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Newsletter

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Football

Well done to the football players who have represented the school in the teams that have played against Rowanfield Junior and Holy Apostles this week. They all played extremely well, winning against Rowanfield (5-3) and narrowly losing to Holy Apostles (3-4).

Thank you to all those parents who supported the team so positively.

Access to the school after 3.30pm

As from January the Britannia Way gate will be locked at 3.30pm. Access to the school will therefore be via the Main door for parents picking up from Woodpeckers or through the gate on Station Road for those picking up from clubs.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Woodpeckers

A polite reminder to all parents who use Woodpeckers that the morning session begins at 8am. Please do not try to drop your child before this time. Children should be supervised until you have signed them in with a member of Woodpecker's staff.

Mental Health

Some families may find this website useful

www.onyourmindglos.nhs.uk

There is lots of advice and support that can be accessed.

Infant Play Dates

Monday 12th December at 2pm

Tuesday 13th December at 9.15am

Tuesday 13th December at 2pm

Wednesday 14th December at 2pm

Please note that the only performance where pre-school aged children will be able to attend is the 2pm performance on Tuesday 13th. They will also need a ticket.

There are a very limited number of extra tickets available. These can be collected from the corridor by Maple class on Monday 5th from 8.30am. As there are so few tickets left, mostly for the Tuesday afternoon, this is the only way we will be distributing the tickets. If you are unable to get to school at this time please ask a friend to collect on your behalf. Notes in school diaries or phone calls to school will not count!

Year 1 at Woodmancote Free Church 15th December

Children will need to be at the Church in their play costume. The service starts at 6.30pm, but Mr Hiscock will be sending out further details next week.

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.

7 th December	Year 4
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School Development Priorities

The school continues to work on various aspects of its provision and this year we will be focusing on the four priorities below.

1. Improve outcomes for all pupils in Key Stage 1, specifically in relation to lower attainers and children in receipt of FSM.
2. Develop further an approach to the teaching of maths throughout the school that deepens understanding



and promotes children's' ability to reason effectively.

3. Promote STEM throughout the school and increase the % of children achieving the expected standard in both KS1 and KS2, with focus on KS2.
4. Ensure the curriculum promotes the concept of Global Citizenship through a broad SMSC provision and meets the physical and emotional needs of children through an appropriate PSHE Curriculum.

We continue to work very closely with the Maths Hub at Balcarras School.

<http://www.glowmathshub.com/>

Willow Foundation Fundraising Swim

Well done to all the children who helped raise money for the Willow Foundation. It is wonderful to hear of you all doing something for someone else!

Nathaniel Cruze - gold
Izzy Morley - gold
Ollie Cole -gold
Harry Bull - gold
Sam Austin - gold
Reuben Pilcher- silver
Laurence Whitelock-silver
Alex Cole -silver
Jonnie Whitelock -bronze
George Hutchinson -bronze

Facebook

It has been brought to our attention that there are several Facebook accounts that are not related to Woodmancote and are posting information about the school. There is only one account related to the school and

that is the one held by the PTA. Please do not rely on the others to provide you with up to date information about the school as they may not post changes to the school calendar.

It is also worth reminding parents that the school logo is the property of the school and cannot be used legally without the school's permission.

Christmas Lunch was originally planned for December 14th, but Newsletter 3 on Friday 23rd September 2016 gave parents the new date of the 7th December. Some parents are therefore confused.

Christmas Dinner will be on the 7th December.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post box will be open from Monday 5th for children to post their Christmas cards. Please ensure that they have their friend's full name and class on as it can take quite a while to find a Tom, Dick or a Harry in a school of 412!

Many thanks.

Parent View

We are always looking to gauge your opinions and some of you may not be aware of OFSTED's Parent View. It is your opportunity to give us feedback about a range of things. OFSTED will use this data to make a judgement about our school.

Obviously we would always prefer it if you came into school and raised an issue with us first, rather than complete a questionnaire anonymously, but please feel free to access the site and give us your views.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/give-your-views>



If you feel that you are really happy with the school, please do take the time to tell us as well! Sometimes it is the silent majority who do not take the time to give us feedback and we really do need to hear from all of you.

Thank you in advance of your cooperation.

Bicycle Wheels

As part of an art project next term, we are looking for donations of bicycle wheels. They can be in any condition and any size. If you have any after Christmas, please send them in!

PTA News

Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you to all those who kindly supported and contributed to the success of this event. Lots of festive fun was had by all and we raised over £1000 for new playground equipment.

Infant Nativity

The infant nativity is almost upon us! The PTA will be holding raffles at all performances and selling refreshments at the afternoon showings.

Thank you for your continued support.

The PTA

Diary Dates

2nd December	M and M Production of The Wizard of Oz
5th Dec	Reception Height and Weight check
7th December	Christmas Lunch*
12th	Infant Play-2pm
13th	Year 6 Trip to Mandir (Hindu

	Temple)
13th	Infant Play-9.15am
	Infant Play-2pm
14th	Infant Play-2pm
15th December	Carol Concert for Year 1 at Woodmancote Free Church
16th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Staff and Children
20th December	Last Day of Term Finish at normal time (3.15)
4th January	Staff INSET
5th Jan	Children return to School

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