



Woodcote Weekly

11th November, 2016

Dates for the Diary

November

Weds 16th – Year 6 visit to Warning Zone
Fri 18th – Sycamore class assembly
Fri 25th – Ash class assembly
Weds 30th – Pre-school Stay & Play session
Weds 30th – Panto performance in school 'Jack & the Beanstalk'

December

Fri 2nd – Pine Class Assembly - rearranged
3rd-4th Dec – Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity
Sat 3rd – Cross Country at Viscount Beaumont
Tues 6th – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert 6.30pm
Fri 9th – Hawthorn assembly (new date)
Mon 12th – Year 2 Christmas Journey
Tues 13th – Ash class and Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm & 6.30pm
Weds 14th – Ash class & Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm
Fri 16th – Last day of term

January 2017

Weds 4th – Children return to school

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)

Armistice Day

We were so proud of all of our children today, who observed the 2 minutes silence in the playground. They were so respectful throughout.



We Will Remember Them

They shall not grow old,
As we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them
Nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

This week

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to Mrs Barnett's Play Champions session on Wednesday. She received some excellent feedback and everyone had lots of fun. Our football team did so well last night in their match against Viscount Beaumont. By half-time the team were 2-0 down, but they didn't let this get them down and by pulling together as a team and showing their resilience, they won the match 4-3. Well done all of you! The year 3s attended a sporting event at Measham this week and had an amazing time.



On Tuesday, some children in Years 4, 5 and 6 went to Castle Rock to do an athletic event. All of the children who went thoroughly enjoyed it and did as well as they could. We are waiting to see what place we came and will share the results with you as soon as possible.

Aidan & Rebecca (Year 6)

Canine Partners

Canine Partners is a charity. It has two training centres. They are in desperate need for fosterers. If you foster a dog, you have it for fifteen weekends. It'll help the dog become a partner for a person in a wheelchair. Fosterers look after the dogs from Friday afternoon to Monday morning. Charlotte (Year 5) and Isla (Year 3)

Charlotte and Isla wrote a lovely letter to ask if the above could be included in our newsletter. I know that both girls get a lot out of helping this charity and if you would like any further information the website is: <https://caninepartners.org.uk/>

Thurs 2nd – Oak & Birch
parent consultation day

April

Sat 1st – Cross Country at
Griffydam

Fri 7th – Last day of Spring
Term

Mon 24th – Children return
to school

May

Mon 1st – May Day

Week beginning Mon 8th –
Year 6 Assessment week
(SATs)

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

Fri 14th – Last day of term

August

24th & 25th – Training days
for staff

Tues 29th – Children return
to school

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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

Flu Vaccine

The nurses came into school today to administer the flu vaccine to the children who had returned their permission slips from Year 1 to Year 6. For those children who were absent today, I have been informed that you will be offered another opportunity for the vaccine. A letter will be sent home with your child when they return to school.

The children were amazing and the all of the vaccinations were finished by playtime.

Dates

In order to keep you updated, we have tried to put in as many dates as possible for the entire school year. However, as some dates are so far in advance, please bear with us if any of these have to change. Any dates that are added to the diary date section or are necessary to change will be initially written in yellow font, this should make it clearer and easier to spot any changes.

The Headteachers and Governors of all the local schools have worked together to provide consistent term dates throughout the Ashby schools. **As a reminder, when checking term dates, please ensure that you use our website rather than the Leicestershire website, as there will be slight differences.**

School Developments

We are constantly driving forwards school improvements so that we can give your children the very best education. Every year we focus on specific areas of development and all staff have continued professional development to address these. This year we are specifically focusing on the following areas:

- Developing spelling, handwriting and reading
 - Teaching key skills
 - Focusing on improving spelling, specifically boys
 - Promoting reading throughout the school
 - Having higher expectations for the quality of independent work
- Ensuring that all groups of children achieve and make better than expected progress
 - Completed the Achievement for All Programme
 - Closing the gaps between children, focusing on the youngest children
 - Closing the gender gap using boy-friendly interventions, topics and tasks
 - Behaviour for learning improved through Character-project work
- All staff and governors working together to enable us to drive forward school developments
 - Developing Foundation subject assessments
 - Focusing governance through focusing on three key areas
- Continuing to develop teaching & learning
 - Use of coaching across the school
 - Developing computing and design & technology teaching and learning
 - Developing the learning environment

The governors are also looking at a 5 year plan as part of the strategic planning process. We are hoping to have this on the website by the end of this term.

The school development process is completed following in depth analysis of data, as well as school monitoring by the senior leaders of the school (Governors, Mrs Jones, Mrs Ramsell, Mrs Palumbo, Mrs Butler and Mrs Osulton). Breakdowns of the 2016 statutory assessments are published on the website in the 'Useful Information' tab.

Children in Need

This year Children in Need is on November 18th. Come along dressed as a superhero or cuddly Pudsey. All donations will go towards this fantastic charity. We're expecting a special visitor again this year!

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.

Stephen Parker – 7th September 2016

I had a productive chat regarding progress on current issues with Mrs Jones.