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Newsletter

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Summer Events

Thanks to new guidance from the Local Authority, we are now in a position to start scheduling further events in school. Whilst the guidance remains that parents are not to come on site for various events, we are able to organise activities that we had to unfortunately cancel last year. For some of these, details have yet to be finalised, and as with everything, it will all depend on decisions taken at a national level.

If, at any time, the advice changes, so that parents are allowed on site, we will make the necessary adjustments.

The Bee Musical-Year 2 Play

Week beginning 21st June

This will go ahead, although without parents on site. It will be recorded in the same way as the Year 6 play and the link to the recording shared with parents.

Sports Day

Week beginning 28th June.

As it will only involve children at school, we will use the day that has the most favourable weather forecast!. Photos of the Day will be posted on the website

Year 5 Transition Day to Cleeve

Monday 21st June.

Further details will be coming from Cleeve School at some point.

New Reception Transition Day

Tuesday 22nd June

Parents of children starting in September will be receiving a letter this week outlining our arrangements.

Meet the Remote Teacher sessions!

Week beginning 5th July

Teachers from each year group will be holding a short introductory session via

TEAMs, so parents can meet and put a face to a name.

'Move Up; Afternoon

Tuesday 20th July

An opportunity for all children to meet with their new teachers.

Whole School Trip to the Cotswold

Wildlife Park

Wednesday 21st July

Letters regarding this were sent out yesterday. This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come back together and celebrate the year.

Year 6	
Hoodies	Thank you for all the orders, these will now be collated and we look forward to seeing them in due course
Year Book	Mrs Crouch, Prefects, House and Vice House Captains will be putting this together. Further details will follow
Transition to Secondary Schools	We are still none the wiser as to how Secondary Schools plan to do this, but we will let you know as soon as we find out
Residential 7 th -9 th July	Please see specific letter about this.
Year 6 Fun Evening TBC	This will be a little different this year, but there will still be the opportunity for children to come together after school, with a Photo Booth, teachers and food!
Year 6 Play	This will go ahead, although without parents on site. It will be recorded in the same way as the Year 2 play and the link to the recording shared with parents



Year 6 Awards	This may be a remote event, but we may be able to underake some form of ceremony after the Year 6 Evening event mentioned above. Either way, children in Year 6 will be awarded the end of year trophies.
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M.A.D

Children in Years 2, 3 and 4 had a fantastic time last week, despite the awful weather, with Jack and the team from M.A.D. With various challenges, plenty of mud and lots of running around, they all benefited from the experience. A big thank you to the PTA for making it possible.

Reports

These will take the same format as last year and will go out over a period of three days as they will be coming directly to you via email. Please look out for them 14th, 15th and 16th July.

Further details of how you can contact teachers if you want to, will come out nearer the time.

Marigold and Pebbles-An update!

Our chicks are now chickens! The chicken coup has been ordered (thank you to everyone who made a contribution) and we are looking forwards to see what the two of them make of their new home!

Healthy Relationships Policy-Consultation

With this newsletter you will have also received a draft Healthy Relationship Policy and an overview of the programme of study for the much wider Personal, Social, Health Education aspect of our curriculum.

Consultation on these was delayed because of COVID, but we would like to formally adopt these in the coming weeks.

If you have any comments that you want to make about the policy or programme of study, please email your responses to head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk by Friday 14th May.

**Great British Spring Clean
Keep Britain Tidy**

28 May - 13 June 2021

Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean is back for 2021 and children in Years 1 and 3 will soon be off around the village doing their bit for the community.

We would urge every family to get involved this year, to make a difference to the community and help children engage with looking after their environment.

Whilst we are registering as a school, families can also register, following the link below.

<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/home>

Hen House

Thank you to all of you who donated money for our hen house which is now on order! Marigold and Pebbles are very much looking forward to moving into their new accommodation once it arrives. They are currently being pampered by the Little Chestnuts staff and children.



Race to the Tower for Tommy

Some of you will already know Tommy Squire and his family, but for those of you who do not, Tommy, was a wonderful member of our school community for far too short a time, before his untimely death in 2020.

His family have been surrounded by the love of many of you, but we thought you would all like to hear of how some of our parents are raising money for the Grand Appeal.

<https://www.grandappeal.org.uk/>

In June this year Cat, Clare and George are taking on the daunting challenge of 52 miles, 84km, over 2 days, (that's double marathon distance!) of the challenging Cotswold Way from Stroud to Broadway Tower. This is in the hope that we can raise some money in memory of our friend Lorraine's son Tommy, who passed away in August 2020 aged just 9 years old.

Tommy will always be remembered by his friends at Woodmancote School as a cheeky, fun loving, joke telling, football crazy boy who loved fortnite and had a wicked sense of humour. Sadly, over the course of 5 years, Tommy spent so much of his short life on Starlight Ward at Bristol Children's Hospital. There he was treated by the fantastic team of doctors, nurses and health professionals as part of his long and brave battle with Leukemia. It is important to Tommy's family to be able to help raise money, to be able to thank and give back to the wonderful team on Starlight Ward, to ensure Tommy's name and memory live on, whilst helping other children needing & going through treatment for cancer.

In February 2019 Tommy had rung the bell as an official end to his treatment for leukemia. That spring during a girls trip to Paris, when Cat and Clare were running the Paris marathon, we hatched the next challenge, The Race to

the Tower. We had a great trip with happy memories. Devastatingly not long after this trip Tommy was taken poorly again, his leukemia had returned. Following a bone marrow transplant and 17 weeks in isolation on Starlight Ward Tommy's tired body could not fight any longer and he gained his angel wings.

The official Race To The Tower challenge has not yet taken place. The event was cancelled in 2020 and again in 2021 due to Covid, but not wanting to wait another year, on June the 5th and 6th Clare, Cat and I will complete our own version of the challenge, for Tommy, for Lorraine and for the Starlight Ward. It's 84km of challenging hills with nearly 2,300 metres of elevation to negotiate. It's by far the toughest challenge we have ever taken on. We will run, jog, walk and crawl if we need to and hope to meet Lorraine for the final challenge, the last hill up to Broadway Tower. (Renowned for her cheerleading skills and motivational signs I can't wait to see that cheeky grin when we finally get there!)

Please, if you can, sponsor us, no matter what the amount. The money raised will enable us to buy equipment for Starlight Ward, so that Tommy's name will be remembered for years to come, leaving a legacy to help other children & their families in the place that was home to him and his family for so much of his short life.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/georgina-bull2>



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