

WOODSTONE NEWS

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PRIME BOTTLES



Over the past few weeks we have had a number of issues with this type of drink/bottle being brought into school. Bottles which are deemed as valuable have been going missing and there have been a number of arguments between children about the bottles. They are also sometimes seen as status symbols which has led to some children putting considerable pressure on their parents to buy a Prime bottle.

It is also worth pointing out to parents that children under the age of 18 should not be drinking Prime as it contains a high amount of caffeine which can have significant health risks. Even for older children, Prime drinks can pose a risk of vitamin toxicity if consumed in excess.

For all these reasons we are now asking you not to send Prime bottles into School. Thank you for your support.

CROSS COUNTRY DATES

Please note the dates for this year's cross-country events. The ones in red are organised by the Unity Learning Partnership and start at 10:30am. The ones in black are organised by North West Leicestershire School Sports Partnership and these start at 10am. - - -

Packington Primary School (LE65 1WL) Saturday 4th November (10:30am) – see flyer on back page

Saturday 11th November - Sir John Moore Primary DE12 7AH (10am)

Saturday 20th January - Hugglescote County Primary - LE67 2HA (10am)

Saturday 27th January - Woodstone (10:30am) (Be great to have a HUGE team at our event)

Saturday 10th February - Measham C of E - DE12 7LG (10am)

Saturday 9th March (10:30am) - Snarstone Primary School (DE12 7DB)

Griffydham Primary School - Saturday 13th April (10:30am) – LE67 8HU

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this important fundraiser – anyone who donated delicious cakes –

THANK YOU

To anyone who came along a big **THANK YOU**

We raised a magnificent £193

PTA HALLOWEEN BINGO

We have just a few tickets remaining for our Halloween Bingo, they are available from the school office.



Friday 27th October at 6pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)



Packington Church of England Primary School



Cross Country

**Saturday 4th November 2023
at Packington Recreation Ground**

First race begins at 10:30am

Runners will require shoes for both grass/mud and tarmac!

Refreshments

Hot food and drinks will be available to purchase thanks to
Packington School Association.

Parking will be a challenge!

Please use the school playground and surrounding roads and we kindly ask that you park with consideration for our neighbours and local residents.

Please also be aware....

We will have a restricted spectator area to make a safe course for the runners. Marshals will be on hand to guide you and we would greatly appreciate your support on this matter.

Just a few extra reminders to help the day run more smoothly.

1. KS2 races will go along a tarmac track for part of their race so can spectators please leave this clear.
2. The field the children run around is privately owned so please NO pacing.

Golden Book



Assemblies

Our season of Golden Book assemblies which parents can attend started with a very enjoyable Year 6 assembly at the start of October. Here are the dates of the upcoming assemblies. We would love it if you were able to come along.

Year 5 - Friday 27th October - 9:05am

Year 4 - Friday 3rd November - 9:05am

Year 3 - Friday 10th November - 9:05am

Year 2 - Friday 17th November - 9:05am

Year 1 - Friday 24th November - 9:05am

Rec. - Friday 1st December - 9:05am

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We have our photographer in school on Tuesday 24th October taking individual photos of the children during the day and with their school aged brothers/sisters.

If you would like a photo of your child/children with their pre-school/baby brother or sister then please come into school at 8:30am.



Social Media Apps

Here are some of the main Social Media apps with their age rating and main features:

FACEBOOK – Age rating: 13+

INSTAGRAM – Age rating 13+

SNAPCHAT – Age rating 13+

TIKTOK – Age rating 13+

TWITTER (Now known as X) – Age rating 13+

WINK – Age rating 13+

Help children stay safe on chat apps

Messaging and chat apps are a great way for a child to stay in touch with their friends and family but it's important both of you are comfortable with who they're talking to.

Talk to your child about who they're chatting to and how they know them. Remind them to be conscious of who they're sharing personal information with and not to share information with people they haven't met before. This includes information like their name, location, email, phone number and school name.

What are chat apps?

Chat apps allow the user to send messages, photos, videos and documents, as well as creating large group chats.

Some apps allow users to message people they don't know, so your child could receive messages from people they don't know - most apps have settings to allow this to be changed so that they only receive messages from people they know. With your child, make sure these settings are in place and show them how to reject requests from people they don't know.

Even with friends, your child might see something that upsets them. Explore each app to see if there are reporting and blocking features. Show your child how to use these features and talk about situations when they might want to report or block.