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WOODSTONE NEWS

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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE:

Welcome back to Woodstone for what promises to be a long, but busy and exciting term.

A special welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined Woodstone this August. We have new children not only in our Reception Class but also in Years 1, 3 and 6. We are really looking forward to developing a partnership with you which not only creates happy children but also children who achieve well and are prepared for the future, academically, socially and emotionally.

We are committed to providing EVERY child in the school with the best possible education and an experience which they will remember, for all the right reasons, in the future.

On the whole, we have a very settled staff team here at Woodstone and this summer has seen very few changes. Mrs Pimperton, who all the children already know will now be here for three days rather than one and you may see more of Mrs Medlycott and Mrs Moore, but other than that everything remains pretty similar to last year.

This type of Newsletter is an important form of communication. They are published monthly, sometimes more often. You should also keep up to date with important information on our website www.woodstoneprimary.co.uk. We send almost all of our newsletters and letters electronically. However, if you would still like a paper copy please let Mel in the office know. One of our other methods of communicating is with the text or email message service. Please ensure we have your up to date mobile number. Thank you.

Please remember that we welcome all constructive feedback and work hard to be as open and accessible as we possibly can. Class teachers are available for quick chats/updates at the classroom door in a morning or again after school. If you need more time with them or with me please ask for an appointment at the school office. You can also email each class on their class email e.g. year1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk, year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk etc.

Please also remember to keep an eye on the class pages on the website—you will already find a class letter on there, welcoming you to the new school year and telling you a little bit about what will be happening during this academic year. Don't forget the Meet the Teacher meetings too - details on page 2 of this newsletter.

REMINDER

We are planning a residential trip to the Isle of Wight in September 2025 and as such we are holding an information evening for parents of children in Years 4 and 5 next Wednesday (4th September) at 5:30pm.

Please do your best to attend. It will be in the school hall.

Thank you.

THANK YOU TO OUR PTA

We now have two new little break out rooms rooms which can be used for children who just need a little bit of emotional support or simply five minutes one to one time with an adult. We are



very grateful to our PTA and the Thomas Harley Charity who have funded these two new rooms. They will be known as the Oak and the Acorn rooms.

YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU

Many of you will have enjoyed events put on by our PTA (the Colour Run, Chocolate Bingo, Quiz Night) but we are really struggling for members at the moment. If you think you could give a little bit of time to help please let us know (via the School Office). However what would be really good is if you could spare one hour on Tuesday 10th September at

6pm to come along to our first meeting of the year. Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY

We now have the date for the first cross country event of the year - Saturday 28th September. This will be at Bosworth Country Park.

However, our cross country club for Year 1 and Year 2 children will start after school (3:15 - 4pm) on Wednesday 11th September. It is led by Miss Pickering and Mr Mullins.



Please remember this club is for children who like to run! That may sound obvious but we sometimes have children who don't like running and therefore are very reluctant cross country participants!

Recycling List

We continue to collect a number of items for recycling. See list below:

- ♦ Batteries
- Inkjet Cartridges
- ♦ Stamps
- Pens and pencils
- Cake wrappers
- ♦ Biscuit wrappers
- Chocolate and confectionary pouches and wrappers

WOODY'S & SCHOOL MONEY

Booking Woody's using the School Money App

If you are reserving Woody's places using the App, once you have added your reservations to the basket, you still need to go through the Checkout Process to confirm your bookings and for them to be sent through to school.

You do this by going to the basket at the top right corner of the screen and pressing the green 'Pay' button. If it's just reservations, the amount will show £0.00 and won't ask for card details.

You will then see a confirmation message.

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2024

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Tuesday 1st October at 9am. We are once again complying with safety rules by not having as many people in the hall at one time. It will therefore just be the Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 children leading the assembly.

We will be supporting our

local Coalville Foodbank and asking for donations nearer the time. Thank you for your support.

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

Monday 2nd September - Year 1 (5pm)

Monday 2nd September - Year 4 (5pm)

Monday 2nd September - Year 2 (5:30pm)

Tuesday 3rd September - Year 5 (5pm)

Tuesday 3rd September - Year Reception (5pm)

Wednesday 4th September - Year 3 (5pm)

Wednesday 4th September - Year 6 (5pm)

All meetings are in the classrooms. Please enter from the playground doors.

These meetings are not only useful for you to put a face to the name but also to hear about expectations for your child's year group.

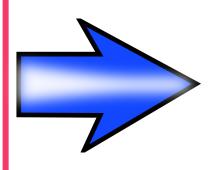


If you can attend with-

out your child that will help the meeting run smoothly but if you have no child care then children are, of course, welcome to come and sit quietly with you.



KS2 Break Time Tuck Shop Pricelist



Please note children are only allowed to buy ONE snack unless otherwise stated. If they bring a snack from home they are not allowed to get more snack from the tuck shop!

Thank you.





CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to Miss Cain who got married to Zach over the summer holiday. We all hope they have a very happy life together. Miss Cain will now be known as Mrs.

Copley.

ATTENDANCE at Woodstone

We know it's only week one but a big thank you to all our parents who have made a real effort to get children to School <u>and</u> to get them here on time! We all appreciate it as it means the children are so much more settled in class.

Thank you - it bodes well for a good year.

SCHOOL LOTTERY



Like everyone else in the country schools are finding it difficult to manage their evershrinking budgets at the moment. Quite often parents help us out by attending PTA fund raising events, contributing to the £5 cookery/art donation etc. However, there is a way to contribute where you can really help the school but also possibly win some money too!

Here at Woodstone we have our very own lottery. It is drawn every Saturday and someone always wins between £30 and £50. Parents can set a weekly limit and buy one line or multiple lines of numbers.

If you feel able to help us raise much needed funds then log on to yourschool-lottery.co.uk then scroll down and find the red 'find your school' tab. Click on this then find Woodstone and click on the 'support us' tab. You should then be able to buy tickets.

As I said, everyone is finding the cost of living difficult at the moment so please do not feel under any obligation to sign up.

Thank you.

IMPECCABLE BEHAVIOUR

You may have heard the children talking about impeccable behaviour so we thought we would explain what it means. As part of our Golden Book Assembly each week, staff nominate two or three children per class who have demonstrated impeccable behaviour. These are children who have been seen around school displaying the following behaviours;

- remembered manners
- walked on the left side of the corridor
- walked in single file
- held doors open for each other or for adults
- remembered to not interrupt adults when they are talking
- followed the three school rules

The key to being impeccable is not having to be asked or reminded about any of the above. You will receive a text, on a Friday, if your child has been recognised for their impeccable behaviour and they will be invited to come in non-uniform on the following Friday as a reward.

We will send parents a text on a Thursday to remind you!

Please remember we are a nut free school so thank you for not sending children in with nuts as a snack or Nutella in their sandwich boxes.

