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Newsletter

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Friday 10th May 2024

Whole School Photo

On Friday 17th May a whole school photo will be taken to mark 50 years of Woodmancote School. **All children will need to be in school uniform for the day.**

If your child normally has Outdoor Learning or PE on this day, they need to come to school in uniform, not PE kit or outdoor learning clothes.

May Day



At Mayday in Woodmancote on 6th May, a group of children from across the two Year 4 classes performed 5 Maypole dances and delighted the crowd. The children had lots of fun and did really well; all the hard work paid off. Both Year 4 classes represented the school perfectly with their behaviour and enthusiasm and this made the year 4 teaching staff very proud of all of them. A big thank you to Helen who came in to teach the children all the dances.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to May Day on Monday. The PTA, Maypole dancers, Staff who helped with the dancing and several children from the PTA team who spent many hours in the rain and some sunshine (!) selling the May Day Programmes to the local community.

After school and at weekends in their own time, these children have helped raise £450

in sales. This means the funds go back into the community event to run again.

OPAL Update

We now have defined zones across the school and different activities and play opportunities are being rolled out.

Next week a new Dressing up area will be rolled out. Imagination Station will give children the opportunity to dress up and be imaginative in the raised area that links the Britannia Way gate and the Reception area.

The Digging Pit will also be 'opened', This will be in the raised area behind the large OPAL Shed.

Football games are now played in a clearly defined area on the field and the Reading Zone outside Lime class will open shortly.

In the coming weeks we will have new 'Small play' areas outside Maple class created. If you have any small figures or animals that you feel would be of use, please do drop them into your child's class.

Water bottles

A reminder that water bottles must contain **water only**.

As the weather is getting warmer we are encouraging children to drink plenty of water during the day. Just a reminder that Squash and fruit juice is not allowed as sipping acidic drinks such as flavoured water and fruit squash can wear away teeth (and encourage ants into the classrooms!)

Fruit squashes, even no added sugar versions, cordials, diet drinks, sugared drinks and flavoured water are all acidic and are therefore not allowed in school. If we notice flavoured drinks, you will be reminded of this expectation and if it continues we reserve

the right to pour away squash and replace it with water. Thank you for your cooperation.

50th Birthday House Cake Competition



To all the budding bakers at Woodmancote, we are holding a cake competition to celebrate the 50 year anniversary of our school. The theme is 'Happy Birthday Woodmancote School.'

Cakes should be on a disposable plate and brought into school on the morning of Wednesday 12th June. (Please note we cannot store cakes before this date.)

House points will be awarded for all entries and winners will be judged by members of the local WI. The cakes will then be served at our celebration evening event.

Mud Kitchen

We are now looking for a group of parents who feel that they could help in building an outdoor Mud Kitchen for the children to play with at lunchtimes.

If you think you could help in some way, please email the office. We can allocate time either during the school day or the evening if this is easier.

admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Video/DVD

We have two 'recordings' that need to be transferred so that we can play them at school. One dates from 1995 and the other from 2005. If you feel that you could help convert them, please email the office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Term Dates

Term dates for next year can be found on the school website.

<https://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/term-dates/>

From the PTA

Thank you to all the parents and children who came to the PTA stall at this weekend's May Day Fete, it was so nice to see you all, and we hope you all had a wonderful day.

The PTA is also delighted to announce that Woodmanstock 2024 will be happening on the 21st of June this year! More information about the event will be coming in the next week, but it's safe to say we're well under way with planning and we'll be looking out for as many parent helpers as possible to make the event a hit. If you can spare an hour or so on the day of the event to help out please email thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk.

Hopefully it stays dry for us this year!

Thank you as always to the PTA members, teacher support, and parent volunteers who enable us to keep putting these events on.

Dates for the Diary

13 th -16 th	Year 6 SATs
17 th May	Whole School Photograph to mark 50 years of Woodmancote School
w/b 20 th May	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
23 rd May	Year 5 trip to Sudeley Castle
24 th May	Last day of term 5
	HALF TERM
3 rd June	Start of Term 6 Start of Arts Week
12 th June	50 years of Woodmancote School-Celebration Day 7-9pm Open Evening for anyone connected to the school
14 th June	School Photos - Class/Sport/Leavers
21 st June	PTA Woodmanstock 5-8pm
25 th June	Reception trip on Steam Railway
27 th June	Year 5 to Cleeve for the day
1 st and 2 nd July	Year 6 Transition Days- Cleeve
w/b 8 th July	Reports will be sent out throughout the week
Monday 15 th July	Year 6 Play
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 Play
Wednesday 17 th July	Open Evening
Thursday 18 th July	Year 2 trip to Cotswold Park
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Disco-TBC
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Service in School at 9am. All Year 6 parents are invited

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Sports Day date will be sent next week.

