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Newsletter

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14. 4th May 2018

School Grounds-Spring Clean

Tuesday 8th May 3.30-8.30pm

Wednesday 16th May 3.30-8.30pm

This term we are hoping to repurpose the Forest School area at the top of the school field, so that it can be used at break and lunchtimes by all children throughout the school. It will allow them to make dens, build with a range of natural materials and explore their environment. The hope is that we can then have the under-used Wildlife Area at the front of the school as a dedicated Forest School Area, with access to the currently overgrown school pond.

We are also conscious that there are areas of the school grounds that need a little TLC and we are looking for parents to volunteer a few hours in the coming weeks to come along to school any time between 3.30-8.30pm to help us improve the play and learning environments around school.

As many of you are aware, school budgets are not as healthy as they certainly should be and this is one way that we can save some money. Instead of bringing in contractors, we are looking for parental participation in improving our provision. If parents wish to bring their children along, they will be more than welcome. Listed below are just some of the jobs that need doing. You may want to help with a specific one or be happy to be directed. We have limited tools and equipment, so any offers of rakes, chipping machines or power tools, will be welcome. We are especially looking for large building/rubble bags.

- Cut up old wooden equipment for firewood
- Create a growing pit for Year 1 children
- Clear out the Quiet area border by cutting back old wood
- Rake areas where brambles have been cut down
- Clear out rubbish from Forest School Shed and give it a lick of paint
- Cut back lower branches on trees
- Move large stones!
- Wade into pond and clear out old reeds
- Create a small copse
- Weave willow

These are only some of the jobs that we feel need doing in order to improve the school site.

If you feel that you can contribute please contact Mr Tucker or Mrs Badham as soon as possible or simply come along on either day and 'muck in'. I am sure we can rustle up some cake to help the evening go smoothly.

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The Hobbit

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 watched a fantastic performance of this classic tale on Wednesday of this week and Year 5 then had a follow up workshop. Unfortunately, we have to cancel the production we had booked for next year as too few parents paid a voluntary contribution to see the production this year. These experiences are invaluable and whilst we can appreciate that money is sometimes tight, without these voluntary contributions the school cannot provide the range of



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experiences and opportunities that it does. It is not too late if your child did see the production, to send in the voluntary contribution.

Parking

Once again we have had reports of some rather senseless parking around school. This ranges from parking across the drives of local residents, to this example of someone who clearly does not understand how this could potentially cause an accident and result in the death of a child!



And while we are on the subject of parking, please can parents refrain from parking in the staff and visitor's car park? If there are exceptional reasons as to why you need to park, please pop in and request a parking permit.

School Prayer Group

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.

Research at Woodmancote

We currently have several members of staff undertaking further qualifications at Master's Level, but we also have several parents undertaking further study. I hope that you find the following of interest and can find time to participate.

Masters Dissertation Research Project

Hello! If you don't already know me, my name is Donna and I have three children at the school. Over the last two years I have been studying for a Masters degree and am currently embarking on my dissertation.

My project aims to explore parent's views of sugar, with a focus on knowledge, influences and regulation of sugar consumption. I have developed an online questionnaire, which is targeted at parents who have a child of preschool age - i.e. under the age of 5 and not yet started school - however this also includes parents who may have a preschool-aged child and also older children.

The questionnaire should only take 10-15 minutes to complete and I would be very grateful if you are a parent of a preschool-aged child and could spare the time to take a look. All responses will be completely anonymous and ethics approval has been granted by the University (EAN 047-16).

Website link:

<https://sps.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/children-sugar>

Thank you so much in advance!

NEST

(Nurturing and Emotional Support Team)

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This week's Online Safety is about age limits and 'Fortnite'.

Age limits

Apps and games have age limits to help keep children safe. There are a number of apps that are becoming more popular with primary school children. However, most of these apps have an age limit above that of primary school age.

To create an account on **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik** and **Snapchat**, the user must be **13**.

To create a **Youtube** account, you must be **at least 18 or 13 with parent's permission**.

This means that children, from our school, who are accessing these apps have lied or given false information about their age to create an account.

Fortnite

The latest game craze is **Fortnite Battle Royale** or known to most as '**Fortnite**'. This is a game that children are talking about in school on the playground.

A few facts about **Fortnite**:-

Fortnite has been rated **PEGI12**, which means it has been recommended for children over the age of **12** to play.

It is a shooter game with building elements to it.

It has a gaming community which allows players to talk to each other.

There are settings on PS4 and Xbox where you can mute other players if they are being offensive.

You can report players if they are being abusive.

It involves collecting guns and surviving as long as possible.

There is no blood or gore, when a player is shot, numbers jump out of their body to indicate how much damage has been done to their health.

K'nex Challenge 2018

During STEM week in March, some of our Year 6 children took part in the K'nex Challenge where they had to build a playground for the community using Lego K'nex. Last week, the winners of the competition, Jacob Lockart and Rhys Williams, got to take part in the K'nex Challenge County Final at Henley Bank High School in Gloucester. They competed against 47 other Gloucestershire schools and did an amazing job! Although they didn't win the competition, they worked so well together and focused brilliantly for the hour that they were given. Well done boys, you should be proud of yourselves.

PTA News

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



Ladies Gin Night
PTA Meeting

Friday 18th May
Wednesday 23rd
May (7:30pm)
Before 17th June
Friday 15th June

£2.00 Non-Woodmancote Children

Timings: 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Prezzie Planet (Take 2)
Summer Fair
(Woodmanstock)
Lido Evening

Saturday 7th
July

Prezzie Planet (Take 2)

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 17th June (Fathers Day) so please be aware this is happening as we don't want anybody to lose out who wants to participate.

Ladies Gin Night Friday 18th May

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

Other News

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.

Woodmanstock (Woodmancote Summer Fair) Friday 15th June

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

Get Involved

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 or through Facebook Search: 'Woodmancote School PTA'

Have a great weekend....

The PTA team



Diary Dates

7 th May	May Day-No School
8 th May	Forest School Spring Clean 3.15-8.30pm
w/b 14 th May	SATs for Year 6 children
16 th May	Forest School Spring Clean 3.15-8.30pm
18 th May	PTA Gin Night
24 th May	Photographs
25 th May	Last day of Term 5
4 th June	First day of Term 6
4 th -8 th June	Year 6 Residential trip (Mr Evans, Miss Chandler, Mr Tucker, Mr Minards, Mrs Lee and Mrs Smith)
14 th June	Sports Day Am-Juniors Pm-Infants
15 th June	Reserve Day for Sports Day
15 th June	PTA Woodmanstock (Summer Festival) 6-9pm
18 th June	Grandparents Afternoon for grandparents of children in Reception classes
21 st June	Reception 2019 Open Morning Little Chestnuts Open Morning 9.15-10.30am
22 nd June	Area Sports at the Prince of Wales Stadium
26 th June	Year 2 Summer Production at 7pm
27 th June	2018 Reception intake Parent and Child afternoon (1.30-3pm)
28 th June	Year 2 Summer Production at 1.30pm
5 th and 6 th July	Cleeve Induction Days
6 th July	Move Up Day for children in Years R-5
6 th July	2018 Reception intake Children only afternoon (1.30-3pm)
7 th July	PTA Lido Event
17 th July	Year 6 Summer Production at 7pm
17 th July	Reports out to Parents
18 th July	Year 6 Summer Production at 7pm
23 rd July	Leaver's Service-pm
23 rd July	Year 6 Disco
24 th July	Last Day of Term 6

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4 th September	First Day of Term 1 for children