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Newsletter

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Thank you

As we reach the half way point of this academic year, can we say an enormous thank you to all of you who support the work of the school. It is thanks to your on-going support that we can continue to provide your children with an education that is not purely academic, but which seeks to broaden the pupils' horizons and responsibilities as members of their community.

Thanks to the tremendous work of the PTA, we have been able to provide better play opportunities for children, organise trips at an affordable rate for parents and invest in IT infrastructure across the school. Going forwards, we want to tackle the growing polarisation of society by providing children visits to local cultural and religious centres, in order to break down barriers and educate the children in the things that all people have in common. Too often they hear what divides people or sets certain groups apart. We want our children to be tolerant and inclusive. The PTA are hoping that you can support their upcoming Pancake flip in order to fund this work. Thank you in advance!

The Pancake Flip Is BACK - and it's going to be better than ever!

On Tuesday 25th February, all children will take part in the annual Pancake Flip to see how many times they can flip their way to victory! 🥞 ✨

Children should have received their sponsorship forms this week—so if you'd like to butter them up with some support, every pancake flipped will help us stack up funds for expanding children's cultural awareness through educational trips.

Please whisk your sponsorship money and form back to your class teacher by Friday 28th February.

We hope the children are excited for some flipping great fun—it's going to be egg-citing! 🍳

We're also looking for volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare a pancake flip of time, we'd appreciate your support! This is a great opportunity to see your little flippers in action, and we guarantee it will be a flipping good time!

Get in touch

at thepta@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk we'd love to have you on board!

Year 4 Residential

Thank you to all those who attended the recent TEAMS meeting to hear a little more about the trip. The meeting was recorded, so if you did miss it, please follow the link below.

<https://woodmancoteschool.co.uk/y4-residential-presentation/>

Mrs Minett

Today we say a very fond farewell to one of our longest serving members of staff. Mrs Minett has worked at Woodmancote for a long time, but more importantly, she was a pupil at the school when it first opened back in 1974. Many children have been fortunate enough to have been cared for and supported by her and she will leave an enormous hole here at Woodmancote! We all wish her every happiness for the future, she absolutely deserves it.

Year 5 Reading

This term, Year 5 at Woodmancote School have been reading *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson. We have been inspired by the



main character's attention to detail and have written our own character descriptions about the residents of Chestnut Close.

Out of my office window, I saw an amber car pull onto the driveway of Number 1. My heart hammered against my chest. I knew what this meant: Penny Sullivan was home.

Strutting along the driveway, her flowing fuchsia cocktail dress stood out like the sun on a clear day. She turned and yelled for her husband, Gordon, to get his behind out of the car and, like a meek little mouse, he scurried out and followed her up the driveway. Unsurprisingly, Penny's beehive hairdo didn't have a single hair out of place and was, as usual, pulled into a tight bun. This had the unfortunate effect of pulling her face so tight that it made her constantly look like she needed the toilet! Her hostile face always carried a permanent scowl and, before walking through her front door, she whipped her head around, shot me a look of pure hatred and entered. - Zoey P

As I looked out my bedroom window, I could see Melody Bird skipping down the road heading towards the graveyard, her rich chocolate hair flowing behind her. Unsurprisingly, she was wearing her hair in a ponytail with a bright pink hairband. As usual, her hair was always complimented by her inky black cardigan which was covered in small holes that had clearly been nibbled by her little dog, Frankie. Peering closer, I noticed that the cardigan was frayed at the bottom of each sleeve, probably from her constant biting and chewing. I shuddered to think of all the germs that might be clinging onto the fabric! - Ella B

From my bedroom window, I could see Gordon pulling up in his car onto the driveway of Number 1. When he emerged, you immediately noticed his gross beard which was usually mixed with bits of old food and something that looked like ketchup! His

glasses were equally disgusting, they looked like they had been worn for 50 years straight and I was suspicious they'd never been cleaned. Gordon, who lived directly opposite Mr. Charles, was a bit of a mystery to me. He only ever seemed to go to the garden centre and do odd jobs around Chestnut Close. I didn't know whether he actually left the house for any other reason. - Stanley B

Whatsapp

We are becoming increasingly concerned by the use of Whatsapp by some of our children. We have been made aware of several incidences in recent weeks where children are posting unkind and hurtful content.

If your child uses a phone, please take the time to monitor their use and take appropriate action if you feel that it is needed. Many online and out of school incidences are now having an impact in school.

If, as a parent you feel that you need to have support with tackling this, please make use of the links below.

https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/socialising-online/

<https://www.internetmatters.org/#:~:text=Check%20which%20apps%20your%20children,and%20keep%20online%20experiences%20positive.>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Loose Parts for playtimes

We are once again looking to top up our loose parts and are asking for the following from parents/carers. If you have any of these, or related items, please bring them in asap. Class teachers will be happy to accept donations

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/castors
- delivery crates
- Road signs and cones
- Tools like small spades/shovels, trowels and brooms
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators/mobile phones/desk phones/webcams/cameras that are no longer working
- old shower curtains!
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)

Half Term Holiday Camp



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for a new Midday Supervisor.

The role will require somebody who can be flexible in working across the main school and pre-school as required. Duties will include setting up tables for lunch and cleaning up afterwards, helping pupils with their meals, supervising and engaging with pupils and pre-school children. You will also be required to work with all pupils at playtime encouraging play/games with others and social skills.

Hours: Mon-Fri 12.15-1.15 (term time only).

For further details, and an application form please visit our website [Vacancies - Woodmancote School](http://www.woodmancoteschool.co.uk/vacancies)

Woodmancote School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff, and volunteers, to share the same commitment. This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check.



Dates for the Diary

February	
24 th	First day of Term 4
24 th -27 th	Year 6 Bikeability
25 th	PTA Pancake Flip
27 th	Year 4 to see 'In the Net'
March	
3 rd -6 th	Year 6 Bikeability
10 th	Racecourse Visit
12 th	Year 5 group to Mock Trial at Council Chambers
17 th -21 st	STEM Week
18 th & 20 th	Parents Evening
27 th	PTA Disco
April	
7 th -9 th	Year 4 Residential to The Pioneer Centre
7 th - 10 th	Arts Week
10 th	Last day of Term 4
28 th	First day of Term 5
30 th	Year 1 trip to SS Great Britain
May	
1 st	Swimming starts for Year 3
5 th	May Day No School
8 th	80 years since VE Day
w/b 12 th	SATs for Year 6
16 th	Photographs for classes and Year 6
w/b 19 th	Year 6 Residential to Whitemoor Lakes
23 rd	Last day of Term 5
June	
2 nd	INSET
3 rd	First day of Term 6 for children
12 th	Year 5 Sudeley Castle
July	
2 nd	Sports Day for Infants and Juniors
9 th	Reserve Sports Day
18 th	Last day of Term 6

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