



# Woodcote Weekly

13<sup>th</sup> January, 2017

## Dates for the Diary

### January 2017

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Oak Class

Assembly 2.30pm

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9am Parent

Governor Nominations

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Rowan Class

Assembly 2.30pm

### February

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pine Class

Assembly 2.30pm

Sat 4<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country at  
Woodstone (new date)

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Birch Class

Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half  
term

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Children return  
to school

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – Willow Class

Assembly 2.30pm

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore & Ash  
parent consultation day

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> – Rowan & Willow  
parent consultation day

### March

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Pine & Hawthorn  
parent consultation day

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Consultation Evening (all  
years)

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oak & Birch  
parent consultation day

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hawthorn Class

Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Oak Class

Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – Mothers' Day  
Breakfast

### April

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – Cross Country at  
Griffydham

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Spring Craft Day

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Spring  
Term

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Children return  
to school

### May

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day

Week beginning Mon 8<sup>th</sup> –  
Year 6 SATs

Week beginning Mon 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Year 4/5/6 PGL

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half  
term

## Bronze Ambassadors

Miss Tymon and four children from Years 5 and 6 went to Measham Leisure Centre on Wednesday this week for training to become Bronze Ambassadors. They are to become 'The Voice of Sport' at Woodcote, working alongside the Sports' Crew, running competitions, encouraging healthy lifestyles and promoting positive values of sport. The children who attended had a wonderful day and are full of enthusiasm to introduce this role in school.

## SATs

All of the children in Year 6 have signed up for the SATs revision clubs which is brilliant! They have all shown great enthusiasm and the first two sessions have been very productive.

## Severe Weather

This morning we were all greeted by the first snow of the season. The children were understandably very excited and were able to play out on the field earlier. We have spoken to the children this afternoon about not playing on the road and the school drive – no matter how tempting it may be.

We will, wherever possible, keep our school open. The only exception to this will be if not enough staff are able to get into school. On these rare occasions, the decision is made as early as possible; we do aim to let all parents know by 7.30am at the latest. If this is the case, we will text parents to let them know and will notify the local radio stations. As the weather is unpredictable, if a definitive decision cannot be taken this early, the Breakfast Club will not be opened until we are certain that the school will be open.

If the weather takes a turn for the worse and it is necessary to close the school early, we will text all parents to let them know. The school will not close until all children have been collected.

All children are expected to attend school if the school is open and any not attending will have to be recorded as unauthorised. We do understand that when it snows it can take longer to get into school whether travelling by foot or car; bearing this in mind, the register will not be closed until later, meaning that your child will not be marked as late until after 9.20am.

## Parking

Although the safer parking banner on the school gate has now come down, please do still consider where you park during the busy drop off and pick up points of the day. We are very concerned for the safety of all children coming to and from school. As an additional reminder, with the exception of those with a disability, the school car park should **not** be used to drop off or pick up children from school.

## Advanced Notice - Seaside Trip

Reminder: We are planning to take the whole school to the seaside on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**. This will be an amazing experience for all of the children. The coaches will leave at 9am and should return to Woodcote between **4pm and 4.30pm** (depending on traffic).

## Governor Needed

We are currently looking for a new Parent Governor to join our team. Parent governors make a valuable contribution to the strategic governance of the school. You do not need any prior experience; enthusiasm and commitment to further develop and support our school are the best qualities that are needed. Please contact the office if you would like a paper copy of the letter, a Governor Pack or any further information about the role. The closing date for nominees is on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 9am**.

## PGL

Reminder about forthcoming PGL residential. This will take place May 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> at Boreatton Park in Shropshire. It is not too late to put your child's name down if you would like your child to go. Please ensure that your £50 deposit is paid via [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk) to secure your child's place. The deadline for deposits is on the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January.

## Choir

Choir will now be starting on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** after school in preparation for the Joint Schools Concert at Ivanhoe. A letter will be sent out next week.