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Newsletter

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14th November 2022



Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday (Sunday

13th November) Woodmancote Church is holding a short Service of Remembrance in the car park of The Apple Tree and again this year children from Year 6 are taking part in the service.

All children, parents and friends are invited to attend. The service will begin at 10.45am and refreshments will be served afterwards in the church.

Reading Information Evening - Wednesday
9th November 6.30-7.45pm

Did you know?

Reading aloud to children is linked to accelerated progress in reading. Children who are read to at least 3 times a week are twice as likely to score in the top 25% of reading attainment.

"Children who are the most engaged with reading and writing are 3 times as likely to have higher levels of mental wellbeing than others who are least engaged"

What can you expect from the evening?
The evening will be workshop based and you can choose which workshops you wish to attend on the night.

- Phonics and early reading (Aimed at Reception and Year 1)
- Spelling Shed support and information.
- Supporting and engaging KS2 children with reading
- Technology and Apps information for supporting English at home.
- Will from The Cleeve Bookshop for book advice

Childcare

To encourage your attendance to this event, we're able to offer childcare if required. Please email Mrs Baxter if you'd like to book your child a space by Monday 7th November.

kbaxter@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Please note, due to ratios, we can only accept school age children. We hope you are able to support this event and look forward to seeing you there. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Mrs Baxter and Mr Ridal English Team

Hockey at Woodmancote



My name is Richie and I am delighted to introduce everyone at

Woodmancote to RO Coaching. To sum us up - we deliver high quality hockey sessions to



primary schools, providing the very best start to hockey. At Woodmancote we are running two after school clubs and assisting hockey in PE lessons.

RO Coaching aims to ensure every child gains access to the enjoyment that sport can bring. We want each child to leave a RO Coaching session with the belief that they can go further than they previously thought possible, learnt a new skill and had fun in the process.

All our coaches are qualified to at least EH Level 2, DBS checked and have played to a senior level (Some even to an international standard!) Perhaps most importantly we are team of coaches and work collaboratively to constantly improve our craft and your children's experience.

We currently run after school clubs on two days;

Mondays 3:15pm - 4:15pm, for Years 2 & 3

Tuesdays 3:15pm - 4:15pm, for Years 4, 5 & 6

For more info and how to book your place, visit our website - www.ROCoaching.co.uk We hope to see you playing hockey soon!

PM & M Productions - Snow White

You will have already received a letter regarding this production. However, in case you have not seen it...

We are very lucky to have M & M Productions visiting the school on Friday 9th December 2022 during school hours to perform "Snow White" for our children. Previous performances have been excellent and really enjoyed by all.

In order to make this viable, we require a contribution of £4.60 per child, payable by Friday 25th November 2022 via parentpay.

Please note that the production won't be able to go ahead if we don't have enough contributions.

We continue to have an in school production as the cost of coaches makes a trip off site too expensive. This is a wonderful early Christmas treat, so please do support us. Thank you.

The Holiday Activity and Food programme

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) will be returning this December to provide you with exciting, festive holiday fun for your family. See below for all the information you need to know.

Click here to watch our latest HAF video!<<https://youtu.be/4Fk3OI8zuSc>>

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a Department for Education funded initiative to provide free activities and food for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

When is HAF happening?

HAF will be running for 4 days between 19-22 December.

When will bookings go live?

HAF bookings will go live from 1 December

What do I need to do in the meantime?

To make sure you're ready to book your activities this December, you need to do the following things:

1. Make sure you're registered on our Children's Activity Booking Site (CABS). This is important as this is the booking system you will use to book your HAF activities. You can register by clicking here<<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/>>



2. If you're already registered to CABS, make sure all details are up to date on your account. This is important as it helps us to make sure we are providing appropriate activities for children attending HAF, and that any additional needs are catered for. We want to ensure children and young people have the best experience possible.

Food hampers are not available this December, but we will share more details about the Holiday Free School Meal Voucher scheme with you soon.

How can I find out more information?

For more information, you can visit our website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf or www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

For general queries, you can email us at HAFPparentenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

**Friday 18th November
Non-Uniform Day**

Children may come to school in their own clothes in return for a small donation to the Christmas Fair.

Any of the following would be very welcome
Chocolates/Sweets/Treats
Christmas Produce-Cake, puddings, mince pies
Bottles (Alcoholic or otherwise!)

Autumn Term	
9 th November	Maple
16 th November	Hazel
21 st November	Fir
23 rd November	Oak
Spring Term	
25 th January	Rowan
1 st February	Holly
8 th February	Pine
15 th February	Beech
8 th March	Yew
15 th March	Cedar
22 nd March	Ash
Summer Term	
26 th April	Year 3
3 rd May	Year 2
17 th May	Year 4
24 th May	Year 5
7 th June	Year 1
14 th June	Reception
	Year 6 TBC

Class Assemblies

These will return fully this year and we warmly welcome parents of the children in each specific class to come along and see what the children have been doing in school. They will start at 9am and are usually finished by 9.20am



PTA Newsletter - 04/11//2022

Hello from the PTA! We hope you are ready for this one, as we've been busy bees or should I say Elves arranging lots of fun for us all. Grab a pen and make a note of the below....

Dates for your diary

- **16 November - PTA AGM** - everyone is welcome to join us in the AGM. See below for details.
- **21 November - Christmas Cards order deadline** - please ensure your Christmas card/item order is placed ONLINE by this date otherwise your order will not be processed. Unfortunately, there is NO flexibility with late orders - sorry.
- **26 November - Christmas Fayre** - see info below
- **02 December - Bags4School** - full details in due course, but in brief start bagging up any clothes you no longer need as we can recycle these items into cash for our school. Time for a pre Christmas clear out! Get bagging.

PTA AGM - Wednesday 16 November 7:45pm - School Hall

PTA AGM - Say what??? Parents, Teachers Association Annual General Meeting! Basically, it's our formal meeting to elect volunteers into positions on the PTA committee. We take this seriously, however we are also an informal bunch and have a giggle. Before you think of the cringe scenes from the comedy Motherland or listen to hearsay from dreaded PTA reputations, our PTA isn't like that, honest! We've always had a small but dedicated PTA who meet regularly (sometimes down the pub!) to organise events to raise funds for the school, for our children. From simple Pancake Flips with all the children

taking part from Little Chestnuts to Year 6 (and some teachers!) to our adult Gin Nights and our fabulous family festival, Woodmanstock which we hope to run again this year.

Over the years we've raised lots of funds which go directly back into supporting the school. The play equipment on the playground, new books in the library, the firepit in the Forest School area, additional learning resources in classrooms, competition prizes, the Year 6 Leavers bash and for the free flowing Teas and Coffees at events, have all been funded by the PTA. It's parents like you who volunteer and support us that make all this happen.

As it will be the AGM we have the four main PTA positions available and are seeking new volunteers to fill these roles. Here's a brief description to explain the roles. Please feel free to ask for more details if necessary. The opportunity to join the PTA without a dedicated role is available too.

- PTA Chair - To make all committee members feel welcomed and valued, to set the PTA agenda, to provide leadership, to co-write the annual PTA report. To have the final say on PTA decisions.
- PTA Vice-Chair - Deputising for the Chairperson when necessary, the Vice-Chair helps to ensure that the Committee and all of the events continue to run smoothly.
- PTA Secretary deals with all the correspondence that the PTA receives and helps the Chair ensure that committee meetings run smoothly.
- PTA Treasurer - To manage and control the funds the PTA raises. Although all the committee members have equal responsibility for the



control and management of PTA funds the Treasurer plays an important part in helping the committee carry out these duties properly.

PTA Committee Members - Support and work alongside the above roles for the benefit of the PTA. Attends PTA meetings (one meeting per term), encourages participation and enthusiasm for the events organised by the PTA.

Your PTA needs YOU, we really do. It would be fantastic to have a strong representation across all year groups. Everyone will be warmly welcomed and supported throughout. We are all volunteers and just try to do our best and do as much as we can having fun along the way! The existing members are keen to pass on their wisdom before they leave the school so at each event we pair up an experienced and new team member for the ultimate combo! Being in the PTA also gives you a different insight into the school and what your children experience at Woodmancote. It's also a fabulous feeling when you know your efforts have contributed to the wider community and made a difference.

We would love to see you and explain more at the AGM, so please pop along. Light refreshments will be provided. New, previous, curious, excited, volunteers are all welcome.

If you wish to contact the PTA please use our Facebook page to message - Woodmancote School PTA or email thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26 November 1 - 4 pm

- A Christmas Fayre with a variety of stalls, games, refreshments, food, raffle, gifts, festive photobooth and lots more. Everyone welcome, so tell your family, friends, neighbours to*

come along have some fun and support our school. Our aim this year is to create memories for the children and help families enjoy affordable fun, therefore we have FREE ENTRY for all, aimed our prices low and have added in some free festive fun activities for children and adults! All funds raised on the day will go back into our school.

- We need your help - volunteers please! No experience necessary just a Ho Ho Ho attitude. We require support on all activities to help make the fayre a fun and safe environment for all to enjoy. We cannot run this event if we don't get the support. We are looking for help from 1-4pm or if you can't commit to the 3 hours we are happy to coordinate 1/2/3 hours of help either on the day or prior to help with set up. Each activity will be hosted by a PTA member so you will join and support them on the day. It really is a lovely event to help with. Please email thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk with your name, contact details and availability asap.*
- Sponsor the event? Is this where you or your company could help? Donations in either money or gifts are very much welcomed, please email us to discuss further. In return we would be proud to thank you in our advertising.*

***P.S-**Another shout out to all those brilliant volunteers that helped us make the Halloween Disco a success. Lots of children enjoyed their first School disco which was great to see. Approximately £400.00 profit was raised which has gone into the PTA pot ready to support the requests from the school.*



18 th October	School Photos
w/b 7 th November	Arts Week
Wednesday 9 th November	Reading Evening for Parents
w/b 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 18 th November	Non-Uniform Day in aid of the Christmas Fair
7 th December	Reception/Little Chestnuts Christmas Play at 9.15am
8 th December	Reception/ Little Chestnuts Christmas Play at 2.15pm
9 th December	Pantomime Production at School by M and M Productions
13 th Dec	Reception Height, Weight and Vision Test
15 th Dec	Year 6 Height and Weight Test
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET-No children in School

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