



# Woodcote Weekly

1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

## Dates for the Diary

### September

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> – Judo begins  
Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash class begin full days  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – AfA Coffee afternoon 2.30pm  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Oak class assembly 2.30pm  
Weds 20<sup>th</sup> – Individual school photos  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> – Willow Class visit to Warning Zone. Year 3 & 4 visit to Moira Furnace  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Rowan class assembly 2.30pm  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Hawthorn class assembly 2.30pm

### October

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

### November

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

### December

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

### January 2018

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – Children return to

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a very exciting new school year. We've had a lovely positive start to the term and we're so proud of our new Ash class already – they've settled in so well and are already a big part of the school. A big welcome also to children who have joined us further up the school.

## School Uniform

Thank you to all of the parents who have ensured that their child has come to school in the correct uniform. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named so that if they do get misplaced, they can be returned to your child.

As a reminder, all children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) now need to wear a school shirt and tie for school. All children in Key Stage 2 have been given their first free tie from the school as a gift (over the past two years) if they have misplaced their tie, we do have a limited amount of ties available in the office. A traditional tie costs £3.50, a clip on tie is £4.50 and there are also ties with elastic for the younger children for £3.50. The children in Ash, Pine and Hawthorn classes can choose to wear a tie if they wish. All children also need to wear completely black school shoes. Please ensure that all children come to school in the correct uniform from Monday. If you do have any difficulties with the uniform, please come and talk to us.

## PE Kit

All children will need to have a (named) PE kit in school every day. For indoor lesson, the children need a white T-shirt and black shorts. For outside the children need jogging bottoms, a hoodless sweatshirt and a pair of trainers. Thank you.

## Data Collection Forms

By now all data collection forms should have been returned to school. If you have not returned it yet, please ensure that it is returned by Monday. Due to the importance of these documents, it is essential that we have 100% response. The forms give us vital information on who we contact should there be an emergency in school.

## School Gates

The main school gate into the playground will be opened at the same time as last year. This is 8.40am in the morning and 3.10pm in the afternoon. The children can go straight into their classroom in the morning, where they will have morning activities to complete. The register will be called at 8.50am and any child arriving after that time will be marked as late.

## This Year's Focus

As a school, we strive to continue to improve in order to give your child the very best education. In order to move forwards, 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 our key focus is 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 boys and girls achieve

Further improving the teaching of English and Maths so that more children have consistently outstanding learning

Giving more opportunities for outdoor learning and creative learning (introducing the concepts of 'Forest Schools')

Continuing to develop the consistency of the younger children's experiences through their curriculum

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.

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### February

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

### March

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Last day of term

### April

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

### May

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – May Day Bank Holiday

Week beginning Mon 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Assessment week (SATs)

Fri 25<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

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – Children's last day of term

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## Staffing

Our staff are a very friendly and dedicated team of professionals, who consistently go above and beyond to help your child to develop. As well as teaching your children, teaching staff are responsible for the teaching and learning of specific areas of the curriculum. We thought it would be useful to share our roles with you.

Name	Class	Additional Roles
Mrs Jones		Headteacher, DSL (Safeguarding Lead), Assessment Coordinator, Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Staff Governor
Mrs Molotnikoff	Willow (Year 6)	SLT, Coordinating: Science, Attendance, Achievement for All
Miss Tymon	Rowan (Year 5)	PE
Mrs Cain	Birch (Year 4) Mon- Thurs am	Coordinating the Arts (Art, D&T, Music)
Mr Fuller	Birch (Year 4) Thurs pm & Fri	
Mrs Ramsell	Oak (Year 3) Mon-Weds	Deputy Headteachers, English Coordinator, Pupil Premium Lead, DSL, SLT
Mrs Oselton	Oak (Year 3) Thurs & Fri	SLT, Special Educational Needs Coordinator
Mr Statham	Hawthorn (Year 2)	Coordinating Topic work (History, Geography, PHSE, RE) and School Council
Miss Powell	Pine (Year 1)	
Mrs Ferguson	Pine (Year 1) - Weds	Modern Foreign Languages
Mrs Palumbo	Ash (Foundation Stage)	SLT, Coordinating: Early Years, Key Stage 1, Maths and Computing

## 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 from 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.

## Water & Milk

All children are encouraged to bring a water bottle into school which they have access to throughout the day. The children may drink juice if they are bringing a packed lunch into school but the water bottle in class can **only** contain unflavoured water. Mrs Foster has non-spill water bottles available in the office for £1.50. You are also able to order milk to be delivered into school for your child. Please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) for more details.

## Hot Dinners

Elke, our lovely cook, would like to encourage more of our children to have hot school meals – particularly as the younger children are able to have them for free. If you have any suggestions on how we could improve our school meals and menu, please drop your suggestions into the office.

## Year 3 & 4

The staff in Year 3 and 4 have put out a request for donations of shoe boxes for their topic this term. They would also be grateful if all children in Year 3 and 4 could bring in a plain white T-shirt. Thank you.

## Clubs

A clubs letter will be emailed out next week.

We are pleased to say that Dan will be continuing with his Judo classes from next Tuesday morning. The session starts at 8am and costs £3.00. All children are welcome to attend; no need to book, just turn up!

## 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. Unfortunately we will need to increase the price by 50p per day from the end of September. From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the cost per day will rise to £3.00. We believe that this is still exceptional value for money and is significantly lower than similar local clubs. Thank you for your understanding.