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# Newsletter

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## Newsletter 10. 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### Stop Press!

The Reception dressing up day is now on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February (Not Friday 12<sup>th</sup>)**

### Gloucester Museums Young Designers Competition

Gloucester Museums are holding a Young Designers competition which schools across the county have been invited to enter. The theme this year is 'Robots' and the children have been asked to draw a design of a robot on an A4 piece of paper (details and paper will be sent home on the 12<sup>th</sup> February). Two winners will be chosen, one from the Infants and one from the juniors and their winning entries will be entered into the museum's grand final where they can win a variety of prizes. The two winners will also receive a small prize from school. It would be great if we could have as many children as possible entering and may be a good project to keep them busy over half term! All entries will need to be handed in by 26<sup>th</sup> February please. Any questions please see Mrs Dodwell.

### Reminder about Car Park

When we return after the half term break the car park at the front of the school will not be available for Woodpecker drop offs. There will only be one in and out entrance and very limited parking for staff. There will be two allocated spaces for drivers displaying a valid blue badge and parents and children with mobility problems may enter the school via the main door.

All pedestrians will need to use Britannia Way. We recognize that this will be a bit of a squeeze, but everything will be worth it in the long run!

We have had several offers of parking spaces and neighbours and parents who have offered spaces will be notified in the coming days. There will also be the need for some staff to park along Britannia Way, so could all parents please consider walking to school where possible.

### Gymnastic Success

Year 4 gymnasts from Pine Class have recently taken part in a 'Key Steps' Gymnastics competition against other local schools. A team of 12 children performed a floor routine and a vault routine, in front of an audience and judges. The children had been working on the routines during their PE lessons this term, and their hard work has paid off as we won a total of 16 medals! Woodmancote Team 2 (Tom W, Frankie, Sophie, Nilay, Evie and Finley) finished in third place, winning the bronze and Woodmancote Team 1 (Esme, Mia, Zofia, William K, Charlie H and Niamh) managed a fantastic first place, winning the gold! There was also individual success in both the floor and vault routines, with Finley and Zofia winning bronze medals, Evie Green winning a silver medal and Niamh winning a gold medal! Every gymnast performed brilliantly, giving 100% effort and more importantly behaving perfectly throughout the morning. A special thank you to Mrs Burrows, who has been in class to help with the gymnastic coaching this term and has also given up her lunchtimes this week to give the team extra training!

### Parent Consultations

These will be held in the week after the half term holiday. Thank you to all those parents who have signed up using our new online service. We hope that you have found it easier and more straightforward. If you have had any issues, please pop in and speak to someone in the office. Please sign up by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February.



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### Waterstones Trip

At the start of the month, 6 children from Yr4-6 were chosen to visit Waterstones in Cheltenham. They found out how books are written, published and then sold in the store, created book reviews, chatted to staff and even chose a new book to take home. It was a great Morning! Thank you to Waterstones for making the morning so memorable.

### Surplus to requirements

We have an old crash mat that we are looking to recycle. If you would like it, please contact the office. There is no charge, just a donation to the school of £5.

**Absences** can be reported on-line via the school website:

<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/for-parents/absentee-form/>

### Netball

It has been a busy and very successful term for the school Netball team. In January, we had an away match against Bishop's Cleeve Primary Academy. It was a very close match but Woodmancote managed to hold the lead, winning 4-1.

This week the team had two home matches to play. The first, on Monday against Winchcombe Abbey Primary, was another close match resulting in a second win for Woodmancote: final score 4-1. During the second match this week, against Gotherington Primary, the team displayed excellent defensive and offensive skills - giving Woodmancote their third win: 14-4.

The team conducted themselves in all matches with outstanding sportsmanship. Well done everyone who played!

### Parent View

We are always interested in how we are doing. If you would like to support us as a school, please go to Parent View and answer a few simple questions. We would like to think that if you have an issue at school that you feel welcomed enough to pop into school to discuss it with a member of staff. However from time to time you may feel that we are doing something particularly well and would like us to know about it! Parent View allows you to do this, whilst also giving us important feedback on a range of school related issues.



<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As we anticipate an inspection in the coming months, it would be useful for us to hear from parents, so please take time to log on and give us feedback.



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### **Class Assemblies**

24<sup>th</sup> February Cedar

2<sup>nd</sup> March Ash

Parents are very welcome to come along to watch their children in their class assembly. We aim to start at 8.55am.

### **Calendar dates 2016-2017**

These are now on the school website for the coming 2016-17 academic year.

### **Pupil Progress Meetings**

Parents may have seen a few unfamiliar faces around school this week as class teachers have been meeting with Governors and Senior teachers to discuss the progress of children throughout the school. This is an important aspect of our work in terms of ensuring children are on track and what extra provision they may need to make the progress that they are capable of. These meetings happen three times in the course of the year and are timetabled to occur prior to teachers meeting with you as parents after the half term holiday.

### **Parenting Courses-Triple P**

There are a number of Triple P parenting courses running locally during the Summer Term, run by the Early Help Partnership. These include the Teen Group (12+) PTA News which may be of interest to parents of children in Year 6. If you would like any more details please contact Mrs Greening

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

### **PTA News**

Tuesday is the sponsored pancake flip. Every child gets a chance to flip a pancake (tortilla), as many times as they possibly can in 1 minute. Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help on the day and thank you to everyone who has sponsored their

child/children. Forms have gone out this week for those children wishing to make a present for ready for 6<sup>th</sup> March. The children get a chance to choose and make a gift suitable for a female. We will be in school on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February asking those children taking part which gift they would like to make. Please ensure forms and money is in the PTA shed letter box by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Other events planned for this year are a disco, Easter egg decorating competition and egg roll, lido with events, and more. We are hoping to have a quiz night in April for parents.

The clothes bank has gone temporarily but will be back once the building work at school has been completed.

You can help raise money for Woodmancote School by registering with EasyFundraising. Simply go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and every time you purchase something via EasyFundraising, you raise money for the school.

We now have a Facebook page for those wishing to keep up to date on what we are doing or you can contact the PTA via this page.

You can also contact the PTA by e mail [thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **Performing Arts Year 5 & 6**

Cheltenham Theatre Festival are offering workshops. If interested please follow the link. Please be aware that not all workshops and performances are suitable for this age group, and age guidance is given in the programme.

[http://www.patesqs.org/images/news/2016\\_Spring/Theatre\\_Festival/Theatre\\_Festival\\_Programme\\_February\\_2016.pdf](http://www.patesqs.org/images/news/2016_Spring/Theatre_Festival/Theatre_Festival_Programme_February_2016.pdf)



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### Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's.

There is a collection box outside the office for these. Please feel free to pop your vouchers in.

Thank you for your support.

18 <sup>th</sup> March	Japanese Student Visit
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term

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### Dates for this term

9 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Sponsored Pancake Toss
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Knights and Princesses Dressing Up Day for Reception children
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of Term 3
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Staff INSET Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-6.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Visit to the SS Great Britain
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-7pm
29 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Sight and Hearing tests
1 <sup>st</sup> March	
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Feet First Dance Festival Year 1 and Year 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Cross Country at Cheltenham College
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Girl's Football Tournament
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Cross Country at St Edward's School