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Newsletter

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Many of you may have already donated to agencies or organisations responding to the crises in

Ukraine. However, if you haven't and wish to donate now, you may want to visit

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/donate>

https://www.dec.org.uk/?utm_source=bbc-website&utm_medium=affiliate&utm_campaign=a025

Talking to children about the conflict

Many children are trying to make sense of the crises, so parents may find this link of use in answering their questions.

<https://www.savethechildren.org/us/charity-stories/how-to-explain-conflict-ukraine-to-children>

Living our Value of BELONG as a school

Our first value as a school is developing a sense of BELONGING. This applies to both the local, national and international community. We believe that children need to see that they have a place in this world and that belonging means that they have both rights, but also responsibilities.

It may feel that there are a string of 'special days' in March or days where it seems that we are asking for donations for this charity or another. We recognise this, but also know that whilst many families do feel financial pressures of one kind or another, many of you want to support the amazing work done by various organisations across the UK and beyond.

Therefore, we encourage all children to join in on these special days, but please do not feel that you have to contribute financially.

It is simply important that children participate and if you can afford to donate, you have the opportunity to.

Red Nose Day-Friday 18th March

Information about what your Red Nose donations supports, can be found by following this link.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does>

The theme for this year is 'Spots and Socks'. Children can come to school spotty or wear socks...however they wish! As always, donations are welcome, but not essential. If you wish to donate you can do through the special Red Nose day link via Parentpay

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6904>

World Downs Syndrome Day-21st March

To mark this day and to help raise awareness of Downs Syndrome, children are encouraged to wear bright, colourful socks on Monday 21st March.

Further information about this campaign can be found by following the link below.

[About #LotsOfSocks - Down Syndrome International \(worlddownsyndromeday.org\)](https://www.worlddownsyndromeday.org)

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who supported this day. Many of the children dressed up, but it was also wonderful to hear about their favourite books, characters and stories.

Swimming for Year 2 and 3

We are pleased to announce that this term Year 2 and Year 3 children will be participating in swimming lessons in a covered pool on the school site. These lessons will take

place every day for the two weeks of 28th March and 4th April 2022.

We have decided to go down this route as it offers a number of benefits. Historically a term of 10 lessons at the local leisure centre has cost £45. Having the pool on-site reduces this to £30 per child. In addition, it means that children will have a 30min lesson every day for two weeks which is proven to be more successful than weekly lessons. It also obviously reduces time out of the classroom as there is no travel time involved.

Many schools within Cheltenham are now adopting this approach.

The pool is 32 ft X 16ft, will be housed within a marquee, is heated, and will have the water tested every hour. A lifeguard will be present throughout the lessons, and children will be taught in groups of 10-12 by a qualified swimming teacher.

The cost of the course of 10 lessons is £30. Please make payment via the Parentpay website in the usual way as soon as possible.

Sessions will be back to back, with children changing in separate changing rooms erected on site by the pool.

Cross Country

On Thursday 3rd March, the second to last of this year's inter school cross country races took place. The Woodmancote children did superbly, and showed incredible spirit, which made me very proud. They also loudly and enthusiastically cheered on their schoolmates, which made me even more proud. Special mention has to go to Harrison Tyrell, who came second in his race, and to Izzy Hunn, who came 11th even though she has only just recovered from an injury. Thank you also to the parents for bringing the children along, cheering despite the

drizzle, and successfully battling the parking.....

We're looking forward to the final cross country race of the academic year next week.

Mr.Adkin

Football

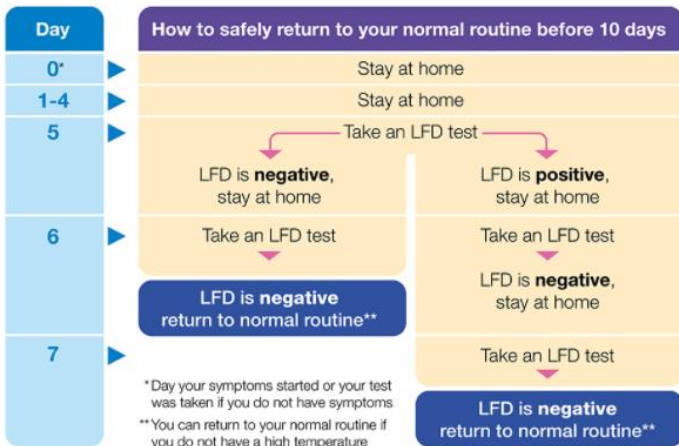
Woodmancote have played 2 of their 3 cup games, winning both. If they win their final game, they will progress to the final and have a chance of winning a trophy. Good luck!



On Wednesday 3rd of March the girls football team travelled to Bishops Cleeve. The girls were still looking for their first win after some very difficult games. The girls were up for the game and got stuck in straight away scoring a quick opening goal. This spurred the girls on to work as a team to score a fantastic team goal consisting of 9 passes. The girls fought hard during the game both in attack and defensive in order to keep a clean sheet. The girls worked well and ended up winning 8-0. It was so great to see the sportsmanship between both sides at the end of the game and for the girls to get their first win of the season. Well done to all of those that have been involved with the football this season and we look forward to our next game.



COVID 19 Update



You will be aware that the government has updated national COVID-19 guidance during the holiday. Public health advice for [People with COVID-19 and their contacts](#) changed from 24th February meaning that contacts are no longer required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests, and contact tracing has ended. Public health advice is that people with COVID-19 continue to stay at home and avoid contact with other people to stop the spread of infection. They suggest that people follow the procedures shown below in order to safely return to their normal routine as soon as possible.

Children with COVID-19 should not attend nursery/school while they are infectious. They should take a LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have

symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests results are negative, they should return to Preschool/school, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

People who experience COVID-19 symptoms should still [order a PCR test](#) and stay at home and avoid contact with other people whilst waiting for the test result.

Please email the office in the event of any absences in the usual way at admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Guidance materials for [schools](#) and [early years](#) providers have changed in response to the Government's ['Living with COVID-19'](#) plans. Our COVID-19 risk assessment and Outbreak Management Plan has been updated in line with this guidance.

Whilst maintaining a number of protective measures (e.g. enhanced cleaning, adequate ventilation and regular handwashing), you will see that we have phased out our 'bubble' controls, allowing children to mix more widely at break and lunchtime.

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- Pre-school Website:**
<http://littlechestnutspreschoolwoodmancote.co.uk/>



Dates for the Diary.

Further events will be added to the calendar throughout the year.

Tues 8 th March	Parent Consultations
Thurs 10 th March	Parent Consultations
Tues 1 st - 10 th March	Bikeability for Year 6
w/b 14 th March	STEM Week
Fri 18 th March	Year 4 trip to Gloucester https://www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/ https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/places-to-visit/gloucester-docks
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day/Comic Relief
Mon 21 st March	Downs Syndrome Awareness Day An opportunity to wear bright socks!
Mon 21 st - Wed 23 rd March	Year 4 and 5 Residential https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/pioneer-centre/
Mon 28 th March-8 th April	On-site Swimming Pool for Years 2 and 3
7 th - 14 th April	Books for bugs virtual book fair
Tues 5 th April	M and M production of The Railway Children for Years 4-6
Fri 8 th April	Last day of Term 4
Mon 25 th April	First day of Term 5
w/b 9 th May	Year 6 SATS Week
Mon 16 th to Fri 20 th May	Year 6 Residential https://activity-centres.naycacuk.co.uk/whitemoor-lakes/
Fri 27 th May	Last day of Term 5

Fri 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebration Details to follow
Mon 6 th June	First day of Term 6
Fri 17 th June	Prince of Wales Athletics Competition for KS2 children
Thurs 21 st July 2022	Last day of term.



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