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Newsletter

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As we approach an eventful two weeks here at school (and nationally), can I take this opportunity to thank all those parents who support the work of the school. You may come in and hear readers, change books, help with Outdoor Learning, support children in the classroom or just give a supportive smile and comment to the class teacher in the morning! It all helps, so thank you and we hope you all have a peaceful Christmas.

For those of you who may find the cost of Christmas quite overwhelming, please do contact either Mrs McNamee or Mr Tucker for Food vouchers.

Lmcnamee@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk
head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

These are distributed in strictest confidence.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, it is important that you apply for them.

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.

Applying for FSM can be done simply on-line using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

If you have any difficulty accessing this link please feel free to come into the school office for assistance.

Christmas Parties

16th Year 5
17th Year 1
18th Year 2
19th Year 3 and Reception
20th Year 4 and Year 6

Children can come in their own clothes on the day of their year group's party.

Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post box is open for children to use and can be found in the hall by the Christmas tree. If children wish to send cards to anyone in school, they can post them in the morning, ready for delivery that afternoon. Can we urge all parents to encourage their children to put names and classes on the front of each envelope? Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone is welcome to come dressed 'festively' on Friday 13th December.

School Christmas Tree

If any family would like to have the school Christmas tree on Friday 20th December, please email Mr Tucker

head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

All we ask is for a small donation to Winston's Wish. Thank you

2020-21 Calendar

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to comment upon the term dates for the next academic year. The overwhelming majority were positive.



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Reporting Absences

Please remember that if your child will not be at school due to illness or medical appointment, you are required to let the school office know by first thing on the morning of absence. This can be done by telephoning and leaving a message on the absence line, using the absence notification link on the school website

<https://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/for-parents/absentee-form/>, or by emailing office@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Class Dojo is not to be used for this purpose and any messages sent using this method will not be recorded against any absence. Thank you.

Nativity

We are very excited about the Nativity next week. We have some tickets left for Wednesday morning's and Wednesday afternoon's performances, so please contact the class teachers if you would like any.

Midday Supervisor Vacancies

Our school is looking for enthusiastic and well organised Midday Supervisors to work daily from 12.15 to 1.15pm

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 <https://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.



Atlas Camps - Ofsted registered childcare for children aged 4 -14 years between the hours of 8am - 5pm

At Woodmancote School every half term and school holiday, including Christmas!

Only £22 per day, with the 5th day free!

For any further information please visit www.atlascamps.co.uk or email us at www.info@atlascamps.co.uk

PTA News Update – 06/12/2019

Christmas Fayre – wow together we make a difference!

This year's Christmas Fayre was a great event, we hope you enjoyed it. Together we raised approximately £3,500 for our school and for our children. This is a fantastic result, thank you for your support. There were so many kind volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly with either helping on set up, hosting or close down. We received help from grandparents, parents, teachers, support staff, children, whole families and of course the dedicated, small but strong PTA team. We received some feedback on the day with some great suggestions for ideas, we welcome this so please feel free to join the PTA to turn these suggestions into reality.

Tea Towels – they have arrived!

The order of hundreds of tea towels has just arrived and hopefully working their way to you today. Again, another great way to raise funds, support our school and our children and have some enjoyment.



Merry Christmas from the PTA

Another great term for the PTA with various events and funding raised. We hope to share with you in the new year more details on what we have raised and where this money is going so you can see how all the support and hard work is paying off. We know we are victims of our own success, but we really are in need of more PTA members. The current committee are very stretched and we only have 6 months until some members will leave to support their children and their next school. If you are looking for a new year's challenge and feel that you are ready to give back, we would love to hear from you. It's fun honest! We have two new members who have really enjoyed this term and have no regrets in joining. We look forward to hearing from you, go on, give it a go!

Year 1 and Year 2 Carols Around the Tree

On Friday 13th December @ 9.00am and 14.30pm

Please can children wear Christmas jumpers or Christmas accessories with their school uniform.

Can we also ask that family members share the performances between them and remember that Year one are performing at Woodmancote Church on Monday 16th Dec @ 6.30pm

11th	Reception Christmas Play 9.15am <i>No Pre-School children to watch please</i>
11th	2.00pm Little Chestnuts and Reception Christmas Play
12th	Little Chestnuts and Reception Christmas Play 2.00pm
13 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	Year 2 Carol Concert in the Hall 2.45pm
16th	Year 1 at Woodmancote Church for Carols (6.30-7.30)
w/b 16th	Christmas Parties
18th	Christmas Lunch
20 th	Last day of term
6 th January 2020	First day of term

Diary Dates

10 th	Year 1 to Woodmancote Church to decorate tree
10 th	Little Chestnuts and Reception Christmas Play 2.00pm <i>No Pre-School children to watch please</i>



News from the Kingfisher Nurture Group

We have had a wonderful first term of nurture as a group in the NEST room. We have been working hard developing our new routines, helping each other and developing our independence as well as working our socks off to recognise our personal qualities and the thoughts we have about ourselves.



We have done so much including becoming members of the local library, cooking, creating star jars, computing, creating chocolate lollies to sell at the school

Christmas Fair as well as writing & posting letters to Father Christmas! Have a look at some of our adventures in the photographs below... we can't wait to see what we will get up to in the new year!





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