



Woodcote Weekly

27th January, 2017

Dates for the Diary

February

Fri 3rd – Pine Class Assembly
2.30pm

Sat 4th – Cross Country at
Woodstone - postponed

Mon 6th –

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

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Consultation Evening (all
years)

Thurs 2nd – Oak & Birch
parent consultation day

Fri 3rd – Hawthorn Class
Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 10th – Sycamore Class
Assembly 2.30pm

Sat 11th – Cross Country at
Woodstone (new date)

Fri 17th – Ash Class
Assembly 2.30pm

Fri 24th – Mothers' Day
Breakfast

April

Sat 1st – Cross Country at
Griffydam

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

This Week

Some of our children took part in a basketball competition at Ibstock this week. As usual, our children received some fantastic feedback about their caring attitude towards each other and amazing teamwork. A special mention has to go to Charlie who ensured that all of his team managed to be included in the game during each match. Marshal also proved himself to be a very talented player.



Happy Chinese New Year from us all at Woodcote! **新年快乐**

Author Visit

You should have received a letter this week about Mike Molloy's visit to school on Monday 6th February. Mike will be holding an assembly at 9am and the children will have an opportunity to ask him questions. You are more than welcome to join us for this assembly. Please let the school office know if you will be attending (to ensure that we have enough chairs!) Mike will then be spending the day working with the children across the school in their classrooms. Mike will be also selling and signing his book, 'Nana Troll' and asks that the correct money (£6.99) is put into a named envelope on the day.

Bacon Cobs

After February half term, School Food Support who cook our school dinners, will be offering bacon or sausage cobs on a Friday morning for adults after they have dropped their child at school. They will be available from the school hall from 8.40am until 9am. The kitchen will be charging £1 for the cobs and they will be collecting the money directly. We'll be trialling this until Easter to see how popular they are. You can either take your cob away with you, or have a catch up with some of the other parents.

June

Mon 5th – Summer Term begins
Week beginning 12th – Year 1 phonics Check
Weds 14th – Class Photographs
28th June – Unity Celebration Evening

July

Tues 11th – Y6 Production
Weds 12th – School Seaside Day **return at 4.30pm**
Fri 14th – Last day of term

School Money

After February half term, the school office will be going completely **cashless**. The school office will be unable to accept cheques or cash for Breakfast Club, dinners or visits. All payments will need to be made online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk using the password The only exception to this when the office will be able to accept cash will be when we are having a fundraising day and money is donated for events such as Children in Need.

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

Reminder: Mrs Webb will be running the choir which started this week on Mondays after school 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. **If you have not already, please telephone the school office on Monday** 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 from 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.

Governors

Our governors are a dedicated group of people who volunteer their time to improve and support Woodcote Primary School; they are our 'critical friends' in helping us to develop further. As part of their role, the governors often visit the school during the school day. The visits have a particular focus and we have a Governor Visits book situated in the reception area where you are able to read their comments.

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As a school we welcome your feedback in order to help us to develop further.

We also encourage you to share your views with Ofsted, this can be done at:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

