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Newsletter

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Mr DeGruchy will be at Woodmancote on Monday and Tuesday of each week and at



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Mr DeGruchy

I am delighted to inform parents that Mr DeGruchy has been seconded to Holy Trinity C of E School for the Spring and Summer Terms as Co-Head with Mrs Tugwell. It is a wonderful opportunity for Mr DeGruchy, who will be sorely missed by everyone at Woodmancote School. We wish him every success and happiness in this challenging and exciting role.

His absence does mean that there will be a few changes to staffing from January.

Mrs Sarah Badham will be Acting Deputy Head and will job share with Mrs Kathryn Baxter, who will teach Maple every Thursday and Friday. Many of you already know Mrs Baxter and we believe this arrangement will ensure adequate time for Mrs Badham to undertake her new role, as well as provide continuity for the children in the class. Both Mrs Badham and Mrs Baxter are excellent teachers, with a wide range of experience across the Key Stage.

Mr Hoyle will step up to Acting Head of Infants from January and his class will be taught by Mrs Pearman each Tuesday, allowing him to undertake his leadership role.

I am confident that our newly restructured team, along with our wonderfully professional and hard working team of teachers and teaching assistants, will continue to provide your children with the quality of education that they deserve.

Holy Trinity, Wednesday through to Friday. If there are any changes to this arrangement we will let you know.

Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs Meredith-Smyth and her husband Nick. Their baby girl, Eden Rose, was born on Wednesday.

The Hopeless Camel

Many thanks to all those who came and watched the infant production of the Hopeless Camel. It was wonderful to see so many of you and we are confident that you enjoyed the play as much as we did!

Thank you to the PTA who organized the raffle and refreshments. It was much appreciated and raised well over £400 for the school.

Parking

January sees the start of our building work. It is envisaged that completion will be late July, ready for classes in September. This is not to increase the number of classes over 14, but rather to replace old temporary buildings. Our car park will be enlarged, as will our staffroom, offices and work spaces. During the works parking at the school will be severely restricted from the 18th January and the school is investigating options for staff parking. If you have any capacity to allow staff to park on your drive please contact the school on 01242 674312 or email office@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Our aim is to allocate individual staff to particular addresses.



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From January 18th there will be no access to the car park for parents using Woodpeckers. We recommend you park on Britannia Way and bring the children into school via the Britannia Way gate and across the playground into the hall.

Pedestrian Access

From Monday 18th January pedestrian access at the school will be restricted, with all parents to use Britannia Way. There will be no access around the building from Station Road. We appreciate that this will mean an increase in the pressure on this one entrance, but throughout the building project our aim is to ensure families stay safe coming into school. The area to the side of the school that backs on to Woodmancote Vale will become a large building site, with adjoining compound.

We encourage as many of you as possible to walk to school in order to reduce the amount of traffic that will be using Britannia Way.

Woodpeckers

Can we please remind some parents that Woodpeckers opens at 8.00 a.m. each morning. Please don't arrive before then as they will not be set up and ready for you and you will have to wait outside. Please also collect promptly at 6.00 p.m. Persistent lateness will be charged for. Thank you.

Bishops Cleeve Street Fair Committee

Do you want to be part of the community?

Do you have a few hours to spare?

Want to be part of a fun event which is for all the family?

The Bishops Cleeve Street Fair is planned for Sunday 12th June 2016 with a carnival theme. It promises to be a fantastic day with teddy parachuting from the Church spires, a street fair, dance, ice-creams and much more....

We are looking for volunteers to be part of the committee to help plan this event...

If you would like to be involved, please contact either Peter or Gavin at...events@bishopsclivechamber.co.uk
Thank you.

Swimming Team

Congratulations to the amazing swimming team who recently competed in the Cleeve

Cluster Swimming Gala. The team did incredibly well and came second.

Christmas Parties

Children may come to school in party clothes on the day of their party.

Monday Year 3

Tuesday Year 1

Wednesday Christmas Dinner (Children may bring in a Christmas hat!)

Thursday Year 4 and Year 2

Friday Year 5 and Year 6

PTA News

Christmas is almost upon us. Fundraising so far this year has been very successful.

Firstly thank you to all those who helped and who came to support the school at the Christmas Fayre. We raised over £1000 towards the new playground equipment.

The infant nativity was amazing. Well done to the infants for entertaining us with the Hopeless Camel. The raffle and refreshments that we provided over the 4 performances raised over £400.

The Christmas cards the children designed have now been delivered. There are some super designs. If you haven't yet received your cards please contact the PTA.



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The magical disco was a great success. The children had a lovely time in the run up to Christmas. Sadly some parents endangered the lives of the children by trying to drive out of the car park which was full of children waiting to come into the second disco. Even worse was the driver of an Audi who scared parents and children by thoughtlessly driving at them to try and get out of the car park.

Next year we will continue to think up events that the children can take part in to raise money for the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Merry Christmas.

The PTA

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Dates for this term

Wednesday 16th	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 16th	Year 1 to decorate Woodmancote Church Christmas Tree
Thursday 17th	Year 1 Carol Concert at Woodmancote Church (6-7pm)
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Monday 4th January 2016	First day of Spring term