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Newsletter

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Friday 20th October 2023

PTA Disco

Y1, Y2 and Y3 disco: 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Y4, Y5 and Y6 disco: 7:30pm - 8:30pm

£2 per child (cash) on the door

The school car park will be closed. Please park considerately to other road users and school neighbours (preferably on Britannia Way).

Entrance to the disco is via the Reception classrooms and access to and from the school site will be via the Britannia Way entrance only (disabled access via the main office door). This is to try to help with traffic congestion on Station Road and will also provide some cover for those queuing to access the disco (the forecast is not great).

It would be helpful if parents could hang on to coats following drop off, where possible.

We will have face paints and temporary water transfer tattoos available at the disco. Please let us know via thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk if you do not want your child to have these applied.

Collection after each disco will be via Maple (Y1 and Y4), Willow (Y2 and Y5) and Cedar (Y3 and Y6) classrooms accessed via the Britannia Way entrance from the infant playground. Please can parents follow the one way route into the relevant classroom so that we can make sure each child is appropriately collected.

Thank you!

A big thank you to the team from Spirax Sarco for sanding the MUGA and putting up the new goals! We really appreciate your support. Another thank you to those parents who popped in to school to help with various other jobs. You know who you are and we very much appreciate it.

Volunteering at school

If you would like to volunteer at school on a more regular basis, there is a process and policy that can be found on our website under Safeguarding policies.

<https://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/school-policies/>

OFSTED

Our OFSTED report is now public and can be found at

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50231127>

Thank you again to all those parents who spoke so positively about the school. Your support is very much appreciated.

Parent and Teacher Association AGM

The PTA AGM took place at the beginning of the week. Charlotte Tupper and Christine Slade will continue to be Co-chair, and Kathryn Rushe will continue to be the secretary. Sadly, we said goodbye to Sarah Christy who has stepped down as Treasurer, but we welcome Chris Davis to the team.

Christmas Cards

We hope you all found the information and cute Christmas card designs in book bags last week. The deadline for ordering these is the 25th October to ensure a delivery before Christmas.

Christmas Fayre

We are very excited to announce the school Christmas Fayre will be on the 1st December 6-8pm. More information will follow, and we are hoping for an even better Christmas raffle again this year!!

Secondary School Applications

The closing date for secondary school applications is approaching - 31 October 2023.

Parents are encouraged to apply online as this means they will receive an email on



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allocation day. The link to apply online is <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-to-secondary-school-or-from-middle-to-high-school-september-2024/>.

However, if you are struggling to use the online system, you can use the Common Application Form (CAF) emailed earlier this week and you will be notified by letter after allocation day.

Parents/carers with queries can contact the admissions team on either school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk or 01452 425407.

Student wellbeing is central to the ethos of our school. We are therefore delighted to share with you a new NHS Gloucestershire funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 (years 3-7) who are experiencing fears or worries; **Lumi Nova**.

What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova: Tales of courage is an intergalactic adventure game where players step into the shoes of a newly recruited Luminaut and start an exciting adventure through space - travelling to different planets, meeting new characters, solving puzzles and attempting challenges. Lumi Nova support young people to fight fears & manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Lumi Nova is designed for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears and worries related to social situations, separation or phobias, but may also be helpful for young people outside this age range.

Designed by BFB Labs, Lumi Nova was developed with NHS clinicians and leading academics. It is based upon Cognitive

Behavioural Therapy and Exposure Therapy which are proven to be effective. Lumi Nova is recommended by NICE (National Institute for Health & Care Excellence) and adheres to strict standards of clinical safety.

How to Access Lumi Nova:

To use Lumi Nova you must first register to get a game key by visiting luminova.app/glos and completing a short registration form. You will then receive an SMS message that will guide you through getting started.

You will be directed to download Lumi Nova. Lumi Nova is free to download from the Apple and Google Play Stores and is compatible with iPhones, iPads and most Android smartphones and tablets.

Where can I find out more about Lumi Nova?

- More information about Lumi Nova including FAQs and case studies can be found at luminova.app/glos
- If you have any questions please reach out to the lumi nova team: luminova@bfb-labs.com
- To listen to a short presentation about Lumi Nova you can attend a 30 minute [Parent Lumi Nova Discovery Session](#)



Dates for the Diary

October	
Black History Month	
Tuesday 24th	Parent Consultation Evenings
Wednesday 25th	
26th and 27th	INSET Days No school for children
November	
6th	First day back after half term
w/b 13th	Anti-Bullying Week
13th	Wear Odd socks day
December	
12th	Nativity at 9.30am
13th	Nativity at 9.30am and 1.45pm
18th	Year 2 Christmas Party
19th	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Party
20th	Year 5 and Year 4 Christmas Party
21st	Year 6 and Year 3 Christmas Party
22nd	INSET No school for children

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