



# Woodcote Weekly

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

## Dates for the Diary

### September

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Judo begins  
Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Ash class begin full days  
Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Finding Fitness  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Oak class assembly – 2.40pm  
Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Rowan class assembly – 2.40pm  
Weds 21<sup>st</sup> – Individual school photographs  
Sat 24<sup>th</sup> – Tesco Fun Day  
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Zoo visit  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Year 5/6 Workshop in school

### October

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Pine class assembly  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country at Bosworth  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – End of half term  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Training Day  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Birch class assembly  
Sat 29<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country at Packington  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> & Weds 7<sup>th</sup> – Parents' evening

### November

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> – Willow class assembly  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – Hawthorn class assembly  
Weds 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 visit to Warning Zone  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore class assembly  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> – Ash class assembly

### December

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> – Cross Country at Viscount Beaumont  
Tues 6<sup>th</sup> – Key Stage 2

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a very exciting new school year. We hope that you received your text message to share with you the outcome of our Ofsted inspection which took place at the end of last term. We were thrilled with the outcome, which reflects all of the hard work that all staff and governors put into our school to ensure that your children have the very best education. It also reflects how wonderful your children are – the inspectors were very impressed with the confidence and attitudes of the children around school. We are so proud of them!

Whilst we are very happy with the result, we will also be continuing to work on specific areas to further develop our school. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing with you our plans for development and we are always happy to hear your views on how you think we could improve further.

The report itself is available to view online, however if you'd like a hard copy of the report, please pop into the office where there are copies available.

## School Uniform

Thank you to all of the parents who have ensured that their child has come to school in the correct uniform.

As a reminder, all children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) now need to wear a tie for school. Whilst the school uniform is a short or long sleeved white shirt, we are happy for them to continue to wear a white polo shirt if they are wearing the tie. Unfortunately the traditional ties don't fit so well with the polo shirts; however clip-on ties are available from the school office for £4.50. All children in Key Stage 2 have been given their first free tie from the school as a gift (either this year or last year) if they have misplaced their tie, a new tie will need to be purchased from the office for £3.50 (ties with elastic are also available for the younger children). 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.

## Naming items of clothing

Although the children have been back in school less than a week, there have already been several children losing items of clothing. Please make sure that all items, but particularly jumpers and cardigans, are clearly named. Could we also ask that you double check that you have your child's jumper/cardigan in case they have accidentally picked up another child's.

## 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, black shorts and a pair of pumps/plimsolls. For outside the children need jogging bottoms, a hoodless sweatshirt and a pair of trainers. Thanks 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.

## PTFA

Our PTFA did some amazing work last year, raising lots of money for the school and providing the children with some fantastic events. We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the school to talk about future events and ideas for spending the money raised so far. Please, please do come along if you can. The PTFA is there for **your** children and everyone is welcome to come along to share their ideas or come along just to hear more about what the PTFA does. We'll even make sure that there's some cake to go with the cup of tea!

Carol Concert 6.30pm  
Tues 13<sup>th</sup> – Ash class and  
Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm  
& 6.30pm  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> – Ash class &  
Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm  
Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

### January 2017

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> – Children return  
to school

### February

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half  
term  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Children  
return to school  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> – Sycamore &  
Ash parent consultation  
day  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> – Rowan &  
Willow parent  
consultation day  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> – Cross Country at  
Woodstone

### March

Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Pine &  
Hawthorn parent  
consultation day  
Weds 1<sup>st</sup> – Parent  
Consultation Evening (all  
years)  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> – Oak & Birch  
parent consultation day

### April

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> – Cross Country at  
Griffydham  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Spring  
Term  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Children  
return to school

### May

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day  
Week beginning Mon 8<sup>th</sup> –  
Year 6 Assessment week  
(SATs)  
Fri 26<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

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term

## 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.

## 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 some dates are so far in advance, please bear with us if any of these have to change. Any dates that are added to the diary date section or are necessary to change will be initially written in yellow font, this should make it clearer and easier to spot any changes.

## Judo

We are pleased to say that Dan has now recovered and Judo will begin 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!

## Finding Fitness

Thanks to lottery funding, our free adult and 'Tiny Tot' keep fit classes will be continuing this half term. The classes run every Wednesday. The adult classes are from 9.15-10.15am and the toddler sessions are from 10.30-11.30am and are open to all members of the community so please spread the word to family and friends.

## Email

You may have noticed from your data collection forms that we are hoping to email letters out to parents this year. We are hoping to email the weekly newsletter from next week. Please ensure that we have a current email address for you and if you would like the email sending to more than one address (i.e. both parents) this can also be arranged. We will send a text to notify you that the newsletter has been sent. The newsletter will still be available on our website and paper copies will be available from the office.

## Water bottles

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.

## 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.

## Little Pelicans

Unfortunately very few children now attend 'Little Pelicans' and so we have taken the decision to change how it is run. Instead of having a stay & play session in the hall, pre-school children will be invited to come and join our reception class (Ash class) for an afternoon session where they will be able to come and listen to a story and get to know Ash classroom. Whilst this will be really useful for those children who plan to be joining Woodcote in September 2017, any pre-school children are welcome to attend whichever school they are planning to join. There will be one session per half term until the intake for September 2017 has been confirmed. We will then, as has happened in previous years, arrange additional stay & play sessions leading up to the end of the summer term. We will let you know when these sessions will be running on next week's newsletter. Thanks

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