



# Woodcote Weekly

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

## Dates for the Diary

### September

assembly – 2.40pm  
 Weds 21<sup>st</sup> – Individual school photographs  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rowan class  
 Sat 24<sup>th</sup> – Tesco Fun Day  
 Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Zoo visit  
 Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Workshop in school

### October

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening  
 Weds 5<sup>th</sup> – Pre-school Stay & Play session  
 Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 Outdoor Adventurous Day  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Pine class assembly  
 Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country at Bosworth  
 Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Ash Class Parents' meeting: Supporting your child at home. 6.30pm  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – End of half term  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Training Day  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Birch class assembly  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country at Packington  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> & Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Parents' evening

### November

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – Willow class assembly  
 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – Hawthorn class assembly  
 Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 visit to Warning Zone  
 Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore class assembly  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Ash class assembly  
 Weds 30<sup>th</sup> – Pre-school Stay & Play session

### December

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cross Country at Viscount Beaumont  
 Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert 6.30pm  
 Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – Ash class and Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm & 6.30pm  
 Weds 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash class & Key

## This Week!

We've had a busy week this week.



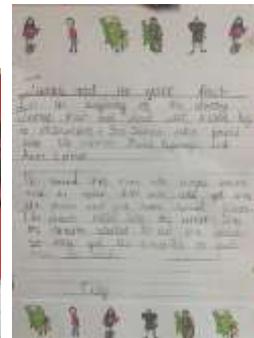
Willow Class classifying animals



Ashby Times



Year 3 Mr Twit Beards



Year 3 & 4 Roald Dahl Day work

## Congratulations!

We are thrilled to announce that there's another Woodcote baby on the way! Mrs Poultny is expecting her second child and we all wish the Poultny family many congratulations. Mrs Poultny is planning on teaching until February half term and Mrs Ramsell will then be teaching the children in Oak Class every morning (for English and Maths) and one afternoon per week for Science. In the afternoons the children in Sycamore and Oak class will be coming together as one and will be taught by Miss Tymon who will continue to be supported by Mrs Prosser and Mrs Marriott. As a team, we felt that this would mean the least disruption for the children, who are already very familiar with Mrs Ramsell, as she has taught them for the last year and currently teaches them on a Monday and Tuesday. There are 33 children across the two classes and this will give the opportunity for the Year 4s to come back together as a year group.

## PTFA

Our PTFA did some amazing work last year, raising lots of money for the school and providing the children with some fantastic events. The PTFA will be sending out a newsletter shortly, however in the meantime just to give you some advanced notice that on 31<sup>st</sup> October there will be a Hallowe'en Pumpkin Carving Competition. The children can bring in a pumpkin which they have designed and then carved with an adult at home, and a winner will be chosen from each year group. There will also be a staff competition which the children will be able to vote a winner from. In addition to this, the children can come in their own clothes or a sensible costume (with no masks!) for a donation of £1. The next meeting of the PTFA will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, where they will be finalising the arrangement for Hallowe'en and the Christmas Fair. Please, please do come along if you can. The PTFA is there for **your** children and everyone is welcome to come along to share their ideas.

Stage 1 nativity 2pm  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

### January 2017

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

### February

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore & Ash parent consultation day

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> – Rowan & Willow parent consultation day

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country at Woodstone

### March

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Pine & Hawthorn parent consultation day

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent

Consultation Evening (all years)

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oak & Birch parent consultation day

### April

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – Cross Country at Griffydham

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Spring Term

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

### May

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day

Week beginning Mon 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Assessment week (SATs)

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term

### June

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> – Summer Term begins

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 phonics Check

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> – Class

Photographs

### July

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

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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](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk)

## Class Assemblies

Reminder: As you might have noticed on the 'Dates for the Diary'. The Friday class assemblies will now start at 2.40pm. Following the assembly, you will still be invited to come into the classroom to share your child's learning. We do hope that you are able to come along.

## 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. We have notified the Local Authority about moving out term dates for the academic year 2017-2018 so that they are in line with other local secondary schools. **Therefore when checking term dates, please ensure that you use our website rather than the Leicestershire website, as there will be slight differences.**

## Free School Meals

All children in Ash, Pine and Hawthorn classes are entitled to a free hot school dinner each day; this is known as Universal Free School Meals. This is different to the Free School Meals entitlement if you are in receipt of certain benefits. If you are entitled to free school meals (even if your child is in Ash, Pine or Hawthorn class) we strongly encourage you to register your child. For each child who is signed up, the school receive an additional sum of money to spend to improve that child's education. The money is used to provide additional staffing to support learning, one to one time for children, help towards the costs of visits etc. A full breakdown of how the money is spent and the impact upon the children's learning can be found on our website. To register for free school meals please telephone: 0116 305 7093. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Wilcox in the office, in confidence.

## Little Pelicans

Unfortunately very few children now attend 'Little Pelicans' and so we have taken the decision to change how it is run. Instead of having a stay & play session in the hall, pre-school children and little ones will be invited to come and join our reception class (Ash class) for an afternoon session where they will be able to come and listen to a story and get to know Ash classroom. Whilst this will be really useful for those children who plan to be joining Woodcote in September 2017, any pre-school children are welcome to attend whichever school they are planning to join. There will be one session per half term until the intake for September 2017 has been confirmed. We will then, as has happened in previous years, arrange additional stay & play sessions leading up to the end of the summer term. Our first two sessions this year will be **on 5<sup>th</sup> October and 30<sup>th</sup> November, between 2pm and 3pm**. The younger children will still have a range of toys to play with and the older pre-school children can make full use of the indoor and outdoor area.

All pre-school children and little ones are invited to come along. We are also still running our toddler fitness sessions on a Wednesday morning. These will run up until half term.

If you have any suggestion for what we can call our stay & play sessions (rather than 'Little Pelicans') please let the office know.

## 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.

Tim Massingham – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2016

*Came in to enjoy a meal with Mrs Ramsell and the children who have played in football matches throughout the year. It was very enjoyable talking to the children about their memories of the school year and their aims for the years to come.*

Stephen Parker – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2016

*I discussed some school policies with Mrs Wilcox. Thanks for an enjoyable and productive meeting.*