



# Woodcote Weekly

29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## Dates for the Diary

### 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

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – School Nurse  
Drop in 2.30pm

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> – PTFA Pumpkin  
Carving competition

### 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

### January 2018

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

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## MacMillan Cake Sale & Donations

Thank you so much to everyone who donated today towards MacMillan. The non-school uniform day raised over £180. We will be also be selling cakes after school today and will let you know next week how much money has been raised for this fantastic charity who has helped so many of our families over the years.

## Forest School

We have been really lucky in securing funding to receive training in developing our outdoor environment using Forest School Training. Mrs Uzzell will be our Forest School Practitioner and will be spending next week at Hicks Lodge developing her own skills so that she can share them with our children. All other staff will receive training in January. Mrs Uzzell will then be working with groups of children during the week outside in our forest area.

What Are Forest Schools? The philosophy of Forest Schools is to encourage and inspire individuals of any age through positive outdoor experiences. Through the activities, children learn to problem solve, develop social skills, learn about the natural environment, develop confidence become independent and handle risks. We will send out more information about the Forest School after half term.

In order to set up the outdoor learning area, years 4 and 5 will be spending the day outside of the classroom on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. As the children will be working in the 'forest area' whatever the weather, they will need to come to school in old, warm clothes which will probably get muddy. It is a good idea for the children to wear wellies during the day (as well as a pair of shoes to change into) as even if the weather is dry, they will be working in the mud. As part of their day, the children will be making an outside classroom area (including a seating area), making mini-beast homes and creating a fire pit. This is going to be a very exciting day for all of the adults and children involved.

## Harvest Festival

Reminder: We would like to invite you to join us at our Harvest Festival this year which is taking place at Holy Trinity church **next Tuesday** (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.

Our next session will be on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm. 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.

## School Dinners

The following sandwiches or cobs will be offered on the following days:

Monday – Tuna

Wednesday – Cheese

## 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.

Thank you to those who came along to the PTFA Annual General Meeting. They have some very exciting events planned during the year, the first being a pumpkin carving competition on 31<sup>st</sup> October. More details will follow shortly.

