

NOVEMBER NEWS

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The results of Hurricane Ophelia created an eerie backdrop for the KS2 Hockey Tournament. The Saharan dust and debris did not hamper the hockey skills and the children showed a superb teamwork ethic.



Looking to the Summer Term...

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors, Friends, Staff and Pupils

As the dark mornings and evenings draw in, and the leaves turn golden and quickly cover the ground, we are reminded of how far we have come in such a short amount of time. September, to many of you may seem a lifetime ago. But to me, I see the changes daily, whether big or small and I am busily planning what the next few months hold for the school. I hope you were able to see these changes first hand when you joined us for consultation evening. The future is bright, even if the days are not!

Which brings me to the first piece of news. The partnership with Molescroft Primary School has allowed for many steps forward that for a smaller school, take more time to accomplish. The agreement was for the Autumn Term to put things in place that would provide stability in terms of curriculum, learning and

security of the school. Myself, Michael Lancaster and Sarah Charlton (SENCO) are thoroughly enjoying working with you and your children and we are enjoying becoming part of the Woodmansey Family.

I am happy to announce that the governing bodies from both Woodmansey and Molescroft Primary have agreed to the partnership to the end of the academic year. This will ensure that systems and policies that have been put in place have the time to be embedded and together we can show the wider community what a wonderful place Woodmansey CE Primary is.

I would not have felt happy with exiting the building on December 22nd knowing what else we could achieve if we had simply more time. I am reminded of the wise words of

Gandalf (J.R.R Tolkien fan I am afraid!) when he spoke *'All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.'* Now that we are certain of the immediate future time frame, we can now put in place strategies for the long-term security of the school.

My continued thanks to parents and carers who stop to say 'Hello' on the decidedly chilly mornings and to those who have passed on kind words and comments to the school about how you feel the first half term has gone.

Happy November,

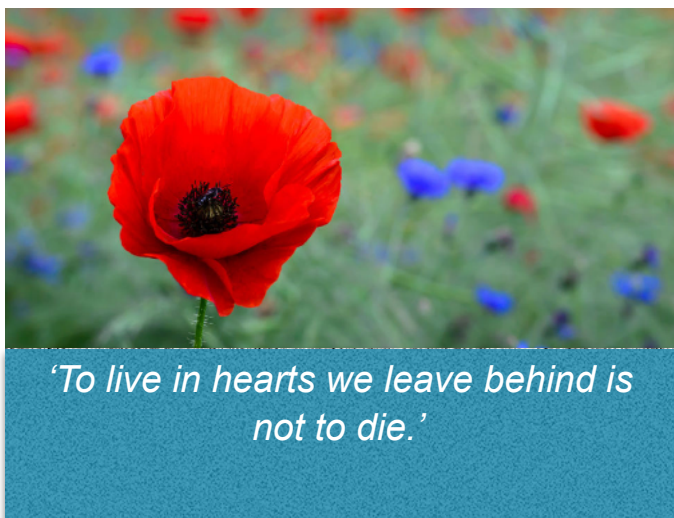
Mrs Bethan Nicholls



We Will Remember Them

As Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year, the school will remember those that have served and are serving our country. The children will take part in a special collective worship on Friday 10th November, led by Mrs Fisher and the Pupil Council.

Poppies will be available from school for a 20p minimum donation. We have a small number of reflective poppy key chains for children to attach to their book bags for a minimum 50p donation. All proceeds are sent to The Royal British Legion.



'To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.'

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2018?

The Application Window is open!

Do you have a child aged 3 to 4 years old? Was your child born between September 1st, 2013 and August 31st, 2014? If so, then he/she should start

school in September 2018. You can apply for a school place online NOW using the electronic form on the council's website:

www.eastriding.gov.uk or you can contact the council admissions team for a paper admissions form. The deadline for receiving

applications is January 15th 2018. Paper copies and electronic copies will need to be with the admissions team at County Hall by that date. If you have any questions please contact your local school or East Riding of Yorkshire



Council: Admissions Team - 01482 392100.

COMING UP IN OUR SPORTING DIARY...

Dust off your boots and get stretching!

Miss Williamson is keen to gather some sporting teams for upcoming events, such as Athletics (which may see a union of Molescroft and Woodmansey teams to create a 'Woodcroft team'. Also we have a KS2 Swimming competition on the 5th December, so look out for letters to sign up in the near future.

PARENTS OF YEAR 2 CHILDREN

Earlier in the term we held a meeting for parents and carers of Y6 children to share with them the expectations for the upcoming Statutory Assessments. We would now like to offer this to the parents and carers of current Y2 children. We really encourage you to join us for this event as it will help make things clear as to what we are expecting your children to do in school so you can help at home. We really do not want the children to become overwhelmed by these statutory tests so it is essential that both school and home are 'singing from the same hymn sheet!'

We are in need of your votes!

The PTFA have applied for an Aviva grant to support the landscape plans for the school field. Please use the following link to register then vote for the Woodmansey project. We are counting on you, your family, friends, even the dog - if he has an email address to use!

<https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/project/view/17-4923>

CHRISTMAS

In the dates for the diary you will see the dates for the main events in December. I hope this advance warning makes it easier for parents and carers to make arrangements to be able to join us in some of our celebrations.

Due to our link with Molescroft Primary School we thought it would be the perfect occasion to bring the two schools together and celebrate Christmas with a KS2 Festival of Christmas at Beverley Minster. Years 3-6 will join Years 4-6 from Molescroft. The event is very popular with parents and is known to fill the Minister to bursting. We expect that every KS2 child will attend, but if your child really cannot attend please write a brief note to the class teacher so that the teachers can prepare knowing who will be there. I



The children in the FSU and KS1 are joining together to present their own Christmas Celebration.

These events will be ticket only and booking forms can be collected from the school office nearer the time.

I am very grateful to Molescroft for inviting us to share in this experience.

Holding it at the Minster enables the two schools to welcome everyone to the celebration regardless of age and without ticket restriction.



CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

The Beverley Lights Committee

The Beverley Lights Committee has contacted us and asked for children to enter their annual Christmas Art Competition. Prizes will be given on the 23rd November in Saturday Market at 6.30pm. The children are asked to design a Christmas card, using any medium (but interestingly no cotton wool!). The best pictures will then be made in to cards to be sold next year to raise money for the Beverley Lights appeal. All entries must be handed in by 11th November 12 noon, at either: 'Shirley's' - Lairgate or 'Collections' - Angel Square. Each design must include the child's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the work. Prize winners will be contacted by the committee.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR - PTFA

The annual Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 8th December, 2pm-3.30pm in the school hall. There will be a variety of stalls and activities to take part in. If you feel that you can lend a hand or you would like to run a stall please get in touch with the PTFA via email:

woodmanseypfta@gmail.com

The PTFA are working tirelessly to fundraise for the school to improve the environment or help fund new resources for your children, so please support them if you can.

Making the School Safer

We know how much of a worry busy roads are when it comes to walking your child to school, and unfortunately the road directly outside the school entrance is no exception.

We have contacted East Riding and were pleased to hear they agreed that a safety measure was needed.

From this we are happy to announce that Mr Pang, the ever dedicated school caretaker, has risen to the opportunity and is now the school crossing patrol. Mr Pang is undertaking his training and will be making crossing to the school much safer in the near future.



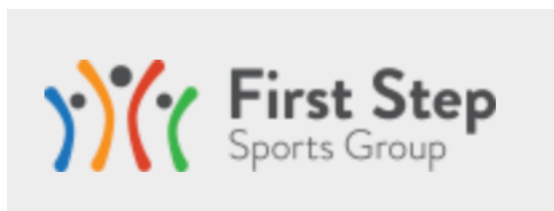
TRIM TRAIL

Please could I ask that parent/carers avoid letting their children use the trim trail on the playground before and after school. There aren't any staff available on the playground at these times and we would hate an accident to happen, particularly now when the mornings can be quite damp and makes the surface slippery.

PE KIT REMINDER

There have been a few occasions where children have forgotten or not brought a full kit into school. Could we ask that parents provide a full kit, including a change of footwear eg. Not the black trainers that are worn as school shoes, on a Monday and be taken home on a Friday for washing.

With the new after-school clubs I appreciate that kits need to be washed, but please feel free to put a 'club kit' in the bag so the school kit is unaffected.



FIRST STEP PE DEVELOPMENT

We have been working with First Step PE group who have been working with the staff in PE lessons and have also been able to provide the after school clubs for us, for which we are ever so grateful. Mr Simpson, who works with KS2 and KS1 for lunchtime handball club, commented that the children were 'so well behaved' and a 'joy to work with' - we can't ask for much more than that! Well done children on showing the outside community exactly what we stand for.

PLANT YOUR FAMILY TREE

Dedicate a tree on the Woodmansey field

The PTFA have arranged for over 400 tree saplings to be delivered to school to mark the perimeter of the school field. Please put on your wellies round up the troops to help plant the trees. There will also be the opportunity to buy a tree tag to dedicate your tree to someone special. These are available for a small donation. A wonderful way to leave your legacy

My Family Tree



THE WORKING PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

Just a reminder to parents and carers to not only sign the reading journals but to make sure you have asked relevant questions (suitable questions are provided in the journal). You may find with the older children that they are quite happy to read independently as they are secure at word reading, but this is where the questioning becomes even more important. Any questions or queries please see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for all your kind comments at Consultation Evening on Monday 23rd October. It is fantastic to hear you are recognising the team's hard work.

WHAT IS IXL?

Parents of KS2 children have probably heard their children talking about an iPad app called IXL that they are using in school. It is a fantastic maths tool that we are using to support maths skills. We invite the parents of children in years 3-6 to join us for a brief meeting to explain how the app works and how it can be accessed at home. We promise not to keep you too long and we have heard from parents that an after 5pm time is often easier to make. We hope you can join us on Tuesday 7th November at 5.30 - 6pm.



GOVERNOR NEWS

As you may know, Woodmansey CE Primary has not only been through some leadership changes but the Governing Body has seen big changes over the last couple of years. It is important that as parents and carers you are aware of the people within the team that governs the school and what their role is. Governance has taken a different direction in recent years but essentially they are to:

- ensure the school continues to raise standards
- ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff
- overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.



Mrs. Kerri Harold **Chair of Governors**

Hello,

My name is Kerri Harold and I am currently Chair of Governors here at Woodmansey Primary School.

I have been a governor for 10 years and as an ex pupil of the school, I am proud to be part of the schools journey.

I am also one of the ward councillors for the Minster and Woodmansey Ward on the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and have lived in the village for most of my life.

My husband Roy and I moved back with our 3 daughters in 2002 and have enjoyed being part of village life.

I am also on Woodmansey Parish Council and 2 other governing bodies.

As a governor I have always wanted the best for our children and hope that our shared vision for the school to be a good school will enable our pupils to reach their potential and as a result leave the school with happy memories of their time here.



*'There is time for everything, and a
season for every activity under the
heavens.'*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



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November

Mo 6th	8:50am School reopens - This date may not correspond with neighbouring schools.
Tu 7th	Work Experience Student from Germany in school for 2 weeks. School Visit to Buddhist Temple in Pocklington Y1-Y6 KS2 Parents Meeting to explain 'IXL' Maths 5.30pm-6pm
Th 9th	Governors' Meeting - Wellbeing
Fri 10th	Remembrance Service in School led by the Pupil Council
Tu 14th	Flu Vaccinations for FS2, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4.
Sun 19th	Great Family Tree Planting 11am-2pm
Mon 20th	Year 2 Parents/Carers Meeting for SATS expectations
Thur 23rd	Governors' Curriculum Standards Meeting
Thur 30th	Woodlets - Children's Centre Craft visit Full Governing Body Meeting

December

Mon 4th	Christmas Tree Assembly led by Mr Lancaster Pedestrian Training Y3/4
Fri 8th	Woodmansey Primary Christmas Fair 2pm-3.30pm
Mon 11th	FSU/KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal to school
Tues 12th	FSU/KS1 Christmas Performance to Parent/Carers
Mon 18th	KS2 Christmas Festival at Beverley Minster 7pm-8.15pm
Wed 20th	School Music Service Brass Ensemble Concert to children
Thurs 21st	School Christmas Dinner
Fri 22nd	School Closes at 3.30pm for Christmas Break.

Yours sincerely,

B Nicholls
Head of School