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Newsletter

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Friday 28th June 2024

The summer term at Woodmancote is always a busy one and this year it is no different! We are bringing you a selection of some of the events that have been going on over the course of the term, alongside a few reminders.

The Woodmancote Way

During their time at school, we aim to give all children certain opportunities, outlined in our 'Woodmancote Way'. A trip up Cleeve Hill is one of them!

On Tuesday 18th June, Woodmancote School took 120 children up Cleeve Hill and onto the common. This was some children's first time on the hill and they delighted in the natural beauty on display.



The school was greeted with smiles from golfers and fellow walkers as the children traversed over ten kilometres in a little under six hours. The teachers of Year Four and Five would like to extend

their thanks to all involved in making this trip happen, with a special mention to Cleeve Golf Course for letting us use their facilities. We look forward to repeating this trip for a third time next year.

Photography Competition

Please see attached flyer.

Cricket



On Wednesday 19th July, eight keen cricketers from Y4 competed in a Cheltenham cricket tournament. The children were so enthusiastic about the day, and there was some superb batting, as well as some very impressive fielding! Most importantly, they smiled and played with lots of respect all day! Well done Y4!

Eve Wersocki-Morris - Author Visit

On Wednesday, we were visited by award-nominated children's author, Eve Wersocki-Morris, who came to speak to KS2 about her life as an author and publicist.



Throughout her presentation, the children learnt all about how she had been diagnosed with dyslexia at the age of 12 which inspired



her to begin writing stories and sending them out to publishers. After the event, Eve signed copies of her new book: *The Forest of Forbidden Magic*, a spooky supernatural adventure of spine-tingling mystery!

Year 5 - Cheltenham Mock Trial Competition

Throughout the summer term, a group of children from Year 5 have been preparing to represent Woodmancote School in a "mock trial" at Cheltenham Courtrooms. Their task was to analyse evidence, pose questions to witnesses and ultimately prove that "the defendant" was guilty of a fictional crime (intent to supply a controlled substance). On the day, we had to battle it out with an opposing school's team who were trying to convince the magistrates otherwise. Despite the slightly intimidating surroundings of Cheltenham Courtrooms, the children expressed themselves with real maturity and confidently convinced the judge to deliver a **GUILTY** verdict!



This was part of a wider competition involving 10 local schools who all took part in

their own trials. The judges awarded each school points based on their confidence, ability to think on their feet, the depth of their questioning and awareness of the case. On Friday, we were joined in assembly by competition organiser Lauren Bajdala-Brown JP and The Secretary of State for Justice, Alex Chalk. The children were absolutely over the moon to find out that Woodmancote School had won the overall competition!

A huge congratulations to Erin Mc, Abi, Elsie, Aalok, Buddy C, Charlie, Meg, Evie, Matty, Lewis, Izzy, Jiya and Florence for their dedication to "court club" and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the summer term.

Eddie Wilson Cup



A huge congratulations to our cricket team who came 2nd in the 2024 Eddie Wilson Cup at Woodmancote Cricket Club. After a comfortable 30 run win in our opening game, we narrowly lost to a good Bishop's Cleeve team by just 3 runs before stepping up to beat Grangefield by 134 runs in our final

game. A special mention to Finn Adams who won the award for the tournament's best fielder after taking 3 incredible catches in a single over. Well done and thank you to Finn A, Finn N, Zoe, Gigi, Samuel, Arlo, Hugo, Anthony and Melissa for their enthusiasm and dedication to cricket over the past 3 years.

School Uniform

	Uniform Items
Required Standard School Uniform	Grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore
	White shirt, blouse or polo top
	Bottle green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with logo
	White or grey socks or grey tights
	Black / Dark shoes
	Green and white checked summer dress
Required School PE Kit	House colour t-shirt with logo
	Black shorts
	Black tracksuit trousers or joggers
	Trainers
	Children are expected to wear their school jumpers with the above on the days that they have PE
Other Optional Items	Book Bag
	Rucksacks
Little Chestnuts	Bottle green sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan with logo
Forest School/ Outdoor Learning Kit	Long sleeved tops Black tracksuit trousers or joggers Sweatshirts (these should be their school sweatshirts) Waterproof trousers or 'all in ones' Wellington boots

Please note

- Hair that is long enough to fall into eyes should be tied up with a plain hair tie or elastic band. *This goes for boys and girls.*
- If worn, ear rings must only be simple studs.
- Nails should be short, with no nail polish or extensions!

What our school uniform is not...

- Necklaces, bracelets, rings or bangles, unless agreed with the Headteacher and of a religious or cultural significance.
- Hair bands should be plain and not 'ears', sparkly unicorn bands or anything similar.

On days when PE is taught, children should not wear football socks, shorts over leggings or long sleeved tops under t-shirts. On days when children have PE, they are expected to come in their PE kit, which includes the school sweatshirt.

Research

From time to time we are asked to become involved with some current educational research. Today, you will have received information regarding our latest involvement with a student from the University of Birmingham. Can I please ask you to read the explanatory letter and if you do not want your child to be involved, contact the researcher by next Monday 1st July via the email on the letter.

Safeguarding

As some parents are allowing their older children to now walk to school on their own we are receiving more and more phone calls into the office from parents, asking if their child has turned up at school. We take our

safeguarding obligations very seriously, but we are finding that the number of requests means that office staff are having to follow up on each phone call rather than undertake their normal attendance duties in the morning.

Can we respectfully ask that you do not phone to check whether your child has made it to school? If we have not registered a child and have not heard from a parent, we will follow it up in the usual manner. Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA News

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who got involved with Woodmanstock last Friday, from teachers, to parents helpers, to PTA members, to families who attended, it was a brilliant event which we hope everyone enjoyed.

We are waiting for the final totals to come in but are happy to confirm we have raised at least £2,500 which will pay for new iPads throughout the school. This resource will help the children so much and it wouldn't have been possible without everyone's contributions.'

Last Newsletter of the year will be on Friday 12th July.

Dates for the Diary

1 st and 2 nd July	Year 6 Transition Days-Cleeve
Friday 5 th July	Bags 2 School collection
w/b 8 th July	Reports will be sent out throughout the week
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Day KS2 from approximately 9am and KS1 and Reception from approximately 1.45pm
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
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Service in School at 9am. All Year 6 parents are invited

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