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# Newsletter

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**13. 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. This is a very busy one for children, staff and parents alike, so please ensure that you access the newsletter every fortnight in order to stay abreast of any news or changes to the events planned.

## **Shakespeare's Birthday and St George's Day - 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Children and adults may come to school dressed as anything from Shakespeare, anything from their favourite book, their scout or Guide uniform or even St George for the day!

## **School Developments**

This term we will be focussing on two areas of the school that we hope, once they are completed, will provide children with a range of activities and opportunities.

We currently have a Forest School Area at the top of the field and an under-used Wildlife Area at the front of the school by the pedestrian gate. The plan is to open up the Forest School Area for all children at play and lunchtime, giving them a range of opportunities to build dens, play amongst the trees and dig! This means that we will develop the Wildlife Area to be both an area for Forest School, but also an area where children can go pond dipping and explore nature more than they do now.

If you feel that you can contribute to either of these developments, please contact Mr Tucker or Mrs Badham.

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At some point we will be looking for volunteers to cut back trees, dig a new fire pit and create a new Base Camp. Your support or that of any local organisation, would be much appreciated.

## **Musical.ly**

Teachers at school are currently having to spend time resolving issues between children because they have been communicating using this app. This is not what they should be having to do, when it clearly states that this app is for children 13+ and the issues are stemming from home.

Once again, can we please urge parents to not allow their children to use any of the social media sites that state the minimum age is 13+. Teachers are at Woodmancote to teach, not to resolve issues around the misuse of social media by children who should not even be on it. We are becoming increasingly frustrated that learning is being interrupted by online disagreements.

It is also worth reminding parents of children with phones, that all phones should be handed in first thing in the morning. Any phone found on a child will be confiscated and parents informed. We will undertake random checks and look at school bags, etc.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## **Woodmancote Cricket**

Please see attached document for All Stars Cricket and be aware that Cricket Nets for Woodmancote Under 11's has also started (Y5/6) It is currently on a Monday at @leisure but will move to Cleeve School once they are fixed!!



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## School Prayer Group

May 4<sup>th</sup>/June 8<sup>th</sup>/July 6<sup>th</sup>

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

## 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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## Packed lunches

Several children are trying to dispose of uneaten and unwanted sandwiches by dropping them on the floor. We always encourage children to place uneaten sandwiches back in their lunchboxes so parents can see whether they are eating the whole of their lunch.



Are you worried about keeping your child safe online? Do you worry about their future use of technology? There is lots of information out there and it can be hard to know where to start. The childline website offers some great advice for parents about keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

It is really important to also ensure that your internet is set up with appropriate controls so that children cannot accidentally access websites that are not appropriate. NSPCC gives advice about how to set up parental controls on your devices.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

KS1 children have been looking at technology in our lives during their Computing lessons. They have been thinking whether websites are reliable and safe to use as well as where websites and pictures come from. KS2 are looking at different multimedia and programming.

## Useful websites and apps

Incredibox - beatbox app

Code.org - hour of code, lots of useful code games

Scratch.mit.edu - create your own code

## School Dinners - Royal Wedding Theme

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May we will be offering a "royal" themed menu which will replace the usual menu for that day. Further details to follow.



**PTA News**

Here we go, the summer term is here....we've got an action packed summer term with lots of events planned.

All Years Disco	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Ladies Gin Night	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May
PTA Meeting	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May (7:30pm)
Prezzie Planet (Take 2)	Before 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Fair (Woodmanstock)	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Lido Evening	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July

**Disco Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

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**Cost:**

£2.00 per child including Drink, Sweets & Tattoo

**Timings:**

Reception	5:45pm - 6:15pm
Year 1 & 2	6:20pm - 7:05pm
Year 3 & 4	7:10pm - 7:55pm
Year 5 & 6	8:00pm - 9:00pm

**Refreshments:**

There will be refreshments available to purchase in the year six block for parents/guardians who want to make the most of the time away from the kids while they are being entertained.

**Logistics:**

Arrival is at school reception, parents/guardians can then choose either to stay for refreshments or leave and return at the required time.

Collection will be from classrooms round the side of the school (location information will be available on the night)

**Ladies Gin Night Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

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This is a great opportunity to get friends and family together to have a great night out without having to venture into town.

We've managed to secure Cotswold Gin and their Head Mixologist to provide a Gin master class and of course a few cheeky samples.

There of course will be a bar where you be able to order more Gin (and Tonic) or Prosecco for those who are Ginned out.

**Cost:**

£7.50 per person (Group discount of 6 for the price of 5)

**Timings:**

Doors Open	7:30pm
Event Start	8:00pm till late

**Woodmanstock (Woodmancote Summer Fair) Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

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This year we are planning a big event to celebrate the summer. There'll be lots of live music, shows, games and lots of fun events and activities to get involved in. There will of course be a bar and refreshments available and a Hog Roast!!!

Several teachers will be in stocks ready for wet sponges thrown at them, let's get those throwing arms warmed up!!!

**Costs:**

£5.00 per Adult
£Free Woodmancote Pupils
£2.00 Non-Woodmancote Children

**Timings:** 6:00pm to 9:00pm



## Prezzie Planet (Take 2)

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Keep your eyes open for Prezzie Planet (Take 2) This time round the gifts will be orientated towards a significant male. Details will be sent out well before 17<sup>th</sup> June (Fathers Day) so please be aware this is happening as we don't want anybody to lose out who wants to participate.

## Other News

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We'll be running a tombola during Woodmancote's May Day celebrations, so we will shortly be asking for donations. A text will be sent out closer to the time.

We have been asked to remind you all that there is a bike rack at the front of school that can be used if the others are full. However, please remember that you will need a lock if you want bikes/scooter to be secure.

## Get Involved

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We had some new faces at the meeting this week which was great to see. However, more help is always appreciated. The PTA contributes a significant amount to the school and there are some big projects upcoming that we'd like to contribute towards. This can only happen with ongoing support from parents.

If you would like to get involved please get in touch either via email:

[thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk) or through Facebook Search: 'Woodmancote School PTA'

Have a great weekend....

The PTA team

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## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for an enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisor who enjoys working with children to work as part of our team to ensure that our pupils are safe and secure.

The successful candidate will be reliable, trustworthy, able to work independently and will be expected to maintain a strong presence around the school, building good relationships with all pupils and encouraging good behaviour to promote a positive lunchtime atmosphere.

**The post is for 5 hours per week, Monday to Friday, 12.15-1.15pm but is negotiable**

All applications must be made using our standard application form that is available on the school website [www.woodmancoteschool.co.uk](http://www.woodmancoteschool.co.uk). You must also be able to provide two suitable Referees on the form.

Applications should be returned to Mrs Williams, [admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk).

*Woodmancote School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS check is required for the successful applicant.*



## Diary Dates

<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Shakespeare's Birthday and St George's Day. A chance to come dressed up as something Shakespearean or as a character from their favourite book
<b>25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 4 Residential Trip to Forest of Dean
<b>w/b 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Life Education Van in school
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 4 trip to Swindon Village Primary School
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	The Hobbit-Years 4-6 performance by M and M Productions
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	PTA Disco
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Day-No School
<b>w/b 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATs for Year 6 children
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PTA Gin Night
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Photographs
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of Term 5
<b>4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	First day of Term 6
<b>4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 6 Residential trip (Mr Evans, Miss Chandler, Mr Tucker, Mr Minards, Mrs Lee and Mrs Smith)
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day Am-Juniors Pm-Infants
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Reserve Day for Sports Day
<b>15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTA Woodmanstock (Summer Festival) 6-9pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Grandparents Afternoon for grandparents of children in Reception classes
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Reception 2019 Open Morning Little Chestnuts Open Morning 9.15-10.30am
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Area Sports at the Prince of Wales Stadium
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Summer Production at 7pm
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	2018 Reception intake Parent and Child afternoon (1.30-3pm)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Year 2 Summer Production at 1.30pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Cleeve Induction Days

<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Move Up Day for children in Years R-5
<b>6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	2018 Reception intake <b>Children only</b> afternoon (1.30-3pm)
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	PTA Lido Event
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Summer Production at 7pm
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Summer Production at 7pm
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Leaver's Service-pm
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Disco
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Assembly in front of parents At 9 am
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Term 6
<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	First Day of Term 1 for children