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Newsletter

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Face Coverings

Thank you to everyone who continues to remember to wear these! With increases in the number of Cheltenham Schools with positive cases and therefore children having to be sent home, it is becoming more important than ever that we do all we can to slow the spread of the virus.

School Cloud

Unfortunately we are unable to offer face to face Parent Consultations this year. However, we will be able to provide you with access to your child's teacher through School Cloud.

This is the first time we have used this, although we do know of other schools who have. Can we please assure you that if there is a glitch on the evening, we will make every effort to reschedule any lost appointments!

It is also worth noting that the allotted 10 minutes will be adhered to...automatically! Your screen will simply shut down after 10 minutes, so please do not be offended, it is not the class teacher getting rid of you, but the system!

You should have already received information about this system, so if you haven't please do contact the office as soon as possible as the booking system will go live on Monday.

Secondary School transfer

Despite local authority directives that open days and tours should not take place this year due to COVID-19 regulations, we have noticed that some secondary schools have been inviting people to join tours. We have decided that the best thing is to pass all of these pieces of information on to you so that you can make these decisions for yourself.

We recognise how important it is for you to visit schools with your children because

secondary school choice is a huge choice to make. We are, in this respect, pleased that secondary schools are providing some opportunities for you to see them at work, with much being shared virtually for the first time. As a result of these tours we have decided that we need to put additional measures in place to be able to protect our own school community from any cross contamination which may occur.

With this in mind, only Y6 children will be able to visit secondary schools during school time (although we would prefer them to attend evening sessions) - permission for Y5 children to miss school for a secondary visit will not be granted - this is to minimise risk and to ensure vital places for Y6 are not taken up with those who have another year to decide. For those Y6 parents who wish for their child to accompany them on a tour of a secondary school, please be aware that we would like your child to return home to change into their uniform prior to coming into school, to ensure that they have sanitised their hands and whilst on tour have maintained social distance. With the prevalence of Covid19 in some Gloucestershire schools currently we feel that it is important that we protect our bubbles here at school and ask you to support us with this.

Drum Lessons

The Music Junction are looking for new drummers! Woodmancote is fortunate to have a brilliant full size drum kit in their music department and we have plenty of space to fill on a Thursday morning for lessons. Any ability and musical experience welcome from KS2 classes - we can pair children from bubbles together, and of course social distancing and sanitising will be maintained for lessons.



Please email Nathan for more details and to sign up: nathan.themusicjunction@talktalk.net

Reception 2020

The children have settled incredibly well and we are looking forward to seeing most of them full-time next week. They are an absolute joy to have at school!

Thank you

A big thank you to Mrs Joice for helping put together all the new furniture! It is much appreciated. Thank you if you offered, but we didn't use you! I am sure there will be other specific jobs in the future.

Late collections

Can we please remind all parents that your child should be picked up by 3.15pm, unless there are very specific circumstances which make this unavoidable.

The Britannia Way gate is locked at 3.20pm as all parents should be on site by then. In the mornings, the gate will be locked at 9.05am.

Year 4-/5 Residential-Forest of Dean

Unfortunately we have to now cancel the previously rescheduled residential to the Forest of Dean, that was due to go ahead in November. Refunds will be made next week and will go back on to the card that you initially paid with. Any issues, please contact Mrs Holder at office@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Parent Governor Election

Closing date is Thursday at 12noon

Outdoor Learning

Every year group has the opportunity to use the Nature Area and undertake some

Outdoor Learning, so we would welcome any support parents can give. We currently need

- Someone to give the area a strim!
- Logs and branches
- Child sized gardening gloves
- Miniature trowels/forks for digging

Mr Ridal is responsible for Outdoor Learning, so please feel free to contact him if you can help lridal@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Dates for the Diary

October	Black History Month
13 th October	Parent Consultations via School Cloud
15 th October	Parent Consultations via School Cloud
16 th October	Last day of Term 1
2 nd November	First day of Term 2
27 th November	INSET for staff No children at school

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