



Woodcote Weekly

8th September 2017

Dates for the Diary

September

Fri 15th – Oak class assembly 2.30pm
 Weds 20th – Individual school photos
 Thurs 21st – Willow Class visit to Warning Zone. Year 3 & 4 visit to Moira Furnace
 Fri 22nd – Rowan class assembly 2.30pm
 Fri 29th – Hawthorn class assembly 2.30pm
Fri 29th – MacMillan Cake sale and non-school uniform day.

October

Weds 11th & Thurs 12th – Parents' Evening
 Fri 13th – Birch class assembly 2.30pm
Thurs 19th – Last day of half term for the children
 Mon 30th – children return to school

November

Fri 3rd – Willow class assembly
 Fri 10th – Pine class assembly 2.30pm
 Mon 20th – Flu immunisations
 Fri 24th – Ash class assembly

December

Fri 8th – PTFA Christmas Fair 6.30pm-8.30pm
 Weds 13th – Ash class and Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm & 6.30pm
 Thurs 14th – Ash class & Key Stage 1 nativity 2pm
 Weds 20th – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert 6.30pm
 Thurs 21st – Christmas dinner
 Fri 22nd – Last day of term and Christmas party day

January 2018

Tues 9th – Children return to school

This Year's Focus

As a school, we strive to continue to improve in order to give your child the very best education. In order to move forwards, 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 into Woodcote (for example the Local Authority, OFSTED and colleagues from other schools).

This year our key focus is 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 boys and girls achieve
- Further improving the teaching of English and Maths so that more children have consistently outstanding learning
- Giving more opportunities for outdoor learning and creative learning (introducing the concepts of 'Forest Schools')
- Continuing to develop the consistency of the younger children's experiences through their curriculum

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. Last week, we shared with you the additional roles that the teachers have within school. This week we thought that we'd let you know more about where the support staff are based within school

Name	Role
Mrs Wilcox	School Business Manager and Clerk to Governors
Mrs Foster	Administrative Assistant
Mrs Sirrell	Mrs Sirrell is our Nursery Nurse and works with our youngest children in Ash class. She also covers Ash class when Mrs Palumbo has her planning and preparation time (PPA)
Miss Foster	Pine Class (Year 1) Miss Foster also is a trained Babywatching group leader and may lead groups later this year. She also leads Breakfast club and is a lunchtime supervisor.
Mrs Barnett	Pine Class (Year 1) Mrs Barnett is also a Lunchtime Supervisor
Mrs Statham	Pine Class (Year 1) mornings, Hawthorn Class (Year 2) afternoons Mrs Statham is also a lunchtime supervisor
Miss Dennis	Hawthorn Class (Year 2) Miss Dennis is also a lunchtime supervisor
Miss Barnett	Hawthorn Class (Year 2) Miss Barnett is also a lunchtime supervisor and works in Breakfast Club
Mrs Smithson	Oak (Year 3) Mrs Smithson also covers Hawthorn Class during PPA time
Mrs Uzzell	Birch Class (Year 4) Mrs Uzzell is also undergoing training to lead our Forest School provision
Mrs Prosser	Rowan Class (Year 5) Mrs Prosser also runs our netball club
Mrs Canner	Willow Class (Year 6)
Mrs Adcock	Pupil Premium Champion. Mrs Adcock works with children across the school who are in receipt of Pupil Premium.
Mrs Emmerson	Lunchtime Supervisor. Mrs Emmerson also works in our Breakfast Club.
Miss Palmer	Lunchtime Supervisor
Miss Jarratt	Breakfast club

February

Fri 9th – Last day of half term

Mon 19th – Children return to school

March

Fri 23rd – Last day of term

April

Mon 9th – Children return to school

May

Mon 7th – May Day Bank Holiday

Week beginning Mon 14th – Year 6 Assessment week (SATs)

Fri 25th – Last day of half term

June

Mon 5th – Summer Term begins

Week beginning 12th – Year 1 phonics Check

Weds 14th – Class Photographs

July

Thurs 12th – Children's last day of term

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MacMillan Cake Sale

On Friday 29th 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.

Once Upon A Dream

Well done to some of our fantastic Key Stage 2 writers who have had their work published in the Once Upon A Dream book, Derbyshire and Leicestershire edition. Any books ordered have now been delivered to school and they'll be bringing them home this weekend. Well Done: Cameron, Olive, Tilly, Mia, Callum, Abigail, Chloe, William, Isla, Emily, Matthew, Georgia, Cruz, Jacob, Liam, Ruby, Macey, Emme, Amelie, Josh, Hollie, Kyle, Alfie, Kylah, Adam, Lydia, Ernie, Jayden, Joe, Ryan and Hunter. What fantastic authors of the future!

Data Collection Forms Reminder

Reminder: 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.

Clubs

Please ensure that you return the clubs letter as soon as possible if your child would like to take part this half term. Please assume that your child has a place unless we let you know otherwise.

Year 3 & 4

The staff in Year 3 and 4 have put out a request for donations of shoe boxes for their topic this term. They would also be grateful if all children in Year 3 and 4 could bring in a plain white T-shirt. Thank you.

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 Infant Free School Meals. This is different from 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.

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 for more details.

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.**

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 2nd 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.