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# Newsletter

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**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## **Thank you**

As yet another academic year comes to an end, can I express my appreciation for all your support for the school. Whether it was speaking to the OFSTED inspector back in September (yes, that was only last September!) to helping out in the classroom, we really do value your involvement in the school.

Once again the small and dedicated group of PTA members have done a fantastic job of organising and running several events across the year, raising much needed funds to enrich our offer to your children.

The children themselves have really thrown themselves into the various events throughout the year. From walking up Cleeve Hill, to performing on stage, to representing themselves in different sports and hosting grandparents in school, they have experienced a rich and diverse learning experience with enthusiasm and maturity.

We hope our Year 6 children leave us with many happy memories of their time here and we look forward to hearing how they get on in the years ahead.

We hope that you all have a happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing you again in September.

## **Sports Day 2024**

Thank you to all those who came along to our Sports Day on Wednesday. We were trying something a bit different this year in response to the views expressed by children in KS2. The morning and afternoon saw the children having a great time competing against each other and gaining points for their houses.

Our overall Sports Day Winners this year were *Leckhampton (Red House)*. Congratulations!

## **House Winners**

Throughout the year children have been awarded 'Star of the Week' certificates. These have translated into points for their House.

The Winning House for the House Competition 2023-24 is *Malvern*.

Therefore on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July children in *Malvern (Blue House)* may come to school in their own clothes.

## **Taking Holidays during term time**

Can I respectfully remind parents that holidays in term time will not be authorised and holidays of 5 days or more (10 or more sessions) will be subject to a penalty notice, in line with the Department for Education's 'Working together to improve attendance' guidance.

## **Parking Banner**

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition to design a poster to encourage considerate parking around school. Our local officers have now chosen the winners and they are *Charlie Turfrey, Freya Ashley, Megan Morley, Lucie O'Brien, Roxy Thompson, and Elizabeth Richardson*. They will be receiving their prizes next week.

## **Football**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Woodmancote came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the *Geoff Hurst* tournament. We took a mixed team of girls and boys, every child got an equal playing time and embodied the school values. We say goodbye to all the Year Six pupils and thank them, and their parents, for their effort, kindness and understanding

this year. Mr Guest is very proud of all who attended and, although we didn't get the result we wanted, was delighted with their attitude to each other, and more importantly, children from other schools.

Everyone at Woodmancote would like to extend a huge thank you to Mr Constance for all the hours he has dedicated to helping the children of Woodmancote play football over the last few years. Mr Guest could not have done it without him!

### Year Four Science Trop



Over the past few weeks, Year 4 have been preparing and investigating a range of science hypotheses to present at The Cleeve Science Festival. Their task was to plan, conduct, evaluate and present an investigation of their choice in teams. The children gathered with other schools to share their projects and vote for the one they thought deserved to win.

All groups across Year 4 did an amazing job and we were extremely lucky that three of our teams placed in the top 10! Along with the judging of the competition, children got to investigate the science behind launching rockets, exploring scientific themes such as forces and combustion with scientists from The Royal Institute, London. Following this, Holly class were given the opportunity to

crack a code using Computer Science. Whilst Lime Class investigated how an astronaut could safely land on the surface of Mars.

### LUMI NOVA:



Children's anxieties and worries can occur at any time however, at Woodmancote School we recognise that change

and transition to a new class can be one of these triggers. In light of this, please can I direct your attention again to "Lumi Nova" a fabulous, engaging and supportive CBT online resource for children. We believe this could be great to use over the holidays with any child who presents with anxiety, worries or stress

especially leading up to the new academic year:

#### Lumi Nova

*"Anxiety can be overwhelming for children, but with Lumi Nova, young people can access effective and engaging mental health support. Lumi Nova is designed to be stigma-free, interactive, and fun, making it an appealing option for children who may be hesitant to engage with traditional mental health services".*

If you think your child would benefit from Lumi Nova you can get instant access here:

<https://luminova.app/gloucestershire>

## School Uniform

Dressing appropriately for school is an important aspect of one of our core values. Wearing similar clothing gives children a sense of belonging and of being equal, so can we politely ask that parents adhere to the following policy.

	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.



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# KIDS SUMMER EVENTS

**24/07 - 30/08**  
Weds. & Thurs. 10-12

**Old Baptist Chapel**  
Church St, Teakelbury  
GL20 5SN

**Paracord - £2/child**  
**Other activities - £1/child**

**THE ACTIVITIES**  
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Paracord keychains  
Leaf hunt and rubbing  
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### Dates for the Diary

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Play Children to arrive at 6.30 for a 7pm start
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Play Children to arrive at 6.30pm for a 7pm start
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Evening 3.30-5.30
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 trip to Cotswold Park
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Service in School at 9am. All Year 6 parents are invited

### Open Evening Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Feel free to visit your child's current classroom and also hear from your child's next teacher. Year Group Presentations from your child's next teacher will run at the following times.

Year Group		Staff	Location
Reception	n/a	Current staff available	
Year 1	3.30	Mrs Baxter, Mrs Jordon and Mrs Badham	Maple
Year 2	3.45	Mrs Workman and Miss Cowan	Cedar
Year 3	4.15	Mrs Holding and Mr Wood	Pine
Year 4	4.30	Mrs McCormack, Mr Guest and Mrs White	Holly
Year 5	4.45	Mr Ridal and Mrs Grosvenor	Hazel
Year 6	5.00	Mr Evans and Mr Adkin	Sycamore

### Free School Meals

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal as the funding can be used to help them in other ways. It is important to apply for all children regardless of their year group.

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**Please note that you need to do a separate application for each of your children.**

It is quick and easy to apply. Just use the link below:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>



## **Farewells**

This is the last newsletter of this academic year, so we wish our Year 6 Leavers well and hope that they have a happy and positive start to Year 7 in September.

We are also saying goodbye next week to several members of staff.

Mrs Skerry will be leaving Little Chestnuts and moving to a teaching post at Leckhampton School.

Mr Pownall will be starting a teacher training course at the University of Worcester.

Mrs Bish will be returning to work for the GLA, after having spent the year supporting Mr Hoyle and our SEND provision and Mrs Searle is taking up a post at Gardner's Lane School.

We thank them for all their good humour, service and hard work. They have all been such a special part of the team here at Woodmancote.

## **The new academic year**

We look forward to seeing you back in September. Term starts for children on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Dates for next year can be found on the school's website.



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