



Woodcote News

6th November 2018

Dates for the Diary

November

Weds 7th – Y2 Parents lunch

Fri 9th – Pine class assembly

Mon 19th – Flu vaccinations

Fri 23rd – Ash class assembly

Tues 27th – School Nurse drop in 2.30pm

December

Weds 5th – EYFS & Year 1 Parents lunch

Fri 7th – Pantomime visit

Fri 7th – PTFA Christmas Fair

Tues 11th – EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm

Weds 12th – EYFS & KS1 Nativity. 2pm & 6.30pm

Tues 18th – Y2 Christmas Journey

Weds 19th – KS2 Carol Concert Holy Trinity 6.30pm

Thurs 20th – Christmas dinner

Fri 21st – Last day of Autumn Term

January 2018

Tues 8th – Children return to school

Weds 9th – Y5 & 6 Parents lunch

February

Weds 6th – Y3 & 4 Parents lunch

Fri 15th – Last day of 1/2 term

Mon 25th – Children return to school

March

Weds 6th – Y2 Parents lunch

Last Half Term

Last term went incredibly quickly and the children have already learnt so much this year. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who came along to the parents' evening last term, as well as those who were able to come along for school dinner or to watch their child's class assembly.

This Half Term

This will be an incredibly busy half term in the run up to Christmas – busy but exciting! Some of the events coming up this term:

- **Fri 9th Nov** – 1pm PTFA fundraising meeting, please come along and join us if you can
- **Fri 16th Nov** – Children in Need. Come to school in a Onsie or Twosie (PJs) for a donation. We may even have a special visitor on that day!
- **Mon 26th Nov** – Year 6s visit Warning Zone. Helping our older children learn to deal with a variety of challenges that they may face and helping them to make the right choice.
- **Mon 26th Nov** – Children will go to choose a school Christmas tree from Prestop Farm
- **Fri 30th Nov** – Wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for a donation of wine or chocolate for the Christmas Fair
- **Mon 3rd Dec** – Santa's reindeer will be coming to visit (& maybe the big man himself!). Children are asked to bring a donation of £1 into school for The Phoenix Children's Foundation charity (who are working with Santa to bring the reindeers along to school)
- **Weds 5th Dec** – Gardening Day, we'd love your help to clear the slope onto the playground
- **Weds 5th** – Ash & Pine class parents can come and join their child for lunch
- **Fri 7th Dec** – Whole school Pantomime visit. More details will be sent out next week
- **Fri 7th Dec** – PTFA Christmas Fair, 6.30 – 8.30pm
- **Tues 11th (2pm) & Weds 12th Dec 2pm & 6.30pm** – EYFS & KS1 Nativity, details will follow soon!
- **Tues 18th Dec** – Year 2 Christmas Journey at the Methodist church
- **Weds 19th Dec** – KS2 Carol Concert at Holy Trinity
- **Thurs 20th Dec** – Christmas Dinner day, wear a Christmas jumper! See details about booking below

Parents' lunch

Bookings have now closed for the Year 2 lunch tomorrow; however, they will reopen next Monday for the Ash & Pine Class lunch. We will email you the link next week if you wish to book a meal.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available every day from 7.45am until the start of school. We do endeavour to keep the costs as low as possible in order to make it accessible for our families. The cost per day is £3.00. We believe that this is exceptional value for money and is run by school staff who know the children very well.

Mon 25th – Y3 & 5
Parents' meetings
Tues 26th – Y4 & 6
Parents' meetings
Weds 27th – EYFS & Y1
parents' meetings
Weds 27th – Parents'
evening
Thurs 28th – Y2 Parents'
meetings

April

Weds 3rd – EYFS & Y1
Parents lunch
Fri 5th – Last day of Spring
Term
Tues 23rd – Children
return to school –
Summer Term

May

Weds 1st – Y5 & 6 Parents
lunch
Mon 6th – May Day Bank
Holiday
Week beginning Mon 13th
– Y6 Assessment week
(SATs)
Fri 24th – Last day of half
term

June

Mon 3rd – Children return
to school
Week beginning 10th –
Year 1 phonics Check
Weds 12th – Y2 Parents
lunch

July

Weds 3rd – EYFS & Year 1
Parents lunch
Fri 12th – Children's last
day of term

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Judo Club

Dan Harrison runs a before school judo club on a Tuesday in our school hall. Children from Year 1 upwards are welcome. No special kit is needed, just turn up at 7.45 in your PE kit and join in. The cost is £3.00 per session. Dan's sessions develop discipline, confidence, respect and self-awareness. It is an ideal way to improve cardiovascular fitness, endurance and core strength too whilst having fun.

Christmas Dinner

Although it may seem a way off, we have been told that we need to start booking the children in for their Christmas dinner so the food can be ordered in advance. Please go on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the code: **zhrxw**

All dinner orders need to be placed by **Wednesday 28th November**. If a dinner has not been ordered by this date, they will need to have a packed lunch on Thursday 20th December. **A dinner will need to be ordered, even if your child usually has dinners or if they have a free school meal.** If you need any help with this, please contact the school office.

This Year's Focus

As a school, we strive to continue to improve in order to give your child the very best education. To ensure this we have key areas of focus which are identified through observations, looking at children's work and data analysis, this is in addition to any external advisors who come to into Woodcote (for example the Local Authority, OFSTED and colleagues from other schools).

This year we will continue to build upon our key focus of having higher expectations and aspirations for all children. We want our children to be positive and aim high – believing *and* achieving!

Other focused areas will feed into this, for example:

- Diminishing the gap between how well different children achieve
- Further improving the teaching of English and Maths so that more children are challenged and have consistently outstanding teaching and learning
- Improving children's attendance and punctuality
- Building on the Route to Resilience work, giving all children the opportunities and experiences to help them to succeed
- Giving more opportunities for outdoor learning and creative learning (further developing our 'Forest Schools')

We will also be continuing to work closely with parents and carers; encouraging parents to come in to share their own skills and celebrate achievements. If you have any time available to come into school, either as a regular volunteer or a one off, we would love to welcome you in. Please see your child's teacher or Mrs Jones.

PTFA Auction of Promises

The PTFA are planning an Auction of Promises on the evening of March 22nd, this is intended to be a social fundraising event where members of the community are also invited. This is early in the planning stages at the moment (although lots of exciting 'promises' have already been donated). More details will follow, however the PTFA are interested to hear if this is something that you'd be interested in attending. Please follow this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/L36KLRR> or use the following QR code to assist the PTFA with their plans.

