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# Newsletter

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November 2017**

## **OFSTED**

Thank you for the tremendous support that you gave the school during the one day inspection on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>. Your wishes, cards, chocolates and biscuits made all the difference!

We were inspected under a Section 8 inspection process by a HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) who came to judge whether we were still Good and whether our Safeguarding arrangements were effective. An inspector can request that the inspection goes over two days if there is insufficient evidence to suggest that the judgement is no longer good or if they believe that the school is now outstanding. A two day inspection may still result in a judgement of good.

Thank you again for all your support, it is very much appreciated.

## **Children In Need-Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Next week sees Children in Need on our screens and to mark the event and raise much needed funds for the work done with children across the country, we would like children to come dressed in their own clothes, the spottier the better! A donation of some kind would be appreciated.

## **Miss Waters**

At the end of last term we said a fond farewell to Miss Waters who has left us for married life and a move to the Far East. We wish her every success and happiness in the future.

## **New appointment**

I am very pleased to announce that we have recruited Mr Guest to replace Miss Waters in Year 3. Mr Guest is an experienced Teacher who lives within the local community. He impressed us with the work he did with the children during his interview day last week and we are confident that your children will flourish from his teaching expertise.

Mr Guest will teach full time and will start in class on Monday. Mrs Anson, who has done a fantastic job in covering the class for the last few weeks, will continue to teach one day a fortnight to cover Mr Guest's PPA day. I am confident that this will provide a consistency in the teaching provision for the class.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support while we have worked to resolve the situation. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this provision, please contact me on [head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

## **Author Visit**

Last Friday, Reception- Year 3 welcomed Philippa Bailey in to read her fantastic new children's book about brother and sister owls, *Noah Can I Have a Kiss?* We loved her storytelling and especially making funny faces, like the characters in the book! We learnt that the message of the story is to make sure you give your friends and family lots of kisses cuddles, and not to take them for granted. Philippa, as well as being a published author, is mum to Chanel in Year 2. We will have a copy of the book in school, but you can also purchase it from her facebook page, Waterstones and Amazon.



**Congratulations** to Mrs Howard and her husband on the birth of their baby girl, Felicity. Mum and baby are doing well.



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### **Christmas Activities**

Please see Diary Dates.

### **Mr Kuang and Miss Wu**

We have welcomed two young teachers from Shanghai to the school this week. Miss Wu will spend time teaching in Willow and Mr Kuang will be in Holly class until next Wednesday. Next Thursday they will take part in 'Shanghai Live' an event for teachers from across the area at Balcarras School. Children from Willow and Hazel will travel with them to Balcarras and be part of this exciting event.

### **Break and lunchtimes for Years 2 and 4**

The trial appears to be going well and incidences of poor behaviour have decreased since half term. Thank you to all those parents who have named wellington boots, it really does help!

Children will continue to be monitored and there will be certain expectations placed on them.

### **Cake Sale**

An enormous well done to the small group of Year 6 children who ran a cake sale last week for Brian Tumour research. Their hard efforts raised £154. A big thank you must go to the parents who also helped with the baking!



### **Remembrance Sunday in Woodmancote**

10.45 in The Apple Tree car park.

Mr Hiscock would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in the act of Remembrance on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This has been held for several years in The Apple Tree's car park and we are eager to bring it to the attention of more families. Please

contact Mr Hiscock and give him some indication of whether you would simply be going along or if you would like to do anything in particular. He would be really pleased to hear from you!

### **Little Chestnuts**

We are now ready to open on the 20<sup>th</sup> November, with a transitional week for all children registered at the setting. The building will be formally opened on the 15<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to know more about the setting, please contact Miss Simcock.

[nsimcock@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:nsimcock@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **Midday Supervisor Vacancy**

We are looking for an enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisor who enjoys working with children to work as part of our team to ensure that our pupils are safe and secure. The duties will include serving food and supervising the children whilst they eat their lunches and afterwards whilst they are playing outside or inside, depending on the weather.

The successful candidate will be reliable, trustworthy, able to work independently and will be expected to maintain a strong presence around the school, building good relationships with all pupils and encouraging good behaviour to promote a positive lunchtime atmosphere.

The post is for 5 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 12.15-1.15pm, term time only.

For more details and an application form, see our website

<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/current-vacancies/> or speak to Mrs Williams in the office, [admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)



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### School Prayer Group

December 1<sup>st</sup>/January 12<sup>th</sup>/February  
2<sup>nd</sup>/March 2<sup>nd</sup>/April - no meeting/May  
4<sup>th</sup>/June 8<sup>th</sup>/July 6<sup>th</sup>

If you would like more information about the group, please contact Andrew Hiscock either by email: [arhiscock@gmail.com](mailto:arhiscock@gmail.com) or by telephone: 07926093738.



We are happy to announce that the **applications are now open** for the **9th series** of **The Great British Bake Off**.

As always, we are keen to **spread the word** about applications being open and we'd be delighted to hear from any of your staff / students / parents / friends / family or indeed anyone else you know who loves to bake.

**The Great British Bake Off is looking for the UK's best home bakers to enter the tent**

**Who is the best baker you know?  
Visit: [applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://applyforbakeoff.co.uk)**

If you or someone you know thinks they have what it takes to bake in the tent, then please do encourage them to visit [applyforbakeoff.co.uk](http://applyforbakeoff.co.uk) or they can email us for more information at [casting@lovewest.co.uk](mailto:casting@lovewest.co.uk)

Many thanks,

The Great British Bake Off Team



We are delighted to be starting a brand new after-school club on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and this is your chance to enrol your son/daughter online now. The club is for all children in Years 1, 2 and 3 (girls and boys). It's a fun and exciting progressive programme of transitional non-contact rugby as players follow the RFU core values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. The emphasis will be on progression, participation and values. A special graded award will be given to each child according to year group in assembly on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at the end of the course. Your professional lead coach will be Gareth Fyles, who is RFU Level 1 licensed and qualified and who coaches at Cheltenham Tigers RFC each week.

**SECURE BOOKING ONLINE NOW AT**  
[www.roaringrugby.co.uk](http://www.roaringrugby.co.uk)

Full payment of £28.75 through an online registration form with payment through PayPal via our website on a first come first served basis.

In the event of exceptionally bad/very wet weather the programme will be held inside where possible. Children should wear suitable clothing according to the weather i.e warm trousers/top/jumper/coat/gloves/outdoor trainers and bring a full water bottle.

### Book Fair

The Book People will be in school on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December selling a range of books suitable for Christmas presents. For every purchase the school benefits, so please support us over the three days. The Fair can be found in the Year 6 block, with further details to follow.



### PTA News

We've had a great start to the year with a lot of new faces joining the PTA. The AGM has been successfully held where it was announced that we raised an amazing £5655.33 last year. This money goes straight back into the school to help fund activities for all year groups. Although, we've increased in numbers over last year we still need more help, many hands really do mean light work. So, if you are interested in joining the PTA or just want to help at an event please contact us either by email at [thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk), messaging us via Facebook (Woodmancote School PTA) or having a chat to one of the PTA members in the playground. We look forward to welcoming more parents to Woodmancote PTA.

### Upcoming Events

The next PTA Meeting will be held on the **14<sup>th</sup> November, 7:45pm** at School. All are welcome.



The Christmas Fayre will be held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2pm - 4.30pm**. We have a great line up of activities, games and stalls planned and a group of dedicated volunteers for which we are grateful. However, we do still require more volunteers to help out on the day. If you think you could offer half an hour to an hour of your time on the day, please do get in touch. You can email us at: [thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

### Non-Uniform Day-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November

In return for a small donation of chocolates or Christmas goodies, children may come to school on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November in their own clothes. Donations will be used to create a

range of Christmas Hampers for the Christmas Fair.

Your contributions are vital to the success of these events.

### Diary Dates

6 <sup>th</sup> Nov-17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Teachers from Shanghai will be visiting the school for two weeks
13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week Theme: All different, All equal
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children In need Non-uniform day
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non-Uniform Day in return for a donation to the Christmas Fair
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Mrs Baxter returns from Maternity and will join the NEST
6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Book Fair by The Book People
<b>Christmas at Woodmancote</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>PTA Christmas Fair</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner Day</b> Further details to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 1 at Woodmancote Church</b> for a 6.30pm start
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception Nativity</b> <u>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup></u> at 10am for Little Chestnuts and Woodmancote Pre-School <u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></u> at 10am for parents (no babies or pre-school aged children please) <u>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup></u> at 4pm for parents
15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 1 and Year 2 songs around the Christmas Tree at 9am</b> Parents invited to come and join the children, stay for a drink and visit the classrooms
15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day!</b> All are welcome to come in festive knitwear.
18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Parties</b> -All children may come in their own clothes for the two days
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term 2
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Children return to school after Christmas break



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### NEST

#### (Nurturing and Emotional Support Team)

Mrs Greening-Lead and responsible for Special Educational Needs

Mrs McNamee-Pastoral support

Mrs Lee-Medical Support

Mrs Baxter-Pupil Premium and academic support (from November 27<sup>th</sup>)

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