



Woodcote Weekly

23rd September 2016

Dates for the Diary

September

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

October

Weds 5th & Thurs 6th – Parents' Evening
Weds 5th – Pre-school Stay & Play session
Thurs 6th – Year 3/4 Outdoor Adventurous Day
Fri 7th – Pine class assembly
Sat 8th – Cross Country at Boswoth
Wed 12th – Harvest Festival 2pm Holy Trinity
Weds 12th – Ash Class Parents' meeting: Supporting your child at home. 6.30pm
Thurs 13th – End of half term
Fri 14th – Teacher Training Day
Mon 24th – Children return
Fri 28th – Birch class assembly
Sat 29th – Cross Country at Packington
Tues 6th & Weds 7th – Parents' evening

November

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

December

Sat 3rd – Cross Country at Viscount Beaumont
Tues 6th – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert 6.30pm
Tues 13th – Ash class and Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm & 6.30pm
Weds 14th – Ash class & Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm
Fri 16th – Last day of term

This Week

There's been lots of fun and learning going on at Woodcote this week!



Rewards

We have slightly changed the way that the rewards system is operated this year. The previous Merit and Smile charts have now been replaced by one system. The children are now working towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold award. The merits will still be given for the same reasons (putting effort into work and for excellent behaviour) but they will all count towards the one award. We will continue to text you when your child receives a full row of merits and you will be invited into school for the assembly when they receive their award (the children will also receive a little gift alongside their certificate!)

For any terrific teamwork, your child will receive a house point. These will all go towards your child's house so that there can be an overall house winner across the school. We will use the house teams a lot more during the academic year with inter-house competitions, sports events and house leaders.

Choir

We are hoping to take a choir to Young Voices in Birmingham in January. Before we commit to booking our place and arranging transport, we would like to know how many children are interested. Young Voices is an event where thousands of children join together to perform a variety of songs. Our nearest event is in Birmingham. As the event happens on a school night and the children are not likely to get back into Ashby until approximately 11.30pm, we would suggest that it is really only suitable for the very oldest children, however we would be willing to take children from Year 4 upwards.

In order for us to confirm our booking, we would need to ensure that there is enough interest in the event. This would mean a commitment from your child to attend the choir rehearsals every week (Monday after school). After Christmas, there would also be additional practices during lunchtimes. We cannot yet confirm the cost of the transport, but we are expecting it to be in the region of £10. If you are happy for your child to take part in Young Voices, please telephone or email the office by next Tuesday (27th September).

This is a fantastic event and the children who have previously taken part did really enjoy it. However before confirming that your child is interested, please do stress to your child that they would need to commit to attending the practices every week. Thank you.

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 today's Woodcote Weekly is slightly shorter, please check with last week's newsletter dates for the remainder of the academic year.

As a reminder, 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.

