



Woodcote Weekly

9th September 2016

Dates for the Diary

September

Fri 16th – Oak class assembly – 2.40pm

Fri 23rd – Rowan class assembly – 2.40pm

Weds 21st – Individual school photographs

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 Bosworth

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 to school

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 &

Clubs Letter

You should have received a clubs letter yesterday showing what clubs are on offer this term. More clubs may be offered during the term as opportunities arise. In addition to this, some additional clubs may be offered during the school day. Unfortunately at the moment we only have two clubs available for the younger children (Finding Fitness and Judo), as the year progresses further clubs will be offered.

Mrs Webb has kindly offered to run recorders club on a Tuesday lunchtime club, with an additional beginners club too. If you feel that you are able to offer a club to the children, please come and have a chat with Mrs Jones. Thank you

School Uniform

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

As a reminder, all children should be wearing a **white** shirt and not burgundy. The school jumpers or cardigans should be burgundy. The children also need to wear completely **black shoes**, we do have a selection of spare black shoes or plimsolls that the children will be asked to change into if they are not wearing the correct footwear.

A full list of the school uniform is available on the school's website:

www.woodcoteprimary.com (Parents section). Ties are available from the school office: £3.50 for the traditional and elastic ties, £4.50 for a clip on tie. If you do have any difficulties with the uniform, please come and talk to us.

Class Assemblies

As you might have noticed on the 'Dates for the Diary'. The Friday class assemblies will now start at 2.40pm. Following the assembly, you will still be invited to come into the classroom to share your child's learning. We do hope that you are able to come along.

Data Collection Forms

Thank you for all of the parents who have returned their data collection forms. If you have not returned it yet, please ensure that it is returned immediately. 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.

Reminder: We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 14th 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!

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. We have notified the Local Authority about our proposal of moving our term dates for the academic year 2017-2018 so that they are in line with other local secondary schools. A copy of the new proposed dates have been emailed to you with today's newsletter. **Therefore when checking term dates, please ensure that you use our website rather than the Leicestershire website, as there will be slight differences.** Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions about this.

6.30pm

Weds 14th – Ash class & Key

Stage 1 nativity 2pm

Fri 16th – Last day of term

January 2017

Weds 4th – Children return to school

February

Fri 10th – Last day of half term

Mon 20th – Children return to school

Mon 27th – Sycamore & Ash parent consultation day

Tues 28th – Rowan & Willow parent consultation day

Sat 25th – Cross Country at Woodstone

March

Weds 1st – Pine & Hawthorn parent consultation day

Weds 1st – Parent

Consultation Evening (all years)

Thurs 2nd – Oak & Birch parent consultation day

April

Sat 1st – Cross Country at Griffydham

Fri 7th – Last day of Spring Term

Mon 24th – Children return to school

May

Mon 1st – May Day

Week beginning Mon 8th – Year 6 Assessment week (SATs)

Fri 26th – Last day of half term

June

Mon 5th – Summer Term begins

Week beginning 12th – Year 1 phonics Check

Weds 14th – Class

Photographs

July

Fri 14th – Last day of term

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As a school we welcome your feedback in order to help us to develop further.

We also encourage you to share your views with Ofsted, this can be done at:

www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk

Email

Although the newsletter has been emailed today, a small amount of paper copies will still be available from the office and it is also available on our website. We will be moving towards emailing all other letters out in the near future. As you will be aware from today, a text will be sent to you to notify you that an email has been sent. The only exception to this is where we have more than one email address for a child, our text system will only allow us to send a text to the parent who has been identified as being the priority contact and we are unable to override this system. We are more than happy to email both parents, but we will still only be able to text one. If you would like an email address adding to the mailing list, please contact the office.

If you do not currently have an email address, we would be happy to help you to set one up. Please have a chat with the office if we can be of any help.

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 and little ones 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. Our first two sessions this year will be **on 5th October and 30th November, between 2pm and 3pm**. The younger children will still have a range of toys to play with and the older pre-school children can make full use of the indoor and outdoor area.

All pre-school children and little ones are invited to come along. We are also still running our toddler fitness sessions on a Wednesday morning. These will run up until half term.

If you have any suggestion for what we can call our stay & play sessions (rather than 'Little Pelicans') please let the office know.

School Gates

The main school gate into the playground will be opened at 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.

Governors

Our governors are a dedicated group of people who volunteer their time to improve and support Woodcote Primary School; they are our 'critical friends' in helping us to develop further. As part of their role, the governors often visit the school during the school day. The visits have a particular focus and we have a Governor Visits book situated in the reception area where you are able to read their comments.