



Woodmancote School

**Newsletter 5. 13 November 2015**

### **Keeping children safe**

**The newsletter this week contains many sections on how, by working together, we can ensure that children are kept safe.**

#### **Parking**

Woodmancote School has a duty to keep your children safe and to this end we are today publishing photos of those cars that have been parked recently in such a way as to pose a threat to the safety and wellbeing of children and parents at school. Despite repeated requests and reminders, some parents will insist on parking opposite the school gates, on pavements, blocking access for pedestrians, within 10m of key junctions and inappropriately on the roads around school.



We make no apology for doing this and believe the overwhelming majority of you will be in agreement with us when we say that we cannot go on tolerating some parents endangering the lives of children at the school.

#### **Road Safety Week**

To emphasis the importance of keeping our children safe as they travel to and from school, next week is Road Safety week! Children will be encouraged to think about how they can help keep themselves safe. On Tuesday we would like children to come in bright clothes to emphasis the 'Be Bright, be seen' message. It can be quite dull and dismal after school now and children need to wear clothes to help others see them.



They could wear bright jumpers and sweatshirts or even fluorescent jackets and bands if they have them. We are not asking for any voluntary contribution, but just support in driving this message home.



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### Design a Cycle Helmet

Your child will be bringing home a cycle helmet template to colour and design independently. We will also email a copy to you. Please return to your child's class by **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Nov**. Your child's class teacher will choose the most inventive design and Mr Tucker will choose an overall winner from infants and juniors. Prizes are vouchers from Halfords (Infants) and Evans Cycles (Juniors). Good luck!



### Online Safety

We were made aware this week of some children requesting Teachers as friends on social media. Can we please remind all parents that Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook have an age restriction and that children need to be 13 to register. The School does all it can to keep children safe online, with lessons about how to use the internet safely, as well as filters on our broadband connection, but we do not have control of what happens out of school.

If parents would like support in this area please go to the website [www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)



### Preventing Radicalisation Policy

This is a new policy and is attached with this newsletter.

### Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

At this school the DSL is Mr Tucker, with Mr de Gruchy the Deputy DSL. If you have any concerns about any child at school, please feel free to discuss this with them. It may be that you will need to contact the Safeguarding Helpdesk 01452 426565 or <http://www.gscb.org.uk/article/111301/Home-Page>

We all have a role to play in keeping all children safe.





### Pokomon Cards

For most of the time there is no problem with children bringing cards such as pokomon and match attax into school but there have recently been a number of incidents when these have caused problems in the playground. For this reason all card trading games are now banned from school for the time being.

### Woodpeckers

If you would like to contact Woodpeckers directly you can now do so by emailing [woodpeckers@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:woodpeckers@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

| Class Assemblies - Wednesdays at 8.50 a.m. |          |
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| 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov                       | Sycamore |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov                       | Hazel    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec                        | Yew      |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec                       | Rowan    |

### Dates for this term

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov         | Cleeve cross country            |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov - 2.45pm    | Oak and Ash celebration of work |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov             | Y3 maths trail                  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov             | Road safety assembly            |
| Dates TBC                        | Infant play                     |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Last day of term                |

### Contact Details

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### PTA News

Well done to all those who came to on the Halloween trail last month and survived! The PTA had fun dressing up and helping you get the answers to the clues. We were overwhelmed with the amount of people who stayed after too. Thank you for your support.

Next event is the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Admission will be 50p per adult, children are free. There will be mulled wine and mince pies, raffle, tombolas, craft stalls, jewellery, cakes, face painting, henna tattoos, some activities for the children to participate in and other stalls for you to browse. We hope that you will join us. We have several volunteers, but we are always after more so if anyone can donate a little bit of their time on the day we would really appreciate it. Email [thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk) or put a note with your name and contact details in the PTA letter box. If you have any chocolatey things you wish to donate for the chocolate tombola please drop them into the main reception by ends of school today. Also we would be grateful of any cake donations for the cake stall the day before or on the day of the fayre.

The designs are now in for the design a Poster for the Christmas Fayre competition. Mr Tucker has chosen a winner and this will be announced today in assembly.

The Christmas card order has now gone in. Cards should be back and distributed by the end of November.

The PTA will be holding a raffle on the infant nativity play days and also refreshments will be available to purchase.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December is the Christmas disco. Years 1, 2 & 3 17:45-18:45 and years 4, 5 & 6 19:00-20:00. Price is £2.50 and includes drink and a gift bag. More details to be released nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support. PTA