



# Woodcote Weekly

4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Dates for the Diary

### September

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – Science Day  
Weds 6<sup>th</sup> – Ash class (EYFS) begin full days  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – Oak class assembly 2.30pm  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> – Individual School Photos  
Weds 19<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & 6 Parents lunch  
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  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Birch class assembly 2.30pm  
Weds 10<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> – Parents' evening  
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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

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a very exciting new school year. We've had a lovely positive start to the term and we're so proud of our new Ash class already – they've settled in so well and are already a big part of the school. A big welcome also to new children who have joined us further up the school.

We have decided to send everyone a paper copy of this newsletter today, however in order to save paper and prevent waste, the majority of our letters will be sent out via email. You will also be sent a text message to confirm that an email has been sent. Paper copies of letters will also be available to collect from the office.

## School Uniform

Thank you to all of the parents who have ensured that their child has come to school in the correct uniform. Please ensure that all items of clothing are named so that if they do get misplaced, they can be returned to your child.

As a reminder, all children in Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) now need to wear a school shirt and tie for school. All children in Key Stage 2 have been given their first free tie from the school as a gift, if they have misplaced their tie, we do have a limited amount of ties available in the office. A traditional tie costs £3.50, a clip on tie is £4.50 and there are also ties with elastic for the younger children for £3.50. 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. If you do have any difficulties with the uniform, please come and talk to us.

## 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 and black shorts. For outside the children need jogging bottoms, a hoodless sweatshirt and a pair of trainers. Thank you.

## Data Collection & Medical Forms

New data collection forms will be sent out this week. It is essential that we receive all forms back so that we know who to contact in an emergency. Please double check that we have the correct mobile telephone number and email address so that you don't miss any important information.

You will also shortly receive a medical information update letter. Please return this to school if your child has any longer term medical condition, even if they don't take regular medication or it only affects your child at home. This information would be passed onto paramedics in the highly unlikely event that your child would need to be transferred to hospital.

Due to the new Data Protection regulations (GDPR) we will also be sending out our new Data Privacy statement so that you are aware how we store and use your data.

## 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.

## Hot Dinners

Elke, our lovely cook, would like to encourage more of our children to have hot school meals – particularly as the younger children are able to have them for free. If you have any suggestions on how we could improve our school meals and menu, please drop your suggestions into the office. We will also be inviting you to come and have a hot school dinner once a term with your child. The cost will be £3 for an adult's meal and it will need to be booked in advance.

**The 1st Parents' lunch is for parents in Year 5 & 6 and will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12.15pm. You can book your meal at [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) using the code: np4hq**  
**Please order your meal by MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER at the latest – thank you**

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  
 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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## 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.

## Staffing

Our staff are a very friendly and dedicated team of professionals, who consistently go above and beyond to help your child to develop. As well as teaching your children, teaching staff are responsible for the teaching and learning of specific areas of the curriculum. We thought it would be useful to share our roles with you.

Name	Class	Additional Roles
Mrs Jones		Headteacher, DSL (Safeguarding Lead), Assessment Coordinator, Senior Leadership Team (SLT), Staff Governor, Mental Health lead, Route to Resilience
Mrs Molotnikoff	Willow (Year 6)	SLT, Coordinating: Science, Attendance, Achievement for All
Miss Tymon	Rowan (Year 5)	PE
Mrs Ramsell	Oak (Year 4)	Deputy Headteacher, English Coordinator, Pupil Premium Lead, DSL, SLT, Route to Resilience
Mrs Ferguson	SLT cover Weds am Oak (Year 4) – Weds pm	Modern Foreign Languages,
Mrs Clode	Birch (Year 3)	Coordinating the Arts (Art, D&T, Music)
Mrs Buxton	Hawthorn (Year 2) Mon-Weds	<i>Covering Mrs Cain's maternity cover</i>
Mrs Poultney	Hawthorn (Year 2) Thurs - Fri	Library coordinator
Miss Powell	Pine (Year 1)	Coordinating Topic work (History, Geography, PHSE, RE) and School Council
Mrs Palumbo	Ash (Foundation Stage)	SLT, Coordinating: Early Years, Key Stage 1, Maths and Computing
Mrs Oselton	Mon - Weds	SLT, Special Educational Needs Coordinator

## 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.

## Clubs

A clubs letter will be emailed out next week.

We are pleased to say that Dan will be continuing with his Judo classes from 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!

## 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. Unfortunately we will need to increase the price by 50p per day from the end of September. From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the cost per day will rise to £3.00. We believe that this is still exceptional value for money and is significantly lower than similar local clubs. Thank you for your understanding.

