



# Woodcote Weekly

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

## Dates for the Diary

### September

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> School Nurse drop-in session 8.30-10.00am

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – Hawthorn class assembly 2.30pm

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – MacMillan Cake sale and non-school uniform day.

### October

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> – Harvest Festival 10am at Holy Trinity

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> – Open afternoon and phonics evening

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

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> – Ash class & Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> – Ash class and Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm & 6.30pm

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> School Nurse drop-in session 8.30-10.00am

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

## This Week!

Ash Class had an amazing time at the fair on Monday morning as part of their topic work. They were able to have a go on several rides and even had some candy floss to try. The children made some fantastic junk models following their visit and really enjoyed the experience.

The Year 6 children attended 'Warning Zone' in Leicester. Warning Zone is a Life-Skills Centre and children safeguarding charity. They deliver potentially life-saving messages to children and young people across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Warning Zone educate young people on understanding risks and consequences, peer pressure, anti-social behaviour, grooming, cyber-bullying and much more.

## Class Visits

Sadly, it was necessary to cancel the visit to Moira Furnace this week due to not receiving enough contributions from parents. As part of the Victorian topic, the children were going to go on a canal barge, learn how to make rag rugs and experience what it would be like to be a Victorian child. The visit would really have brought what the children were learning in the classroom to life and we're so sad that it needed to be cancelled. Unfortunately we were short of over £350 of contributions and we are unable to subsidise the trip for such a large amount. We completely appreciate that finances can be tight for parents and carers, and consider carefully which school visits are planned. We spend a long time looking for experiences that benefit the children's learning, as well as keeping costs low. As an alternative, we will be arranging an in-school Victorian day later this term. More details to follow shortly.

We have been asked how the costs for school visits are calculated. The total cost of any visit, including transport (which is usually the largest cost) is split equally between the children and so when parents and carers do not contribute; it is the school which has to cover the shortfall – which then affects being able to buy other resources for your children's learning. This is the same for any activity or visit that asks for a voluntary contribution from parents. On our letters, we always mention that if the contribution would cause you financial difficulties, to come in and talk to us in confidence – we will always try and help where we can.

We would never exclude a child from a visit if the parents have not paid the contribution; however we may need to, as we have had to do this time, cancel a visit due to a significant number of parents not contributing.

All parents who did pay will receive a refund from the cancelled trip.

## Harvest Festival

We would like to invite you to join us at our Harvest Festival this year which is taking place at Holy Trinity church on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. We will again be accepting donations of non-perishable food and toiletries to donate to Ashby Foodbank. We would be grateful if you could take your donations directly to the church on the morning of the Harvest Festival. If this is not possible, please bring them into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Thank you.

## School Nurse

The school nursing service are now offering a texting system, where you can contact the school nurse for advice on 07520 615382.

They are also offering a drop in service and our first session will be next Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup> September) between 8.30am and 10.00am. Any parents or carers can pop in for advice to help their child; this could include advice on healthy eating, incontinence, emotional difficulties etc.

## Open Afternoon

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having an open afternoon for parents and carers who are interested in sending their child to our school. It will give the parents an opportunity to see what happens at school to help them to make an informed choice about where their child attends.

We would also like to invite you to come along too. The children will be participating in their usual lessons, and it will give you a chance to experience a typical afternoon at Woodcote.

## Nativity Change of Date

Unfortunately it has been necessary to change the afternoon performance for the Nativity. There will now be a 2pm performance on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> instead of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## January 2018

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

## 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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## MacMillan Cake Sale

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## School Dinners

Elke, our lovely cook, will be continuing with sandwiches or cobs next week. The following sandwiches or cobs will be offered on the following days:

Tuesday – Cheese

Wednesday – Chicken Mayonnaise

Thursday – Sausage

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## School Games Mark

We are thrilled to be able to announce that we have been awarded the Silver School Games Mark. This is the first time that we have achieved this level and it is something to be very proud of. We are part of the North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership (NWLSSP) and our children have many opportunities to compete against other schools and receive first rate sports coaching. The Government provide every school with a Sports Premium Grant, and this year the grant has been increased significantly. A full breakdown of what the grant has been spent on is available on our website. During the last academic year, through NWLSSP support, our school completed the following:

<b>Competition</b>	Level 2 School Games Competitions Entered	18
	Total Pupil Attendances at Competitions	255
<b>Leadership Coaching Supported</b>	Play Coach	24
	Bronze Ambassadors	4
	Curriculum Sessions – Total number of Attendances	1598
	Extra-Curricular - Total number of Children	425
	Zumba Coaching – Total number of children that received Zumba coaching	32
	Number of Coaching Hours	110
	Number of Zumba Hours	4
	<b>Total Number of Coaching Hours</b>	<b>114</b>
<b>Teacher Professional Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive Play – 2 members of staff</li> <li>Planning in PE – 1 member of staff</li> <li>Tri Golf – 2 members of staff</li> <li>Gymnastics – 2 members of staff</li> </ul>	
<b>Additional Support</b>	<p><b>Christmas Festival</b> – 30 pupils from KS1 attended a Christmas Festival, which consisted of a Christmas story linked with basic movements and games.</p> <p><b>Alternative Sports</b> – 32 pupils from Year 3/4 took part in a Flag Football session. This session targeted those who were less active or who had not represented the school at a Level 2 competition before.</p> <p><b>Health Roadshow</b> - 19 pupils from Year 2 attended a Health Roadshow. The roadshow promotes healthy lifestyle messages, whilst educating the children about diet and the importance of being physically active. Key messages included; knowledge of different types of foods, food groups and how much of each one they should have in order to eat a balanced diet.</p> <p><b>Higher Attaining Pupils Day</b> – 2 of your higher attaining pupils in PE attended a very special careers day in June at Loughborough College. Your students attended various workshops giving them an insight into different careers in sport, including; a day in the life of an elite athlete, sports science and sports coaching.</p>	