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Pirate Dress Up Day

On Friday 10th July Reception and Year 5 children will be celebrating their current topics together. All Reception and Year 5 children are invited to come dressed in Pirate attire for this day.

Panathlon

We are very proud of the Panathlon team who went to Hartpury college to represent Cheltenham and Tewkesbury area last Friday. They had a brilliant day taking part in a variety of activities with great enthusiasm and all achieving personal goals. They received a medal as runners up and Leah Bird deserves a special mention as she was awarded a wristband for showing 'Respect' which is one of the School Games values. She has been invited to a service in Gloucester Cathedral for the Celebration Ceremony in July



Panathlon

Year 5 Sex Education

In preparation for the upcoming Year 5 sex education we invite all parents of year 5 children to come into school at 3.30pm on Tuesday 30th June. There will be a viewing of the DVD and time for a chat with parents about this area of the curriculum. This will take place in Mrs Holding's (Hazel class) classroom.

Other year groups will also be covering this area of the curriculum at the appropriate level for the age of the children. If you have any concerns, please speak to the class teacher.

Tennis

Congratulations to Jack Woods and Henry Medhurst who participated in the recent NE14 Tennis' Annual Open Day Schools Tournament (organised by Tom Jacobson). It was part of the LTAs Great British Tennis Weekend and the boys came in a superb 2nd.

Sports Day

Thank you to all those parents who supported our Recent Sports Day. We were blessed with warmish weather! Nottingham won the Infants' Day and Malvern the Juniors' competition. Well done to all the children who competed.

As with everything we do, we evaluate what we do and look to improve it. If you have any comments to make about our Sports Day, positive or negative, we would like to hear from you. We aim to increase levels of participation in sports as well as retain a competitive 'edge'. If you have any suggestions that we can consider for next year, please email Mr Tucker head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Maths

Working with a range of partners, the school continues to explore and develop new approaches to the teaching of maths. Details of the local Maths Hub, based at Balcarras Teaching School can be found at

www.ncetm.org.uk/glow

Mrs Badham and Mr Evans, our Heads of Infants and Juniors, will be involved with a new project called Maths, No Problem and Mrs McCormack, Mrs Holding and Mr De



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Gruchy continue to explore 'Mastery' within the new maths curriculum.

Our local Cleeve Cluster of schools will also be looking at ways in which we can assess children's mastery of mathematical concepts by giving them open ended tasks to complete, which will enable them to use prior knowledge and understanding.

We are increasingly working within a dynamic and challenging educational landscape and we are excited by the range of opportunities that exist for children and staff to engage with new approaches to learning maths in particular.

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

Our Lido event last weekend was a success despite the grey sky. Lots of families turned up and braved the water and had fun. The Lido staff have commended parents for supervising their children so well and also how well behaved the children were. A big thank you for all those who involved were and

who supported this event. We are looking at booking it again next year but in July with the possibility of a mini swimming gala.

Sports day refreshments raised a lot of money which will be going towards sporting equipment.

The children have had fun this week making gifts ready to take home today. There were some fabulous designs and we are sure there will be some very happy Dads, Grandads, and Uncles receiving these gifts this week end. A few Mums might be getting gifts too! For those who haven't paid yet please send in payment of £2 today.

Our final 2 events for the year are the welly wanging competition on Wednesday 15th July. £1 to enter and each child gets to wangle a wellie as far as possible across the field to win a prize.

On Thursday 16th July our Year 6 have their disco. This and a year book and hoodie have been organized by some Year 6 Mums. We are sure our Year 6 will have a good send off as they approach their last few weeks at school.

We are busy organizing the next academic years PTA fundraising activities. If you have any ideas for fundraising please let us know by emailing us at thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you
The PTA



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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

Dates for the term ahead	
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 6h	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



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