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Newsletter

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15. 18th May 2018

School Grounds-Spring Clean

Thank you to all those parents, children and staff who have helped transform the Wildlife Area over the last two weeks. It was wonderful to have so many volunteers and both the area at the front of the school and the area at the top of the field are now fit for purpose.

As of next week, children can access the 'Forest' at the top of the field, where they can explore, dig and build at break and lunch time. There will be a few expectations and these will be reinforced by class teachers, but we hope that they will enjoy making use of the space.

The Wildlife Area at the front of the school still needs a little work, mainly the making of Base Camp and creation of a fire pit. Removing turf to create a digging area and fencing the pond with existing posts. If you feel that you could help put together some rough benches made out of logs or make a bug house out of pallets, please contact Mrs Badham or Mr Tucker.



Panathlon

On 4th May, 14 year 4 students travelled to All Saints Academy to take part in the Gloucestershire Heats of Panathlon, these are accessible games set up in a Circuits Style around the Gym Hall, with each school team having a go at every game and scoring as many points in the time allowed, before moving on to the next station. The games included: New Age Kurling, Boccia, Messi Football, Table Cricket and many others.

With 14 from Team Woodmancote we were split into two teams, and after a great afternoon of trying these new activities, Team 2 came away as Bronze medallists. The top position, however was a tie and was finalised by a relay race against another Gloucestershire school. With tension high Woodmancote rose to the challenge and came away with the 1st spot, and earned themselves a position in the next round of competition, being held at Hartpury College, in June.

In addition to this children from both team's efforts were acknowledged, for different values, varying from determination, persistence, and team work.

Well done year 4!

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.



Playworker Vacancy

Our school is looking for an enthusiastic and well organised playworker to help at our popular Before and After school Club. You will need to be passionate about providing stimulating, age related play opportunities for our children and be able to work within a team after school hours.

Please apply by completing the standard Gloucestershire County Council application form and return it, with a letter of application, to Mrs Rosie Williams admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk.

More details and an application form can be found on the school website

<http://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/current-vacancies/>

Woodmancote School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Water Bottles

Unfortunately we have had several cases of children stuffing plastic bottles down toilets in recent weeks! Why, we do not know and who, has proved difficult to determine. Coupled with the national agenda to reduce the nation's reliance on disposable plastic, we are introducing a school ban on the use of disposable plastic bottles after half term. Children are being asked to bring in named water bottles, which can then be brought home each day to be washed out. Many of you already do this, but we hope that this can reduce the number of bottles down toilets!

On the theme of toilets, some children feel that because they are not being watched, they can misbehave in the toilets, especially the Junior ones. The school has spent over £39,000 in the last 3 years updating the toilets around the school, but we still have some children climbing on cubicles, deliberately urinating on the floor (boys!) and even writing on the back of doors. It is obviously very hard to pinpoint who is doing this, so can we urge parents to remind their children that they should treat school property in the same way as they do their home. Any child who is found to be doing any of the above, may have a little bill to pay to rectify the damage.

Staff News

Miss Simcock, who has been heading up Little Chestnuts has been on long term sick and I can now confirm will not be returning in September. We wish her all the best for the future. Hazel Szczepanski will continue to lead the superb team at the pre-school from now on.

Thank you to all those who visited last week and saw all the wonderful things that the children have been doing since we opened in November. Yes, we have only been open since then!

Mrs Greening, our SENCo and Mrs Smith, a long serving Teaching Assistant, will both be retiring at the end of this term. We wish them both a wonderful retirement and thank them for all their work over the years.

Class and Group Photos

The photographer will be in School on Thurs 24th May to take photographs of leavers, all classes and groups (including pre-school).



In light of the changes around GDPR, parents may want to read this statement form ClassDojo.

ClassDojo's mission is to connect teachers, students, and families to help them improve education in their communities. Protecting your privacy is fundamental to that mission. Here are a few facts you should know:

- We never share any personal information with advertisers or marketers - including Google and Facebook.
- We never sell or rent any information to third parties, per our [Privacy Policy](#).
- We do not collect any sensitive student information. We ask for the minimum necessary to set up ClassDojo: a student's name or nickname.
- All feedback points are automatically deleted after 12 months.

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Please check out the [FAQs](#) on our blog for more details, and our [Privacy Center](#) for additional resources. As always, feel free to drop us a note at privacy@classdojo.com if you ever have any questions. We're here to help

NEST

(Nurturing and Emotional Support Team)

Mrs Greening-Lead and responsible for Special Educational Needs

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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

Friday 18th May

PTA Meeting

Wednesday 23rd

May (7:30pm)

Prezzie Planet (Take 2)

Before 17th June

Summer Fair

Friday 15th June

(Woodmanstock)

Lido Evening

Saturday 7th

July

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

£2.00 Non-Woodmancote Children

Timings:

6:00pm to 9:00pm



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.

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

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

4 th , and 5 th 6 th July	Winchcombe 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
9 th , and 10 th 11 th July	Cleeve Induction Days
9 th July	Parent Evening at Cleeve for children in current Year 6 moving to Cleeve in September
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
4 th September	First Day of Term 1 for children

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