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Newsletter

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Friday 22nd November 2024

Measles

We have been alerted to a small number of cases in Gloucestershire and have been encouraged to share information with parents.

What are the symptoms of measles?

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms (cough, runny nose), a high temperature, and red, sore, watery eyes (conjunctivitis), followed by a rash a few days later. The rash looks brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

The rash typically starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body. Some people may also get small white spots (Koplik spots) in their mouth.

Find out more on the [NHS website](#).

What should you do if you think your child has measles?

If a child has been vaccinated, it is highly unlikely they have measles.

You should ask for an urgent GP appointment or get help from NHS 111 if you think you or your child may have measles.

Don't go to the GP or any other healthcare setting without calling ahead first to prevent the further spread of measles.

If your child has been diagnosed with measles by a doctor, they should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 full days from when the rash first appears.

They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Please follow this link for further information.

[What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school - The Education Hub](#)

Racecourse visit



On Monday 11th November a small group of Year 5 children visited the Racecourse. Not only did they walk

the track, they were lucky enough to see the Gold Cup and meet the incredible Daryl Jacob who has won more than 1000 races. We also had the opportunity to meet some of the horses and feed them a few carrots. A wonderful morning!

Football For Kids - Podcaster visit.

Year 5 were very lucky to be visited by Darren Rees; the host of the "Football For Kids" podcast. Darren was invited to the school by George Baxter and spent the afternoon sharing



his superb footballing knowledge and experiences as a podcaster with the children. The children were absolutely captivated by him and enjoyed hearing all about the many different career paths that surround the sport of football.



Birthday treats

Many parents feel that they need to buy a treat for their child's class when it is the child's birthday. Can I politely ask, that while it is very considerate, we would prefer it if they do not.

We have several children with allergies across the school and it is difficult for us to 'vet' every treat coming in in order that it is suitable for every child. It is much easier if we say, thank you, but please don't!

I am aware that it has happened a few times recently and some messages from school have been mixed, so sorry for any confusion.

Illnesses

We are currently experiencing a high level of staff illness. Staff are exposed to a large number of children throughout the week and when children are sent into school unwell, it increases the chances of illnesses spreading and staff become unwell.

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell as we do sometimes struggle to get adequate cover for classes. Thank you

Mobile Phones

We currently allow children to come to school with phones. However, we may need to reconsider this if we find that children are not putting them away as soon as they are through the school gates. No phones should be out and being used on the school grounds, before and after school.

AGM and Pub evening

The AGM will be on the **28th November, 7pm -7:30pm** and Mrs Workman has kindly offered a childcare service. We would love for you to come along and join our team so we can continue.

Christmas Fayre

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible this evening. Please come along and support this event as a great deal of work has gone into it, from the small and dedicated number of PTA members.

Winston's Wish

On Sunday 1st December, Winston's Wish has an exclusive charity evening at the Winter Glow, Three Counties Showground, Malvern.

Our exclusive charity evening will see the illuminated trail open its doors for our supporters between 4.30 and 5.30pm. We are also offering a 10% discount on all Winston's Wish tickets for the event - simply add the code **School10** at checkout.

Not only is this a great way to start the festive season, we are thrilled to say that **ALL TICKET MONEY WILL GO DIRECTLY TO WINSTON'S WISH!**

Families will get to see a spectacular light trail and know that in doing so they will also directly support children dealing with the loss of a loved one this Christmas time.

Prices for the event are:

Adult: £20 (£18 with discount)

Child: £10 (£9 with discount)

Under 3: FREE

Everyone attending will have the opportunity to explore the rest of the attractions and book other festive activities available throughout the Winter Glow venue.

These exclusive discounted tickets are **only available by booking directly with Winston's Wish** on the link below.

<https://events.winstonswish.org/event/winstons-winter-glow-wander/>

School Photos

These will be coming out to you today. Any issues, please contact the school admin team admin@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk

Christmas Dates

11th Dec (9:15 + 2pm) Reception and Little Chestnuts Nativity

12th Dec (9:15). Reception and Little Chestnuts Nativity

Each child will be given one ticket for each of our three performances. Parents/carers can swap tickets with other families if 2 or 3 family members want to attend the same performance.

17th Dec- Y1 to the church (Further details to follow)

11th December-Xmas dinner

Xmas jumpers/outfits can be worn by everyone

Christmas Parties:

Children may come in their own clothes on their party day

Wednesday 18th-Years 3-5

Thursday 19th -Reception, Years 1, 2 and 6

Dates for the Diary

November	
28 th November	PTA AGM (New date)
December	
11 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
20 th December	Last Day of Term

Staff Emails

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