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Newsletter

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Christmas Activities

17 th December	Year 1 Carols at Woodmancote Church 6.30-7.30pm
18 th December	Party Day for Years 1 and 5
19 th December	Christmas Dinner and Party Day for Years 2 and 3
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Party Day for Reception, Year 4 and Year 6

*If your child is sending Christmas cards via the Christmas post box, please ensure each is labelled with the class of the child they are sending it to. This makes the sorting process much easier!

To make life easier for one and all, from **Tuesday 18th**, all children may wear their own clothes and hopefully a Christmas Jumper on at least the Thursday of that week. They may want to wear it for the three days!

Thank you

An enormous thank you to all those parents who have supported the various Christmas Performances over the last few weeks. We hope that you enjoyed them all!

School Funding

Attached to this newsletter is a letter about school funding. Please take the time to read it as it has direct bearing on what we can provide as a school in terms of support for your child. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Nativity

Our Reception children, joined by Little Chestnuts, excelled themselves in their Nativity performances. Their singing, dancing and acting was just superb and we know that there was hardly a dry eye in the house for all four shows. Well done!

Playworker and Midday Supervisor Vacancies

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.

We also have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to work daily from 12.15-1.15.

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

STEM Week 18th-22nd March 2019

Dear Parents, we are thinking ahead to our next STEM week and are trying to build on the fantastic weeks we have had in the past. In previous years you have been so generous with your time coming in to talk to us about all sorts of topics ranging from coding and electronics to explorations across Greenland! For any new parents this year, STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths and each year we dedicate a whole week to exploring these subjects. So we want to sow the seed again and ask if any of you could give up your time to come in and speak to the children about your jobs or hobbies that link to STEM. Talks can be done with small groups, whole classes or whole year groups depending on what you feel comfortable with. If you would like to discuss an idea or find out more please contact either Mrs Holding (Science & DT) on lholding@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk,

Miss Perkins (ICT & DT) on sperkins@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk,

Mrs McCormack (Maths) on cmccormack@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

or Mrs Dodwell on rdodwell@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk.

Thank you.

Sports News

Sportsability

On the morning of Tuesday 26th November, one hundred and twenty children from Cheltenham Schools took part in a Sportsability programme at Cheltenham Leisure Centre. Seven of the children were from Woodmancote School. The children were all mixed up and undertook various

games to develop their sporting agility. Throughout the morning, they showed great commitment and enjoyment. Well done children.



Cleeve Cluster KInball Event



On Tuesday 26th November, eight children from Year 5 competed in a new, all-inclusive sport called 'Kinball'. We entered two teams, one from each Year 5 class, at the event at Cleeve Secondary School. Twelve teams from six local schools (Prestbury St Mary's, Bishops Cleeve, Swindon Village, Grangefield, Gotherington and ourselves) took part in a great competition. It was very pleasing to see the teamwork and strategies of play being developed during the afternoon. After the group games, Woodmancote 1 and Woodmancote 2 both made the semi-finals. After very tight games, Woodmancote 1 made the Final and finished runners-up! Woodmancote 2 finished a creditable fifth overall. Well done to all the children who took part. You were a credit to Woodmancote School.





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Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday 5th December 10 girls & 10 boys from Years 4-6 represented Woodmancote School at Cheltenham Primary School Sportshall event at the Ladies College against 6 other schools.

We all competed in a selection of field and track events including obstacle relay, 1+1 lap relay, 2+2 lap relay and standing long jump, vertical jump, speed bounce and chest push plus some more.

We all had a great morning, a lot of fun, cheering each other on and helping each other!

At the end of the morning, the scores were all added up and Woodmancote had the most points. So we were overall winners of the event. We were all really pleased!

Edward Yr6 Sycamore Class

On Wednesday 5th of December, a group of students from Woodmancote School went to take part in an athletics tournament at the Cheltenham Ladies College. The tournament included seven schools from Cheltenham. Each person had to do one or two field events and one or two track events. The events were the Obstacle Relay, the 1+1 Lap Relay, the 2+2 Lap Relay, the 6 lap Paarlauf, the Over Under Relay, the 4+1 Lap Relay, the Chest Push, the Standing Long Jump, the Vertical Jump, the Soft Javelin, the Standing Triple Jump and the Speed Bounce. We won eight of twelve track events and, overall, Woodmancote School won!

Harriet Yr6 Rowan Class



Ava Phillips and Gaoth represented Woodmancote School on Sunday in the National Schools Show Jumping Regional Finals, all 45 competitors had been placed 1st - 6th in the qualifying rounds held throughout the year.

Ava and Gaoth had a cracking round, jumping clear in quickest time to earn a fantastic 1st place. A wonderful achievement.



If your son or daughter would like to be involved, or to find out more about the Woodmancote Equestrian Team please contact kate.emily.phillips@hotmail.com

Cleeve Cluster Netball Event

On Wednesday 5th December, seven children from Year 5/6 competed in a Netball event at Cleeve Secondary School. Four teams from four local schools (Prestbury St Mary's, Bishops Cleeve, Swindon Village and ourselves) took part in the competition. Our team played brilliantly all afternoon. In fact, they won all three games and won the overall event. Great skills were shown by all the children and the teamwork was second to none. The children were simply stars and a credit to Woodmancote School.





PTA News Update

Your successful Christmas Fayre

*Wow weeeeeeeeeeee, we certainly know how to create, host and support a Christmas fayre. It was a fantastic day which was enjoyed by all, be it a win on the raffle or the hampers or the chocolate or teddy tombola, to treating yourself with a mince pie and gluhwein or glitter tattoo. Or were you tempted by one of the many fun stalls like Hook a Duck, Christmas Challenge or the back by popular demand racing game. Well it didn't matter as long as you enjoyed the event. What does matter is that together we raised **£3643.82!** Which is absolutely amazing. We could never raise this volume of funding for our children without your continuous support and effort, so thank you.*

Thank you

A special thank you goes to the PTA team and their helpers who put lots of hours of preparation for this event. Also special thanks goes to our very kind donators who together donated over £1000 of prizes:

Sudeley Castle, WWT Slimbridge, WetlandCentre, Cotswold Farm Park,, Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens, Cattle Country Adventure Park, Boston Tea Party, Cheltenham Racecourse, The Rising Sun Royal Oak,Hotel, Swallow Inn, The Apple Tree, Lewis Newsagents, Cheltenham Town Football, Court Farm, , Peter Ball, Outdoors, Saffron Lounge, The Hair Studio, Alexander Burns, Greyholme Dental Surgery, Badham Pharmacy, Andrews Estate Agent, Co-Op Food, Geroge Lweis footwear, No 9's, Subway, The Fitness Studio, Neptune Rum, Woodmancote Veterinary, Anns Canine Care, Holistic Hannah, Prestbury Village Stores, Cleeve Supplies, , The Original

Factory Store, Orchid Beauty, C B Hair, 121 Swim Coachng, Sherdons Golf, Cleeve Fish Bar, Furniture direct, Cotswold Estate Agency, The Stuart Holmes Salon, Costa, Beauty by Sarla and many many more.

Dates for your diary!

- 22nd January 2019 - PTA meeting. If you wish to attend please arrive at the school at 7.45pm, we look forward to welcoming you.
- 6th March 2019 - Pancake Flip - details coming your way
- 22nd March 2019 - Ladies Night, Gin Delight - details coming your way

Join our Facebook page (Woodmancote School PTA) to ensure you are updated on all of the PTA information. Alternatively speak to your class Rep (see photo on classroom window) or contact PTA by emailing

thePTA@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk.

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(Nurturing and Emotional Support Team)

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Diary Dates

17th December	Year 1 Carols at Woodmancote Church 6.30-7.30
19th December	Christmas Lunch



20 th December	Last day of Term 2
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
21 st December	INSET Day Staff only
7 th January	1 st day of Term 3
w/b 14 th January	Bikeability for Year 6
24 th January	Young Voices at Birmingham for Years 5 and 6
31 st January	Year 1 trip to SS Great Britain
w/b 4 th February	Children's' Mental Health Week
12 th February	Parent Consultations 4.30-7.30
14 th February	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30
4 th March	Year 5 Flute Concert
6 th March	PTA Sponsored Pancake Flip
w/b 18 th March	STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week
8 th -10 th May	Year 4 Residential Trip to The Forest of Dean

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