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Parking

We have been forwarded several photos by concerned parents of cars that have been parked illegally on the zig zag lines outside of school. The Governors have discussed this at length and will now be forwarding these photos to the police. It is totally unacceptable that parents park on clearly designated no parking areas simply to drop children off. Parents have been warned many times about inconsiderate parking and this does include mounting the pavement opposite the main gates on Station Road. We will pass details on to the police and will start publishing photos if there is no improvement in the situation. We need to keep children as safe as possible and avoid any serious injuries or fatalities. Please feel free to take photos and pass them on to school if you see cars parked illegally or irresponsibly.

Swimming Gala

Recently, a team of Year 5 and Year 6 swimmers took part in the Annual Cheltenham Schools Swimming Gala. There was a fantastic show of effort and technique on display in both the relay and individual races. A special mention must go to Noah Perkins who was the overall winner of the boy's event. Well done to all swimmers and a big thank you to parents who supported this event.

School Trips

We recently had the situation where a Year 5 school trip was on the verge of being cancelled because there were insufficient voluntary contributions made by parents. We aim to enrich our curriculum with a variety of activities such as school trips and visits, but can only do so if a significant number of parents send in a voluntary contribution. If insufficient contributions are received the

school has to make up the shortfall or cancel the trip. We recognize that some parents find it hard to pay for the range of activities that we organize, but our door is always open if you wish to discuss such payments.

We are currently looking at how we ask for voluntary contributions as well as evaluating the trips that we do organize. If you have any thoughts about payments, frequency of trips or where we go with the children, we would like to hear from you. Mrs Holding would be pleased to receive any emails from you lholding@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk or she can be found in Hazel class which is near the ICT Suite. As a parent and teacher at Woodmancote she understands all too well the challenges faced by parents being asked for contributions throughout the year!



New Build-Advance Notice

There will be an opportunity for parents and local residents to see plans of the proposed development at the school on Tuesday 30th June from 3-6pm. This will give all stakeholders the chance to see how Woodmancote is developing into the future.

Baby News

We are delighted to inform parents that Mrs Meredith-Smyth is expecting her first baby late in the Autumn term. We wish Mr and Mrs Meredith-Smyth all the best for the future. We will keep you informed of who will be covering her class whilst she is on maternity leave.



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Just to remind you that Mrs Allen's last day will be June 10th. Mrs Hetherington will also be on maternity leave from the end of this term and Mrs Grosvenor will go on maternity in September, hence why she is not starting the year with a class responsibility.

Sports Day

Tuesday 9th June

In the event that it is a warm and sunny day, please can you ensure that children have the necessary sunscreen applied and have access to a hat and a drink. We also ask that each child comes in a coloured t shirt that matches their House. Thank you for your support.

Infant Sports Day will start by 9.30, whilst Juniors will begin at 1.30pm

Leckhampton-Red
Cleeve-Green or white
Nottingham-Yellow
Malvern-Blue

Year 6 Production

Wednesday 24th June at 7pm

Thursday 25th June at 7pm

The 'Box Office' will be open at 8.30am every morning from Monday 8th June in Rowan class. 2 tickets per family will be allocated to start with.

School Uniform

We are phasing out the supply of uniform from school. You will be able to order direct from the suppliers at www.brigade.uk.com as usual. We will keep a selection of sizes in school for you to try, but once we have sold our existing stock, we will no longer have items for immediate sale.

PTA News

The story night last month was a great success. The children all had a lovely time listening to Julia Donaldson stories, read by

some of our lovely mums, followed by hot chocolate and marshmallows!

The disco was fun too with the children limboing the evening away. Thank you to all those who attended and helped.

Coffee will be available to purchase during sports day on Tuesday 9th June.

Over the next 2 weeks the children who are taking part in pressie planet will be choosing and making a gift to make for a dad, uncle or another special male in their life. This gift will be ready to be taken home on Friday 19th June.

Our lido event is rapidly approaching and is just over a week away. Letters have gone out this week to those who are joining us for the evening. It's looking like it's going to be a lovely warm evening.

In July the children will have an opportunity to take part in a wellie wanging contest. A prize will go to the child who throws the wellie the farthest in each class. £1 to enter the contest.

Our Y6 leavers disco is on Thursday 16th July 7pm-9pm at school. Please check the green diaries for a letter about this.

PTA Dates for your diary

Saturday 13th June Lido Event

Friday 19th June Pressie Plant Gifts ready

Wednesday 15th July Wellie Wanging

Thursday 16th July Yr 6 Leavers Disco

We thank you for your continuing support and look forward to organising more events in the new school year.

Should you wish to contact the PTA please e mail thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Suncream

With the sunnier weather developing, please ensure your child has the necessary protection to be outside.



Class organisation for 2015-16

I am delighted to give parents details of class organisation for the new academic year.

For the first time we are able to have one teacher per class, with Mrs Badham and Mr Evans teaching 4 out of the 5 days each week, giving them Senior Leadership time of one day a week.

All classes will move up as they are, except Years 1 and 4. Because of an increase in the number of children in these years and an imbalance in the number of children with specific needs, we will be looking to mix these classes. We will take into consideration a range of factors including friendships, academic ability, behaviour and the professional judgment of teachers. Please be reassured that we will also consider past issues that might have a bearing of who your children will be with in the class.

We will be informing you of which class your child will be in on Friday 3rd July, prior to the children meeting their new teachers on the afternoon of Monday 6th July.

Some of you may spot that this year Pine and Fir have been Year 3, but next year they are Year 4. This is because Year 3 children will be in the Elliott buildings next year prior to the completion of the new wing to the school in August 2016.

It is very important that parents refrain from talking negatively about any aspects of class organisation next year in front of their children. We have a superb staff here at Woodmancote and hope that parents are positive in front of their children, ensuring that they then look forward to the new year. Thank you.

YEAR 15-16	TEACHERS	Teaching Assistant	Classroom
Reception	Mrs Trigg	Mrs Worgan Mrs King (1:1)	Oak
Reception	Miss Waters	Mrs Minett	Ash
Year 1	Mrs Badham	Mrs Strangwood	Maple
Year 1	Mrs Meredith-Smyth	Mrs Meadows	Beech
Year 2	Mr Hoyle	Mrs Cotter	Cedar
Year 2	Mrs Holding	Mrs Morrish	Willow
Year 3	Mrs Howard (Miss Carless)	Mrs Smith Mrs Bird (1:1)	Holly
Year 3	Miss Perkins	Mrs Thwaites	Lime
Year 4	Mr Carter	Mrs Fletcher	Pine
Years 4	Mrs McCormack	Mrs Siveter	Fir
Years 5	Mr Williams	New appointment	Yew
Years 5	Mr Evans	Mrs Howes (1:1) Mrs Burrows	Hazel
Year 6	Mr Clark	Mrs Lee/ Mrs Kelsall	Sycamore
Years 6	Miss Chandler	Mrs Smith and Mrs Steer (1:1)	Rowan

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Dates for the term ahead	
Tuesday 9th June	Sports Day Am-Infants Pm-Juniors
Thursday 11th	Area Sports-Field Events St Mary's Junior, Prestbury 4pm
Wednesday 17th	Reserved Sports Day
Tuesday 23rd	Independent Learning at Cleeve School for Year 6 (details to follow)
Wednesday 24th	Year 6 Play 7pm
Thursday 25th	Year 6 Play 7pm
Friday 26th	Area Sports-Track Prince of Wales-5pm
Monday 29th	Year 6 to Whitemoor Lakes
Tuesday 30th	Open Morning for Prospective Parents 9.30am
Wednesday 1st July	Afternoon session for Parents and Children starting in September 2015
Monday 6th	Afternoon session for children who are starting in September 2015
Monday 6^h	Year 6 Cleeve Induction Day
Friday 10th	Reports out to Parents
Tuesday 14th	Open Evening for Parents An opportunity to look around the school. No appointments
Thursday 16th	Church Service for Juniors Teddy Bear's Picnic for Infants
Friday 17th	Last day of Term School finishes at the normal time of 3.15pm



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