



Woodcote Weekly

31st March, 2017

Dates for the Diary

April

Sat 1st – Cross Country at Griffydham. First Race 10.30am.

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

Thurs 25th – Netball

Tournament Woodstone

Fri 26th – Whole School Science Fair

Fri 26th – Last day of half term

June

Mon 5th – Summer Term begins

Week beginning 12th – Year 1 phonics Check

Tues 13th – Sport's Day

Weds 14th – Class Photographs

Thurs 15th – Sport's Day (if raining on Tuesday)

Fri 23rd – Summer Fair 6.30pm - 8.30pm

28th June – Unity

Celebration Evening

July

Tues 11th – Y6 Production

Weds 12th – School Seaside Day return at 4.30pm

Thurs 13th – Year 6 Leavers' Party 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Fri 14th – Last day of term

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Staffing Update

Sadly we will be saying farewell to Mrs Marriott, who works in Sycamore Class, at the end of this term. We have really appreciated all of her hard work since joining the Woodcote team and she will be missed. Mrs King, who has been helping out in various classes across the school, will be working with Year 4 for 4 days per week until the end of the summer term, so that the children will still be supported.

Mrs Jones will be having an operation after Easter and therefore will not be in school from the 28th April until September; therefore Mrs Ramsell will be Acting Headteacher during the summer term. Mrs Jones and Mrs Ramsell already work closely together to lead the school and the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Butler, Mrs Palumbo and Mrs Oselton) will continue to support Mrs Ramsell throughout the term.

Unfortunately Mrs Blythe is currently unwell and we are uncertain when she will be returning to school. Thankfully, Mr Fuller has been able to give the children consistency in Year 5; he is a fantastic teacher and the children love being taught by him. We wish Mrs Blythe a speedy recovery and will keep you updated as and when we can.

It is that time of year again, where we start planning the staffing for next year's classes. Whilst we can't confirm which year groups the teachers will be teaching in, we can tell you that next year there will be some movement around the school. This is done for a variety of reasons but the children's learning is always at the heart of any decisions that are made. As after Easter we will be sending out information to the new starters in Ash Class, we wanted to tell you first, that Mrs Palumbo will be teaching the youngest children next year. Unfortunately Mrs Butler will be leaving Woodcote at the end of the summer term. She has decided to leave teaching to spend more quality time with her family. Whilst we are incredibly sad to be losing such a wonderful teacher, we feel that she deserves some rest after dedicating 35 years of her life towards the profession. Countless children have been lucky enough to be taught by Mrs Butler and we know that the impact of her teaching will be seen for many more years to come.

Craft Day

Reminder: On Thursday 6th April we will be holding a special Easter Craft Day. The children will be making Easter Bonnets in the morning and from 1.30pm, you are invited to come along and make other Easter crafts with your child. From 2.15pm we will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade, where the children can show off their handy work. We are asking for a donation of £2 towards the bonnet and craft resources in order for the event to go ahead. Unfortunately, if not enough contributions are made, then the resources will not be able to be purchased. In order to help with arrangements, please pay your contribution **by Tuesday 4th April**, we can then confirm that the event will be able to take place. The £2 can be paid online at www.schoolmoney.co.uk using your password or via Paypoint at the Co-op.

During the afternoon, the PTFA will also be selling teas, coffees and cakes. They'll also be holding an Easter Raffle. All proceeds will go towards the PTFA which in turn will directly go towards enhancing your child's experiences in school.

Look out for the new playground signs which will be going up shortly. The money that you have previously helped to raise has paid for these. The PTFA are also looking at improving the playground markings, including games for the children to play during their break times.

Snack Time

As part of the children's learning in Ash class, they've been looking at improving our environment. This week they spent some time tidying up the playground and they collected 3 big bags full of rubbish! Much of this rubbish was wrappers from snacks and sweets that have been eaten during break and after school.

As well as encouraging healthy eating, we're also encouraging cutting down on rubbish.

Therefore we are asking for your support in this by sending your child into school with fresh or dried fruit to eat, if they enjoy a snack at break time. Some of the older children are also 'raiding' their lunchboxes at playtime which means a variety of snacks are starting to appear during break. Each classroom will now have a box in class where the children's snacks can be stored so that the children don't need to go to their lunch boxes before lunchtime. We'll see how this goes and review it in the summer term. As a reminder, children shouldn't be bringing in sweets or chocolate bars into school at all (unless as a birthday treat). Thank you for your support with this.

