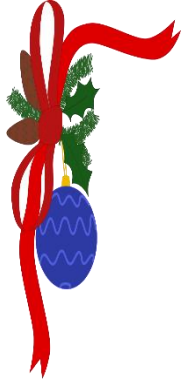




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Newsletter

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7. Friday 8th December
2017

Christmas Postbox

The Christmas Postbox is open and can be found in the Infant Corridor outside Cedar class. If children would like to send cards to their classmates, can they please label envelopes with the name and class of the child they wish to send it to. Collections and deliveries will be made each day by the Year 6 children.

Earrings

Can we please remind parents that only studs should be worn to school. There have been some recent cases when 'dangling' earrings have been worn and these are unsuitable in a school setting. Thank you.

Christmas Fair

An enormous thank you to everyone who supported this event and raised well over £2500. A special thank you to the wonderful PTA team who gave up so much of their time to organize this event.

OFSTED

We hope that you found the recent OFSTED report interesting. We are delighted with not only the outcome of GOOD, but also the positive comments about Leadership and Management, as well as Safeguarding. Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Book Fair

Thank you to all those parents who supported this event. Miss Chandler and Mrs Meredith-Smyth will now be choosing the free books that we can now claim because of your generosity.

Foodbank Vouchers

As we approach an expensive time of the year for many parents, we would like to remind parents that we can issue Foodbank vouchers. Please contact the NEST via the contact details below. Mrs Greening is in school Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursday, but Mrs McNamee is in Monday and Friday if you need to talk to someone in confidence.

Fund raising efforts

Well done to Charlie and Martha Hill and Luke Davis who organised a bake sale outside their house on Saturday (25th Nov). They wanted to raise money for Brain Tumour Research. They made fliers to advertise it to our neighbours, made some cakes and biscuits and persuaded family members to produce lots more. They set up a stall and with the fantastic help of Jake and James Parker sold pretty much everything they had. They were even going door to door and taking orders! They managed to raise the amazing total of £230 which we thought was incredible. Everyone contributed equally to the hard work and we couldn't be prouder of them all.



School Prayer Group

January 12th/February 2nd/March 2nd/April -
no meeting/May 4th/June 8th/July 6th

If you would like more information about the group, please contact Andrew Hiscock either by email: arhiscock@gmail.com or by telephone: 07926093738.



Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of **any** of the following benefits, then your child is likely to qualify for free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

If you think that your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, it is now quick and easy to apply on-line. For more details see:

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

It is necessary to apply for each child in a family separately.

If you would like any assistance with applying please contact the school office who will be able to help.

Bulbs

Several areas of the school have been planted up with spring bulbs by Year 6 parents and children to mark a classmate's time at school. We would politely ask all parents to not allow their children to run up and down the slope outside Year 6 as this is where many have been planted.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA Dates for the Diary

We've even found time to look at some future events for next year, so here are some dates for your diary:

Pancake Flip: Monday 5th February 2017

Story Night (Reception): Tuesday 30th January 2018

Disco (All Years): Thursday 22nd March 2018

The Challenges of Parenting in the 21st Century

We are hoping to hold a one-day event on March 22nd 2018 to support all parents with dealing with the many challenges of parenting. Whilst further details will follow in the new year, we would like to hear from parents with suggestions of what they would find useful. We are inviting a range of agencies and individuals to give presentations and lead workshops throughout the day and evening, but your input would be much appreciated. If you have any suggestions please email Mr Tucker or Mrs Mcnamee.

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We hope that you all have a peaceful and happy Christmas. Thank you again for all your support in 2017 and we look forward to a successful 2018 at Woodmancote School.



Little Chestnuts

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Play. Learn. Grow.



We still have spaces for some of the sessions at Little Chestnuts. If you are interested, please contact the office and they will be able to give you the information that you need. Visits are always welcome.

Prospective Parents for Little Chestnuts Open Day

Wednesday 24th January 9.30-2.30. no need to book, come along anytime during the day.

Existing Parents

If you are interested in seeing inside Little Chestnuts, next week the building will be open Tuesday 12th from 3.15-4pm.

Request

If you have any small blankets that you no longer want, Little Chestnuts would be pleased to receive them. Just drop them off at the setting or at the main office. Thank you.

NEST

(Nurturing and Emotional Support Team)

Mrs Greening-Lead and responsible for Special Educational Needs

Mrs McNamee-Pastoral support

Mrs Lee-Medical Support

Mrs Baxter-Pupil Premium and academic support

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Diary Dates

13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
14 th December	Year 1 at Woodmancote Church for a 6.30pm start
Week	Reception Nativity

beginning 11 th December	Wednesday 13 th at 10am for Little Chestnuts and Woodmancote Pre-School Thursday 14 th at 10am for parents (no babies or pre-school aged children please) Thursday 14 th at 4pm for parents (and children with a ticket)
15 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 songs around the Christmas Tree at 9am Parents invited to come and join the children, stay for a drink and visit the classrooms
15 th December	Christmas Jumper Day! All are welcome to come in festive knitwear.
18 th and 19 th December	Christmas Parties-All children may come in their own clothes for the two days
19 th Dec	Last Day of Term 2
8 th January 2018	Children return to school after Christmas break

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