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Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new Academic Year. A very warm welcome to all the new children who have joined the school, either in Reception or in a class further up the school.

Residentials for Years 4 and 6

There will be a meeting for the parents of children in Year 4 and Year 6 on Wednesday 25th September at 6.15. This joint meeting will outline our plans for the two residentials this year and inform those parents who may be unsure about what this entails..

Secondary Transfer, September 2020

Parents of children in Year 6 will have received a pack this week. The closing date for applications to secondary schools is October 31st.

Please take the time to read through the pack and the guidance you are given and respond by the 31st at the latest.

Visits to schools are actively encouraged, just let us know and all visits are authorised.

School Games Mark Bronze Award



We are delighted to announce that Woodmancote School have achieved the School Games Mark Bronze Award for the 2018/19

academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

351 children represented Woodmancote School and competed in local inter-school competitions last year. We are extremely

proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

Mr Hoyle
Sports Coordinator

Car Park - once again!

Can we please remind all parents, once again, that you are not permitted to drive into the car park during drop-off and pick-up times. There are an increasing number of parents driving in, dropping their children off in the car park and then simply driving off. Please also remember that the car park is not to be driven in to for club pick-ups. The only people permitted to do this are those who are using Woodpeckers on that day. Thank you.

Nurture at Woodmancote

We continue to develop our Nurture provision at Woodmancote and our Nurture Room has now been in use for over 6 months. The next phase will involve the establishing of an afternoon Nurture Group with Mrs McNamee and Mrs Holder, who some of you may know from the office. They will be taking several children for sessions throughout the week.



Special Educational Needs Support

Sometimes children start school with identified Special Educational Needs (SEN) or have these needs identified at some point during their 7 years with us. Woodmancote has a long tradition of catering for children with a range of needs, some quite mild and others more complex.

From time to time parents need to chat through their concerns about their child's progress at school and explore ways in which they and the school can work together to ensure their child makes the progress they can. Parents can initially speak with the class teacher. A further meeting with Ms Phoenix may then be organised. It may be that a My Plan is drafted and then reviewed at regular points throughout the year or your child will receive additional support within the classroom, provided by one of our well trained Teaching Assistants.

Support for children with dyslexic tendencies or an actual diagnosis for example, can include overlays to help with tracking print when reading, additional support from a Teaching Assistant or work on 'Nessy', an online programme that can be done at home and at school.

If you are unsure about what support your child could receive, initially speak to your child's teacher, but please feel free to contact Ms Phoenix who works Wednesday, Thursday and Friday if you wish to explore other strategies.

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Communication

Class DoJo

Can I remind parents that staff do not automatically check messages each day and may not respond straightaway to any messages you have sent. It is therefore important that you are aware of what DoJo

should not be used for in order to avoid any frustration.

- Informing the class teacher who the child is going home with if different to normal. Occasional changes should go through the office 01242 674312
- Holiday requests or any other absences. Once again these should go through the office.
- If the child is going to Woodpeckers.
- Lunch options
- Querying why a child has lost a dojo
- Messages about incidences in school.

It may also be worth reminding parents that the loss of one dojo is not cause for undue alarm. If a child's behavior is of particular concern, the class teacher or Head of Infants or Juniors, will contact you directly asking for a meeting.

Teachers have also discussed how best they could use DoJo so that parents are not given new information via the platform, effectively excluding those parents who have not signed up for notifications.

Therefore, teachers will not use it to cancel clubs, inform you of events, other than reminding you of something that has previously been mentioned via a newsletter or email, or enter into lengthy correspondence about an issue.

Texting

Parents should not be texting members of staff even if they know the number. All communication should be through the official channels and not personal devices. Text messages will not be responded to.



Funding for School Trips and other school activities

We are asking parents to pay a one-off voluntary contribution of £36 per child. This is anticipated to be broken down approximately as follows:

- *Trip (approx. £14)*
- *Contribution to Show at Christmas (£5)*
- *Design and Technology Activities, where items are taken home (baking, etc) £4*
- *Living Chicks (£2)*
- *1 Trip to a Cheltenham Festival (£7)- Literature or Science*
- *Year group specific activities (£4) such as Zoolab, Planetarium, Young Voices or Camp out.*

Other considerations:

- *Payments for the Year 4 and Year 6 Residential would sit outside this yearly contribution*
- *Swimming for Year 4 is not included in this*
- *Children in receipt of Free School Meals would have their contribution from the Pupil Premium Grant*
- *Young Voices-Parent tickets and T-Shirts are not included*

Please make payments using the '2019-20 One-off Contribution' payment item on parentpay in the usual way (we are unable to accept cash payments). If you would like to pay it in installments, this can still be done by using parentpay, but we do ask that the full payment is made by October 25th 2019.

Please note that new Reception parents will be receiving parentpay log-in details next week.

Some parents have asked that we offer the facility to make additional voluntary

contributions. This would of course be very welcome and can be done by using the '2019-20 Additional Payment' payment item on parentpay (which defaults to £5 but any amount may be entered).

Thank you for your cooperation.

School Meals

Woodmancote School has a strict NO DEBT policy relating to the school meal service. Children will not be provided with a school lunch unless it is paid for, except those that are entitled to free school meals. If a parent genuinely forgets to pay in advance, the school may grant a debt allowance of 1 meal. However, this debt must be paid by the next day and future meals must be paid in advance before any meal is provided. If the debt is not cleared, parents must either provide a packed lunch or take the child home for lunch.

Reminders can be set up on your ParentPay account to alert you when your account goes into arrears. You can do this by logging to your ParentPay Account:

1. Login
2. Communication (located at top of page)
3. Go to Alert Settings
4. Select the type of Alert (low balance and/or new item) and select how you want to receive alerts, email and/or SMS Text.

Free School Meals

It is important that you apply for free school meals (FSM), even if you are a parent of a reception, Year 1 or Year 2 child who receives universal infant free school meals. This is because, if you are entitled to FSM, the school receives additional funding that can be used to support your child.



If you already claim FSM for one child, it is very important that you apply again for any other children you have as this does not automatically happen.

Please remember that if your child has just moved into Year 3 they are no longer entitled to universal free school meals.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

The school has several DSLs who are responsible for all aspects of Safeguarding. If you have a concern about a child, either in or out of school, please feel free to contact one of us.

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PTA News Update - 13/09/2019

Welcome back!

The PTA have enjoyed their summer break and well deserved rest, but we are now back with more energy, increased determination to raise extra funds and to have lots of fun! We are looking forward to you all joining us and helping to support the forthcoming events.

Hello and Welcome to all new joiners

Hello and welcome to all new joiners at Woodmancote, we are your PTA! Find out more about us by visiting our Facebook page (Woodmancote School PTA) or by emailing thePTA@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk. We run a variety of events throughout the school term to have fun and raise funds for our school children. More details will shortly be

issued in newsletters, posters or via Class Reps.

Any ideas or free promotion/exposure of a business?

Let's get talking and work together for the benefit of everyone. If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to feedback to us via our Facebook page (Woodmancote School PTA) or chat to one of the Class Reps (photo and name on classroom window). Also if you think you could assist with any donations, time, etc in return we may be able to promote your business.

Invite and Reminder - WOODMANSTOCK - 20/09/2019 - 6-9pm

Blow away your summer blues as Woodmancote's family fun festival 'Woodmanstock' is at the school on the evening of Friday 20th September between 6-9pm. This event is one of the best. Bring your whole family along (friends and neighbours also welcome, fun for all), bring a blanket and pocket money then enjoy the evening. We have live music, various street food, discounted bar, parents pamper tent, toddler area, climbing wall, festival glitter tattoos, fairground ride, ice creams, bouncy castles, tuck shop, football challenge, and lots more including everyone's favourite...Teacher stocks!

New term - new challenge - new volunteers needed. We are recruiting enthusiastic helpers to ensure the event is successful and fun for everyone. The PTA will run and support the event on the night along with many helping hands from the Teaching staff, however we still *need more volunteers* to help with set up (this is during the afternoon) or one of the areas on the night, this could be for some or all of the event. In exchange for your time (a minimum of 1 hour) we will be happy to provide you with a free



drink or hog roast bap as a gesture to say thank you.

If you can and would like to support this event, even if it's for a short time we would love to hear from you. Please contact us via our Facebook page (Woodmancote School PTA) or by emailing thePTA@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk. We can't do it without you.

Diary Dates

17 th September	Parent Talk at 2.15 outlining our new PSHE scheme of work that is being rolled out across the school.
20 th	PTA Woodmanstock
Tuesday 24 th 1.30pm	Open Afternoon for prospective 2020 children
24 th	Yew Class to Balcarras School Creative Day
Wednesday 25 th	Year 4 and Year 6 Residential Meeting in the hall from 6.15-7pm
1 st October	Hazel Class to Balcarras School Creative Day
3 rd	Zoolab for Years 2 and 5.
4 th	Literature Festival for Years 3 and 4
8 th	Literature Festival for Years 1 and 5
23 rd 9.30am	Open Morning for prospective 2020 children
Tuesday 22 nd Thursday 24 th	Parent Consultation Evening
25 th	INSET
5 th November	Planetarium for Reception, Year 5 and Year 6
6 th	Flu Immunisations for Reception-Year 2
6 th	Year 3 Trip to Crickley Hill

7 th	Flu Immunisations for Years 3-6
29 th	Year 1 to Woodmancote Church
10 th December	Year 1 to Woodmancote Church to decorate tree
16 th	Year 1 at Woodmancote Church for Carols (6.30-7.30)
20 th	Last day of term

Winchcombe School OPEN DAY/EVENING - 17th September 2019

Please come and see the school at our Open Day and Evening on Tuesday 17th September. There will be guided tours between 9.00am-11.00am and 6.00pm-8.00pm.

Mr Templeton, our Headteacher will give an address to parents at 6.15pm and 7.15pm in the school hall.

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Dear Parent/Carer

Just to remind you of the Encompass Initiative which works across all Gloucestershire Schools.

Operation Encompass is a new innovative project in which schools in Gloucestershire will be participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass commenced on 4th March 2019 and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the

Police will make contact with one of the Education Researchers within the Gloucestershire MASH, who will then on behalf of the police communicate relevant, necessary and proportionate information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each school has members of staff who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our DSLs in school who are: *Mr Tucker and Mrs Badham*. Please be aware that this is a police led project and therefore any complaints that you have regarding this process must be directed through the police complaints process.

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>