



Woodcote Weekly

6th January, 2017

Dates for the Diary

January 2017

Weds 4th – Children return to school

Tues 10th – Judo starts 8am

Mon 23rd – 9am Parent Governor Nominations

February

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

Fri 10th – Last day of half term

Mon 20th – Children return to school

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 24th – Mothers' Day Breakfast

April

Sat 1st – Cross Country at Griffydham

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

June

Mon 5th – Summer Term begins

Week beginning 12th – Year 1 phonics Check

Weds 14th – Class Photographs

July

Tues 11th – Y6 Production

Weds 12th – School Seaside Day return at 4.30pm

Fri 14th – Last day of term

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year!

Welcome back

It is so lovely to see all the children back at school full of enthusiasm for the new term.

Mrs Ferguson has now returned to school after her maternity leave and is teaching Birch Class on a Friday. It's lovely to have her back at Woodcote. Mrs Poultney will be leaving for her maternity leave at the end of this half term. Mrs Ramsell will be teaching Oak class every morning and Oak and Sycamore will join together in the afternoons. Mrs Marriott, who works in Sycamore class with Miss Tymon, is now well on the road to recovery and is hoping to return to work at the end of this month.

We've got lots of exciting learning planned this term and we're looking forward to sharing your children's learning with you. If you do have any time that you are able to come in and help, please have a word with your child's class teacher. Mrs Butler has a group of parents who come and help with the Story Sacks, they would always appreciate more help if you are able to. In addition to this, if you have skills or talents that you feel could help the children's learning, please do come and talk to us. Whether it is sewing, music, reading, art or talking to the children about your job, we always appreciate any time that you are able to offer to enhance the children's knowledge and experiences.

We will be having a whole school craft day on Thursday 6th April and parents are invited to come during the afternoon to share their children's work...and maybe even have a go at a few crafts yourself!

This term assemblies will start at 2.30pm instead of 2.45pm. This is so that you will be able to spend more time in your child's class afterwards.

Advanced Notice - Seaside Trip

We are planning to take the whole school to the seaside on Wednesday 12th 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). We are expecting the cost of the trip to be a maximum of £16.50 and will include some special treats. Although we are hoping to carry out some specific fundraising for this trip so that we can include additional treats too. More information about this will follow in the coming weeks, and we will make arrangements so that the cost can be paid over several weeks.

Governor Needed

If you have received this newsletter via email, you should also have received a letter about a parent governor vacancy – the letter is also available on our website.

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 23rd January at 9am.**

PGL

Parents of children in Years 4 to 6 should have received a letter about our forthcoming PGL residential visit in May. This will take place May 15th – 19th at Boreatton Park in Shropshire. It promises to be a very exciting trip. Please ensure that your £50 deposit is paid via www.schoolmoney.co.uk if you would like your child to take part in this visit.

Clubs

Choir will be starting on Monday 16th January after school in preparation for the Joint Schools Concert at Ivanhoe. More details will follow next week. Football club will start again on January 23rd.

Mothers' Day Breakfast

We will be hosting another Mothers' Day Breakfast on Friday 24th March. We do hope that you can join us and will let you know more details nearer the time.

