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Newsletter

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Friday 13th December 2024

Y3 Stone Age Tool Making

This term, Y3 have had a go at making some Stone Age Tools! We got the



idea from reading the book 'Stone Age Boy' where we learnt that Stone Age people had to make their own tools to survive!

The children got very creative and had lots of fun, while making some excellent spears!

Literature Festival 2024



In October, a group of Year 4 and 5 pupils attended The Cheltenham Literature Festival. We began our morning at the story telling tent; listening to and taking part in stories about different myths and

legends from around the world. Afterwards, we have the absolute privilege to watch Ben Miller launch his new book: "Robin Hood Aged 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". We had previously met Ben when he visited Woodmancote School in 2022, so it was nice to hear about what had inspired his recent writing and what Paddington Bear is like in real life!

Christmas Postbox- This is now open. Children may post their Christmas Cards each day and Year 6 Ambassadors will sort and distribute at lunchtime. If sending cards, children must put the name and class of the child they are sending it to, on the front of the envelope.

Andrew Hiscock and Woodmancote Church

An ever-youthful Mr Andrew Hiscock, once again welcomed our Year 1 children to Woodmancote Church and taught them all about Christingles.



Andrew has been an important part of the life of our school for many years, as a Minister at Woodmancote Church, a Governor and Chair of our Governing Body. We are sorry to see him take a step back from the ministry, but we look forward to Andrew continuing

his engagement with the life of the school. Year 1 would not be the same without him!

Reception News



In Reception we have been learning about the changing seasons from Autumn to winter. We particularly

enjoyed exploring our outdoor area in the snow.



In Reception our theme this term is celebrations. One of the celebrations we found out about was the Diwali. We had a visit from Mrs J who told us about how her family celebrate Diwali. Then we enjoyed

making our own rangoli patterns on paper plates and our own mini clay decorated diya lamps.

Ovation Theatre Club



Ovation Theatre is pleased to provide an after-school Musical Theatre club for children in KS2, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

The after-school club provides children with a fun, informative and energetic hour to build their confidence in singing, dance and drama skills. Not only do we include many drama exercises and games throughout the class, but we will also be working towards a production of The School of Rock Musical to be performed at the end of the school year at Parabola Arts Centre, a local theatre.

The classes begin at the end of the school day and finish at 4.30pm located in the Activity Room.

For more information about Ovation Theatre Club please visit our website www.ovationtheatreclub.co.uk

School Photos

A few parents have raised issues around the quality of the recent school photos. In response, we would welcome your thoughts via a survey that was sent out this week. Please take a few minutes to respond. Thank you.

Pallets

We have several pallets by the front door that are going free to a good home! Please come and help yourself!

Lost Property

We continue to have a large amount of lost property at school. So much so, that we have now bought 4 coloured wheelie bins! These will be out on the playground on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Please feel free to look through. All clothing left at the end of

term goes to either a local charity or will get recycled by the PTA.

Once again, please consider naming all clothing on a regular basis.

Mobile Phones

We have been reviewing our approach to mobile phones on site this term and have decided that from January, class teachers will be collecting in any phones brought into school by children. This is to avoid any situations when children may feel tempted to access them during the school day.

We understand that some parents want their child to bring their phone to school, especially if they walk home unaccompanied, so we believe this is a sensible and realistic approach.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PTA News

We are thrilled to announce that this year's Christmas Fayre raised an incredible £3K for the school! A huge thank you to all the teachers, PTA members, and parent helpers who made this event such a resounding success. Your hard work and support have truly made a difference.

As we wrap up another amazing year, we want to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported the PTA throughout the last year. Your contributions, big or small, help us make a real impact on our school community.

At our recent AGM, we were delighted to confirm that the PTA will continue its fantastic work. We are excited to introduce the new leadership team
Co-Chairs: Tamsin Simpson-Hall & Chris Davis
Vice Chair: Christine Slade
Treasurer: Julie Adams

Secretary: Rachel Hollister-Short
(continuing for another year)

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to Charlotte Tupper and Christine Slade, who have served as co-chairs for the past two years. During their tenure, the PTA raised an incredible £18k for the school through a variety of fun and engaging events, from discos to fayres and everything in between.

We are also deeply grateful to Rachel Hollister-Short for continuing as secretary for another year. Her dedication and hard work have been invaluable in keeping everything running smoothly, and we truly appreciate her ongoing commitment.

Finally, we'd like to thank Christine Slade for her continued support. We are so pleased that she will be staying on to support the new co-chairs for another year, ensuring a smooth transition and continued success for the PTA.

Here's to another fantastic year ahead!
Thank you all for your continued support.

The PTA Team

P.s We have a couple of raffle prizes that haven't been claimed that we'd love to get to the winners, they are available from the school office and the winning tickets that are waiting for collection are: Yellow 31 / Blue 56 / Blue 57. Please bring your raffle tickets with you to claim your prize!

Christmas Dates

17th Dec- Y1 to the church

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

We hope you all have a happy and peaceful Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all back at school in January 2025!

Dates for the Diary

December	
17 th December	Year 1 to Woodmancote Church
18 th December	Years 3-5 Party Day
19 th December	Reception, Years 1, 2 and 6- Party Day
20 th December	Last Day of Term
January 2025	
6 th January	First Day of term 3 for children and staff
7 th January	Vice-Chancellor of University of Gloucestershire visiting the school
February	
14 th February	Last day of term 3
24 th	First day of Term 4
25 th	PTA Pancake Flip
March	
27 th March	PTA Disco
April	
7 th -9 th April	Year 4 Residential to The Pioneer Centre
10 th April	Last day of Term 4
Monday 28 th April	First day of Term 5
May	
5 th May	May Day No School
8 th	80 years since VE Day
w/b 12 th	SATs for Year 6
w/b 19 th	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
23 rd	Last day of Term 5
June	
2 nd June	INSET
3 rd June	First day of Term 6 for children
July	
18 th July	Last day of Term 6



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