



# Woodcote Weekly

**21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

## Dates for the Diary

### September

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Rowan class assembly 2.30pm  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – PTFA AGM all welcome 1.30pm  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse drop in 2.30pm  
 Weds 26<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 zoo visit  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Hawthorn class assembly 2.30pm  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – MacMillan Cake Sale after school

### October

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 3/4 Parents lunch  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> – Harvest festival at Holy Trinity Church  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Birch class assembly 2.30pm  
 Weds 10<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – Parents' evening – Parents' evening  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse drop in 8.30am  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Children's last day at school  
 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Autumn term 2<sup>nd</sup> half begins

### November

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> – Willow class assembly 2.30pm  
 Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Parents lunch  
 Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Pine class assembly  
 Mon 19<sup>th</sup> – Flu vaccinations  
 Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Ash class assembly  
 Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – School Nurse drop in 2.30pm

### December

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> – EYFS & Year 1 Parents lunch  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Pantomime visit  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Christmas Fair  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – EYFS & KS1 Nativity 2pm  
 Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – EYFS & KS1 Nativity. 2pm & 6.30pm  
 Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Christmas Journey  
 Weds 19<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carol Concert Holy Trinity 6.30pm  
 Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Christmas dinner

## Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Holy Trinity Church starting at 2.00pm. Please come along and join us as we celebrate harvest through songs and poems. After the service, you are welcome to take your child home straight from the church.

## Staff in school

We have many professional colleagues who work alongside the teachers to support your children in school.

| Name                        | Role   |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Mrs Wilcox                  | School Business Manager and Clerk to Governors   |
| Mrs Foster                  | Administrative Assistant   |
| Mrs Sirrell                 | Mrs Sirrell is our Nursery Nurse and works with our youngest children in Ash class. She also covers Ash class when Mrs Palumbo has her planning and preparation time (PPA) and her management time |
| Mrs Barnett                 | Ash Class<br>Mrs Barnett is also a lunchtime supervisor  |
| Miss Dennis                 | Pine Class (Year 1)<br>Miss Dennis is also a Lunchtime Supervisor  |
| Mrs Statham                 | Hawthorn Class (Year 2)<br>Mrs Statham is also a lunchtime supervisor  |
| Miss Barnett                | Birch Class (Year 3)<br>Miss Barnett is also a lunchtime supervisor and works in Breakfast Club  |
| Mrs Smithson                | Birch Class (Year 3)<br>Mrs Smithson also covers Hawthorn and Birch Class during PPA time  |
| Mrs Uzzell                  | Oak Class (Year 4)<br>Forest School Lead Practitioner  |
| Miss Foster                 | Rowan Class (Year 5)<br>Miss Foster is also our breakfast club manager and a lunchtime supervisor  |
| Mrs Canner                  | Willow class (Year 6)<br>Mrs Canner also supports in Hawthorn and Ash Class  |
| Mrs Adcock                  | Pupil Premium Champion. Mrs Adcock works with children across the school who are in receipt of Pupil Premium and supports in Year 2 every morning.   |
| Mrs Massingham              | Lunch time supervisor lead   |
| Mrs Emmerson                | Lunchtime Supervisor.<br>Mrs Emmerson also works in our Breakfast Club.  |
| Miss Palmer                 | Lunchtime Supervisor   |
| Miss Jarratt                | Breakfast club   |
| Mr Brown                    | Premises Officer   |
| Mrs Thompson                | Cleaner key holder   |
| Mrs Craner                  | Cleaner  |
| Mr Slaney                   | Sports coach from The School Sports Partnership  |
| Mr Murray                   | Music teacher and Year 5/6 PPA cover   |
| Mrs Barsby-Robinson         | French teacher (Year 5/6) PPA cover  |
| Mrs Peach and Mrs Christian | A and D inclusion team supporting pupils on a weekly basis- in every Tuesday.  |
| Dan Harrison                | Before school judo club teacher- Tuesday mornings  |

## Parents' lunch

It was lovely to see parents in this week sharing lunch with their children. The next Parents' lunch is for parents in Year 3 and 4 and will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 12.15pm. More details to follow.

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Last day of Autumn Term

### January 2018

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & 6 Parents lunch

### February

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Y3 & 4 Parents lunch

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day of 1/2 term

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school

### March

Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Parents lunch

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Y3 & 5 Parents' meetings

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> – Y4 & 6 Parents' meetings

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> – EYFS & Y1 parents' meetings

Weds 27<sup>th</sup> – Parents' evening

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Parents' meetings

### April

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – EYFS & Y1 Parents lunch

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Spring Term

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school – Summer Term

### May

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Y5 & 6 Parents lunch

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – May Day Bank Holiday

Week beginning Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Assessment week (SATs)

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term

### June

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children return to school

Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 phonics Check

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Parents lunch

### July

Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – EYFS & Year 1 Parents lunch

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

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## 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. The gates will be locked at 8.55am so please ensure that all adults leave the playground by this time.

**The front entrance of the school should not be used at the end of the school day unless your child is attending the after school club.** This helps us to monitor who is arriving and leaving the school building, allowing us to keep all of the children safe.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. Judo develops discipline, confidence, respect and self-awareness. It is an ideal way to improve cardiovascular fitness, endurance and core strength too whilst having fun.

## 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 significantly lower than similar local clubs.

## MacMillan Cake Sale

On Friday 28th September, children are invited to come into school wearing their own clothes for a donation to MacMillan Cancer Support. This fantastic charity has 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.

## Year 5/6 Zoo Trip

This is taking place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please wear school uniform, suitable shoes and bring a waterproof coat. Trainers can be worn.