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# Newsletter

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I hope that you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas. After such a busy first term, we would just like to say an enormous thank you to all parents for their support since September. Our school would not be the one it is without your involvement!

## 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.

## Infant Play

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Infant Play, it was wonderful seeing so many of you over the four performances. The children did incredibly well considering the numbers on stage and involved in the production.

A big thank you to the PTA for organizing refreshments and the raffle. Their dedication and support really make a difference to what we can do at school.

## Year 1 at Woodmancote Free Church

Year Ones continue to be involved with Woodmancote Church and have helped decorate their tree. Last night saw the annual carol service and it was wonderful to see so many children there. Thank you to Andrew and the Church for making us so welcome.

## 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!

## Start of the School Day

Please be aware that no one is on duty before 8.35. We have had a spate of children arriving very early (8.15am) and they are unsupervised. This caused a few issues last week when one of them had an accident and needed 1<sup>st</sup> Aid.

Thankfully Mrs Lee was on site, but children left very early at school are not supervised in the same way as they are later in the day. Please avoid sending them in any earlier than 8.30am.

## Keeping Children safe online

We are aware that many children have access to the internet via phones and tablets. It is also apparent that many have accounts with Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Musical.ly, all of which have a minimum age of 13. It is 13 for a very good reason as many younger children are not secure with understanding privacy settings and are leaving themselves open to unsolicited messages from unknown sources.

We are aware of this happening recently and thankfully the child involved instantly alerted their parents. The matter was reported to CEOPS and is now being investigated.





There is a very real threat to your children if you allow them to download and use sites such as those mentioned. We would urge all parents to restrict access to these sites for any children under 13 and not believe them when they say 'everyone is using it'.

We would also urge parents not to allow their children to play games such as Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto and Black Ops. These games are very unsuitable and some children then re-enact them at school, causing issues between children that the teachers then have to sort out, taking time away from teaching.

I know that many of you do not allow access to unsuitable material or allow children to use sites such as Facebook, but increasing numbers of parents are and the school is trying to address issues stemming from children's exposure to unsuitable material.

If you would like further advice or guidance, the following website might be of interest.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

### **Food Vouchers**

These are available from Mrs Greening on Tuesday of next week. Please feel free to contact her direct via email (see below) or pop into school.

If you are finding paying for Christmas difficult and need a little helping hand, we are able to issue food vouchers and would urge you to contact us as several parents have already done so. We are here to help!

You will be speaking to Mrs Greening in strictest confidence and no other member of staff or other parents will know.



### **Mr Williams**

Mr Williams and his partner are now the proud parents of a little girl! Mrs Fletcher has been taking Beech class this week and will also be the

teacher Monday and Tuesday of next week. She will be supported by Mrs Lively.

### **Parties**

On a party day children can come into school in their own clothes for the whole day.

*Monday*-Years 2, 3 and 4

*Tuesday*-Years 1, 5 and 6

Reception will have had their party today.

### **Netball**

Well done to our wonderful Netball Team who played against Gotherington School last week. Woodmancote won 12-2.

### **Football**

The Football team continue to do well and are now through to the next stage of the Cheltenham League. We wish them every success in the new year.

### **STEM Week**

**(Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)**

We will once again be promoting these key subjects in a week of activities beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you feel that you could support this event in either providing resources, talking to children or providing an experience, please contact Mrs Holding or Mrs Dodwell.

We are keen to raise the aspirations of all children, but girls especially in terms of these subjects.

## Reading

Reading confidently and accurately, with a real sense of understanding the meaning of the text, is so important for children's future success in both education and later life. However, a growing number of children are not heard by parents on a regular basis and the difference between them and their peers who are, is very apparent to us at school.

We can teach phonics, letters and sounds, grammatical structure, spellings and punctuation, but children need to be heard to read on a regular basis and no less than 4 times a week in the Infant and Early Juniors.

We are aware that this does not apply to the majority of parents who are incredibly supportive of their children, but there is a growing minority who are leaving this essential aspect of parenting to schools and volunteers.

If you need help and support, please contact your child's class teacher or follow the link below.

<http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/reading-with-your-child-booklets>

## Mrs Meredith

Mrs Meredith in the school office retired on Wednesday of this week and will be replaced by Mrs Lombard in the new year. We hope that Mrs Meredith thoroughly enjoys her retirement.

## Parking on the school site

Once again can I remind all parents that parking in the car park before and after school is not permitted. Only with a valid

Blue Badge in the name of the adult driving or the child may you park on site.

We are aware that sometimes, for whatever reason, parents need to park on site. In this instance, we will issue our own 'Parking Permits' to avoid any confusion amongst other parents. If you feel that you need to speak to us about this, please contact Mrs Williams in the office or Mr Tucker.



Well done to the four Reception children who took part in the CBBC programme 'Down on the Farm' from

Chelbury Mushrooms yesterday. We look forward to seeing them on the small screen in January.

## The CVI (Cerebral Visual Impairment) Project

Woodmancote School has agreed to take part in a new research study to try and understand more about children with visual processing problems. Children with these types of problems, also known as CVI, have difficulty interacting with the world around them.

The project is being funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and will be conducted by the University of Bristol.

We believe that this is an exciting project that will benefit our understanding of how to meet the needs of specific children with

CVI. Further information will be coming out to you in January.

## Learning 2 B

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent House event to design characters for our L2B focus. There are key characteristics to learning effectively and the characters will now be used throughout the school to remind children that they need to approach their learning in an appropriate way in order to be successful.

Cleeve House won the competition and will have a non-uniform day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

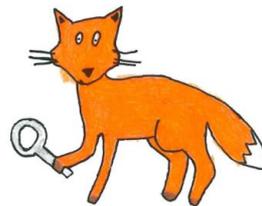
Original Owl by Elana Y2



Selecting Squirrel by Katie Overton Y6



Finding out Fox by Niamh Hadfield Y3



Bounce Back badger by Skyla Turbard Y3



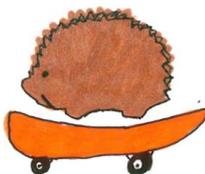
Playful Pigeon by Imogen Bullingham Y5



Linking Ladybird by Alfie Lapworth YR



Have a go Hedgehog by Izzy Morley Y2



Meet the goal Mole by Harbor Sutherland Y1





Concentrating Kestrel by Lily Parkes Y4



Well done to all those children who designed our new logos and thank you to Miss Perkins for organizing the competition.

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**Diary Dates-Further dates to follow**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Staff INSET
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Children return to School
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Cleeve House Non-Uniform Day
<b>w/b 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Bikeability Training for Year 6
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Last day of Term 3
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	First Day of Term 4
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	Parent Consultations 4.30-7.20
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.20
<b>w/b 27<sup>th</sup></b>	STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 4 Residential Trip to the Forest of Dean
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Last day of term for children

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