



Woodcote Weekly

15th September 2017

Dates for the Diary

September

Fri 15th – Oak class assembly 2.30pm
 Weds 20th – Individual school photos
 Thurs 21st – Willow Class visit to Warning Zone. Year 3 & 4 visit to Moira Furnace
 Fri 22nd – Rowan class assembly 2.30pm
 Fri 29th – Hawthorn class assembly 2.30pm
 Fri 29th – MacMillan Cake sale and non-school uniform day.

October

Weds 11th & Thurs 12th – Parents' Evening
 Fri 13th – Birch class assembly 2.30pm
 Thurs 19th – Last day of half term for the children
 Mon 30th – children return to school

November

Fri 3rd – Willow class assembly
 Fri 10th – Pine class assembly 2.30pm
 Mon 20th – Flu immunisations
 Fri 24th – Ash class assembly

December

Fri 8th – PTFA Christmas Fair 6.30pm-8.30pm
 Weds 13th – Ash class and Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm & 6.30pm
 Thurs 14th – Ash class & Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm
 Weds 20th – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert 6.30pm
 Thurs 21st – Christmas dinner
 Fri 22nd – Last day of term and Christmas party day

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School Dinners

Elke, our lovely cook, has been trying to find ways to encourage more children to take up school dinner – particularly as the younger children are able to have them for free. She has decided to try having sandwiches as a school dinner option for some of the days next week. The following sandwiches or cobs will be offered on the following days:

Monday – Tuna
 Tuesday – Cheese
 Thursday – Pork
 Friday – Fish Finger

We will see how popular sandwiches or cobs are before deciding whether to roll this out as a more permanent option. There will continue to be a hot choice available for the children. **If you do have any suggestions on how we could improve our school meals and menu, please drop your suggestions into the office.**

Afternoons

The teachers and support staff have noticed a difference in learning behaviour during the afternoon. We are working on ways to ensure that the lunchtimes are calmer for all of the children. We're asking for your help. If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, if at all possible, could you please limit the amount of food containing sugar. We're noticing an increasing number of children with sugar laden snacks and this does make a difference to how well your children are learning during the afternoon. As a healthy school, we encourage healthy lunchboxes containing a balance of different foods. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Staffing

Our staff are a very friendly and dedicated team of professionals, who consistently go above and beyond to help your child to develop. Last week, we shared with you details about the support staff in school. Unfortunately a couple of members of staff dropped off the bottom of the page and we're so sorry.

Name	Role
Mrs Massingham	Lunch time supervisor lead
Mr Brown	Premises Officer
Mrs Thompson	Cleaner key holder
Mrs Craner	Cleaner
Mr Wilcox	Cleaner

PTFA

Our PTFA are a lovely group of parents who come together to support our school. The money they raise allows your children to participate in activities and provides equipment in school that otherwise they wouldn't have.

The PTFA Annual General Meeting will be on Thursday 28th September at 1.30pm at school. They will be looking at what events to hold during this school year and what they are going to fundraise for.

You are all very welcome to come along if you're interested in getting involved. It's also a lovely opportunity for new parents to come and meet other parents and carers. There's no pressure to commit to being involved; it's a very friendly and supportive group.

The PTFA team are really looking forward to the year ahead.

MacMillan Cake Sale

On Friday 29th September, children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes for a donation to MacMillan Cancer Support. This is a fantastic charity who have helped many of our families over the years. In addition to having an 'own clothes day', we will be having a cake stall after school. Staff and Governors are going to bake some cakes and they will be available on a first come, first served basis after school in the playground.

