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Newsletter

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Newsletter 17th September 2021

Welcome to all those new parents who have recently joined the school community. That includes not only parents of Reception aged children, but also those of children who have joined us in Year groups throughout the school.

Once again we are full at 420 children and have waiting lists in several year groups. Thank you for choosing us and we hope that you and your children have a wonderful experience here at Woodmancote.

We like to ensure that all parents are aware of some of the procedures that we have in place within school, so we have included several sections in this newsletter that we hope you find useful. If you are an existing parent, we hope that they serve as timely reminders!

School lunches

Many children choose to have hot school dinners and we hope that they choose something that they will eat. If your child is to have a hot dinner, can we ask that you spend some time looking at the menu and preparing your child so that they choose something that they will like and not end up throwing away? Please can we also remind you that your Parentpay account should always be in credit prior to your child ordering a school lunch.

Packed lunches

Children are encouraged to keep all their rubbish in their lunch boxes so that as parents, you can see how much they have eaten and what they might have left because they do not like it. We hope that this helps you make decisions about what to include and what not to.

Some of the lunches this week have been very generous, so please consider striking a

balance as to what you would like them to eat and what they can physically eat in 30 minutes.

Year 6 Transition and School choices

We hope that many of you found the recent talks from Cleeve and Winchcombe helpful. If you have a child in Year 6 we urge you to visit as many schools as you can in the coming months in order to come to an informed decision about which school is right for your child. Open Days are a wonderful way to do this and absences for this reason are always authorised. Just drop admin a short email to let us know.

Year 6 Cleeve Taster Day - Monday 20th September.

On Monday children in Year 6 will visit Cleeve School. They will need a packed lunch and to wear trainers. Please contact the class teacher if you have any questions.

Change of Date for Parent Consultations

Due to staff training, Parent Consultations will now be on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month. Children are invited to create a poster, picture or a presentation to share and discuss with their class on the theme of black history. This could be about a particular person, a significant event or any aspect linked to black history. We will also be marking Black History Month in school throughout October with assemblies, lessons and stories.

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

Climate Justice

A project about climate Justice
We have been invited by Bishop's Cleeve parish council to take part in their letters of creation event. Children are invited to



illustrate their feelings about the environment and the changing climate. Children's entries can be in the form of a letter, a poem, a picture or poster. Entries will be displayed on the 23rd and 24th of October at the council offices. Anyone wishing to take part should submit their entries to the council offices by Thursday 21st October and should include the name and age of the child on the front.

School Car Park

Can we remind all parents that the car park at the front of the school is only for staff, visitors to the school and parents displaying Blue Badges or School Badges. If you are dropping off or picking up from Woodpeckers you may also use it, but we politely ask all other parents to park on surrounding roads.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be out in the coming weeks to ensure that this polite message is received and understood by all!

Year 6 Camp out

The Year 6 children were certainly blessed with wonderful weather for their Camp out in the school grounds last night. All the teachers commented upon how well behaved they were and how happy they were to be doing something 'normal' after all that they have dealt with over the last 18 months.

Thank you for your support in making this possible, but a very special thanks to Mr Ridal, Mr Evans, Mr Adkin, Mrs Badham, Mrs White who all 'slept' over and Mrs Lee and Miss Steer who stayed for the evening and were in charge of hot chocolate. Finally, a big thank you to Lisa Bowden who cooked for the children. It was certainly a wonderful team effort!

New Rugby Club

You will have already received details of this new club. We do hope that you will support it and that the children have a fantastic time.

The Pioneer Centre-Year 4 and 5 Residential

We are delighted to announce that the Year 4 and 5 children will be given the opportunity to all go on a 3 day, 2 night residential to The Pioneer Centre this academic year. A letter will be coming out to parents in the coming weeks. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for both Year groups.

Young Voices-Tuesday 11th January

We are delighted to announce that once again our Year 5 and 6 children will be performing at Young Voices. Further details will follow later in the term

School Ambassadors

We have been considering how both Prefects and House Captains can play a meaningful and full part in the life of the school. This year, we are going to appoint up to 16 School Ambassadors, 4 for each House. These children will be responsible for Open Days, Sports Events, House Events and Fund Raising across the school. They will support the work of the newly formed School Council that will be run by Mrs Jordon.

We look forward to telling you a little more about their work in the coming months.

Free School Meals - October Half Term

For the October half-term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme.



These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the half-term week.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September.

Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on our website](#).

Growing Hope Garden

We have made a start with this project, but are desperately in need of the following. Please email Mrs Dodwell (rdodwell@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk) if you can help

- Help with removing turf to make flower beds. Do you have a secret weapon that we could use or time to help?
- Gardening tools such as spades, trowels, secateurs.
- Hardy perennials-If you are splitting this this Autumn, we would love to have a 'clump'!

- Bags of compost (preferably peat free)

We are also looking to work towards having a Polytunnel or small greenhouse.

Dates for the Diary

20 th September	Year 6 visit Cleeve School
30 th September 6.30pm	Information evening for parents new to Reception
30 th September	Zoolab in school
October	Black History Month
Thursday 7 th October	School Photos Siblings and Individuals
Thursday 21 st October	INSET No school for children
22 nd -31 st October	Half term holiday
1 st November	Start of Term 2
Monday 1 st November 4.30-7.30	Parent Consultations It is hoped that these will be face to face in school.
Thursday 4 th November 3.30-6.30	
Thursday 11 th November	Armistice Day
Friday 26 th November	INSET No school for children
Friday 10 th December	In School Pantomime
17 th December	Last day of term 2
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET No school for children
5 th January	First day of term 3



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