As winners, all the children in Leckhampton (Red) can come to school on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October in their own clothes.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event and helped us raise over £470 for Macmillan support.

Winners: Holly, Beatrice and Izzy.

Runners up: Luca, Lilian, Hettie, Grisha, Leo, Olivia and Mahi.

## Baby news!

Congratulations to Mr Williams and Miss Ray who are expecting their first baby in December. We will let you know what they have had later in the term!

## Request for card offcuts

Do any parents work somewhere that sometimes has offcuts of card to give away? The school used to be able to get pieces of card from Vibixa, but as this has now closed we are looking for another source. If anyone knows of a source, please let the school office know.

## Harvest Festival

As a focal point for our celebrations, we would like to have a display of Harvest Produce in the Hall and would be



grateful if the children could bring in items of in-date non-perishable produce on Friday morning. Items should be brought straight into the Hall.

Please see dates below for further details.

After our assembly, gifts will once again be donated to Cheltenham Foodbank, a local charity providing 'emergency food for local people in crisis. More information about their work can be found at [www.cheltenham.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.cheltenham.foodbank.org.uk)

## 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.

12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Fir
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Sycamore
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4

## Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor, to work every day. To apply please complete the application form which can be found on the current vacancies page of the school website.

### **Prayer Group**

The group will meet in the Activity Room on the following dates. They look forward to welcoming parents from any denomination.

October - Friday 7th

November - Friday 4th

December - Friday 2nd

January - Friday 6th

February - Friday 3rd

March - Friday 3rd

April - TBC

May - Friday 5th

June - Friday 9th

July - Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Milk**

If your child is in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant (PPG) and they would like free milk, parents will need to apply to Coolmilk direct. [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

### **'Parent Reading Buddies'**

If any parents would like to be a reading buddy we are looking for support of around 15 minutes a day. Please contact Mrs Meredith-Smyth (contact details below).

### **Handwriting**

The 2014 national curriculum placed greater emphasis on children's handwriting and the expectation that all children will be able to write fluently by the end of Year 6. The school has been working towards raising standards in handwriting, teaching initial joins and then expecting children from Year 3 onwards to write with a joined up style.

The curriculum is such that if this is not achieved by the end of Year 6, a child may not be assessed as having reached '*age related expectations*'. It is therefore important that when completing written homework, especially in the Juniors, there is an emphasis on writing in a joined, legible and fluent style. We hope that parents will support us in this approach.

### **The Four Joins**

1. to letters without ascenders e.g. in, am, on
2. to letters with ascenders e.g. ab, ch, il
3. horizontal joins e.g. o a, wo, og, wi
4. horizontal joins to letters with ascenders e.g. wh, ob, al

*abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz*

Please see the end of the newsletter for further guidance

### **Woodmancote World Language Week**



An enormous thank you to all the parents who came in to help during our Woodmancote World Languages Week. The children were treated to activities in a huge variety of languages: French, Bulgarian, Russian, Portuguese, Urdu, Welsh, German, Polish, Spanish, Pashto, German and Turkish. A good time was had by all.

### **Complaints Policy**

Our complaints policy has been reviewed and updated and can be found on our website

<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/for-parents/school-policies/>

### Cross Country

Woodmancote fielded a strong team on Thursday night for the first cross country race of the season. We did superbly and tried incredibly hard. Matthew Murphy and Georgia Irvine did especially well.

### Payment of school lunches

Please note that ParentPay accounts are now monitored each week. A reminder text will be sent if the account is in arrears for school lunch. If the account remains unpaid then we will be unable to provide your child with a hot lunch and a packed lunch should be provided until the account is brought up to date.

### PTA News

We have some great events coming up this term:



**Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Oct -  
Halloween Disco**

Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5.45pm to 6.45pm.  
Years 4, 5 & 6 - 7.00pm to 8.00pm.

Entrance fee £2.50 per child. All drinks provided. Glow in the dark face paints. Treats for every child to take home.

Fancy dress is optional.

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov - Christmas Fayre 2pm - 4.30pm**

More details to follow. We will also be providing refreshments and a raffle at the Christmas plays - dates TBC.



If you would like to join the PTA, or volunteer for events, you can do so either by e mailing us at

[thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk), messaging us via Facebook (Woodmancote School PTA), popping a note in the PTA shed, or having a chat to one of the PTA members in the playground.

We look forward to welcoming more parents to Woodmancote PTA. Thank you.

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<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	INSET Day
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	First day of term
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Parent Consultations (4.30-7.30)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Parent Consultations (3.30-6.30)
<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need Theme: Spots!
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	M and M Production of The Wizard of Oz
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Lunch
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Concert for Year 1 at Woodmancote Free Church
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Jumper Day for Staff and Children
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term

### Diary Dates

<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Photographs - Individual and Siblings
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Reception 2017 - open morning for prospective parents (9.30am-10.30am)
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Library Bus
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival Infants at 9am Juniors at 2.15 (Led by Year 3 and Year 5)
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of term
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Non-Uniform Day for Leckhampton House



**Nelson Handwriting is an upright, plain style.**  
It classifies the letters of the alphabet into five overlapping sets.

<b>Set 1</b>	Lower case letters which have hooks at the bottom of the a height.	a c d e h i k l m n t u
<b>Set 2</b>	Lower case letters which commence at the top of the a height.	a c d e g i j m n o p q r s u v w x y
<b>Set 3</b>	Lower case letters which commence at the top of the ascender.	b f h k l t
<b>Set 4</b>	Lower case letters which conclude at the top of the a height.	f o r v w
<b>Set 5</b>	Lower case letters after which no join is ever made.	b g j p q s x y z

No join is made *to* z either.

**Nelson defines the joins between letters using these sets.**  
Only four types of join are needed.

<b>Basic join</b>	Set 1 → Set 2	i n m a k i
<b>Second join</b>	Set 1 → Set 3	a b i f c o
<b>Third join</b>	Set 4 → Set 2	o a f o w e
<b>Fourth join</b>	Set 4 → Set 3	o b f l w h

<b>Examples of words with 'break' letters</b>	bigger quiz pass boxer zebra open just table scissors lazy style
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