



Woodcote Weekly

20th January, 2017

Dates for the Diary

January 2017

Mon 23rd – 9am Parent Governor Nominations close

Fri 27th – Rowan Class Assembly 2.30pm

February

Fri 3rd – Pine Class Assembly 2.30pm

Sat 4th – Cross Country at Woodstone (new date)

Fri 10th – Birch Class Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 10th – Last day of half term

Mon 20th – Children return to school

Fri 24th – Willow Class Assembly 2.30pm

Mon 27th – Sycamore & Ash parent consultation day

Tues 28th – Rowan & Willow parent consultation day

March

Weds 1st – Pine & Hawthorn parent consultation day

Weds 1st – Parent Consultation Evening (all years)

Thurs 2nd – Oak & Birch parent consultation day

Fri 3rd – Hawthorn Class Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 17th – Oak Class Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 24th – Mothers' Day Breakfast

April

Sat 1st – Cross Country at Griffydiam

Thurs 6th – Spring Craft Day

Fri 7th – Last day of Spring Term

Mon 24th – Children return to school

May

Mon 1st – May Day
Week beginning Mon 8th – Year 6 SATs

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

Fri 26th – Last day of half term

School Money

We have had a concern raised this week by a parent whose School Money account shows an outstanding balance but the dinner money payments are up to date. After investigating the reason for this, we thought it better to share with all parents.

As the PGL residential is open to all children in Years 4, 5 and 6, the £50 deposit is shown as 'owed' on all accounts where the children are eligible to attend. When the final date for paying the deposit has passed, this amount will 'disappear' for those who are not going on the residential. This is the only way that we could give all children in Years 4 to 6 to opportunity to pay their deposit.

The other cost that will show as 'owing' on the system, is the trip to the seaside, which is £16.50. This has been put on the system so early so that parents can choose to pay this off weekly.

If you do have any questions about School Money, or if you would like a password reminder, please contact the office who would be happy to help.

Choir

Mrs Webb will be running the choir which starts on **Monday 23rd January** afterschool until 4pm for Year 4, 5 and 6. The children will be rehearsing for the Joint Schools' Concert on Friday 31st March, where the choir sing with the other Ashby Schools. It was an amazing performance last year and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. If you would like your child to join the choir, they can stay behind school on Monday. **Please telephone the school office on Monday morning** to give your child permission to stay and so that we are aware of how your child will get home.

Severe Weather

Should we have severe winter weather, 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.

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.

Dates

As a reminder, our term dates for 2017-2018 are slightly different to the Local Authority, so that they are in line with other local secondary schools. **Therefore when checking term dates, please ensure that you use our website rather than the Leicestershire website, as there will be slight differences.**

Proposed term dates for future academic years will be sent out for consultation next month. We work closely with the Ashby Learning Community (Ashby School, Ivanhoe, and primary schools who transfer to these secondary schools) and we feel that it benefits families to have term dates in line with each other as many families have children across the different schools. Full details will be sent out with the consultation and please be assured that your views will be taken into account.

Community Notices

Join us at Ashby-de-la-Zouch Library for a Holiday Hullabaloo with stories, picture hunts, crafts and fun activities inspired by Horrid Henry! The event will take place on Friday 13th February, at 2.00-3.30pm. This half term event is suitable for children ages 4-12. Booking is essential. £2 per child. (Please see leaflet below)

Girls Rugby at Ashby RFC

Ashby RFS is starting a new training session for girls in years 4, 5 and 6. This is to introduce more girls into rugby and provide them a welcome environment. This new session will take place on Tuesdays from 5 to 6pm at Ashby RFC on Nottingham Road, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Please note that younger girls can join Ashby RFC to play Tag Rugby and there are older girls age group too.

Holiday Hullabaloo!

Inspired by Horrid Henry!

Join us at Ashby Library
on Friday 17th February
2pm-3.30pm for half term fun!

For ages 4-12 years. £2 per child.

Booking essential (places non-refundable).

Children under 8 must be accompanied.

For more info: 0116 3055917.

