

MAY NEWS

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

It doesn't seem long since I was writing the last newsletter. The last month has certainly flown by and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter break. I had a lovely week in rural Aberdeenshire with my partner and son so I'm feeling very refreshed and ready to jump into the Summer Term.

This term is an important one, especially for our Year Six children who will be taking their National Tests during the week beginning Monday 13th May. We'll be keeping an extra special eye on them all to make sure they are as relaxed, prepared, confident and happy as possible during this time. They're been putting in an extraordinary amount of work and

we are all very proud of them already.

The Summer Term always has much to look forward to. School trips, Sports Days, better weather (hopefully!), the Year 6 Residential, and more outdoor learning to name but a few. One thing parents will not be looking forward to however is a Parking Ticket and I would just like to offer a word of caution.

We have noticed that there has been an increased presence of the East Riding Parking Enforcement team in recent weeks. I'm not sure if anyone has experienced the new system which the traffic enforcement team now use. The officers wear a

camera and a printing machine. If a car even stops in an illegal parking zone, the officer merely has to press the button on the camera and the fine is issued.

The majority of people park courteously and safely but there are still times when the parking at the gates, bus lane or across from the school causes traffic disruption and potential hazards. I know the vast, vast majority of people are extremely considerate and indeed the percentage of children who walk to school remains extremely impressive. Please remember that all these measures are designed to protect your children - not make your life difficult.

Sarah Grainger
Acting Head of School

We're still hoping that you might have some spare binoculars We can make very good use of them.

The Pupil Council met recently and have asked me to highlight one of their agenda points. The Council would like to encourage birdwatching and promote a love of nature by providing binoculars at playtimes and lunchtimes so that their peers can use them to observe more closely the local wildlife. We do have a few pairs but they are not very powerful. If anyone has a pair of binoculars at home which are not used, we would love to find a home for them at school and try and nurture the next David Attenborough.

Introducing another new face to the Woodmansey family

I'm delighted to introduce to **Jo Haylock**, who joined the Woodmansey staff team on Monday 22nd April. Jo has joined our lunchtime team as Midday Supervisor. I've asked her to introduce herself so that you can get to know her and offer her a warm welcome to the school.

"I'm delighted to be working here at Woodmansey Primary School. Everyone's been really friendly and helped me settle in quickly. Previously my working life has been in retail, which although very different, has prepared me for working with all types of people and situations. Since having my children, who are now five and seven, I've become more and more interested in working with children and their education. I have a specific interest in social needs as one of my girls has autism.



I'm really looking forward to getting to know the children better as time goes on, learning all their names (I'm almost there!) and finding out more about them and their interests."

School photo reminder

On Thursday 2nd May, photographers will be in school to take the whole school photo and the Year 6 Leavers photo. Please ensure that children wear the correct uniform. Even if it is a warm, sunny day it is important that they have a school cardigan or jumper for the photo.



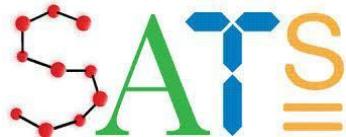
FUN IN THE SUN Keep safe this summer

Just a reminder that it is recommended that pupils have a wide brimmed or foreign legion style hat which protects the neck. Pupils are also recommended to have sun cream at school but the following protocol must be observed.

The sun cream must be clearly labelled with the child's name. The sun cream must be kept in the box provided in each class - NOT in book bags, coats or pockets.

Normally, each child must be trained at home how to best apply his or her own sun cream, as teachers and supervisors cannot apply sun cream for your child unless there is a medical requirement.

However on sunny lunchtimes we will endeavour (but cannot guarantee) at lunchtimes to supervise the pupils in FY and Y1 in the application of their own cream either immediately before or after their lunch. Parents may consider applying a cream on their children which will last a full day, which clearly makes things easier at school, although last year there was some debate as to whether this was safe enough. I leave it to you to decide what you prefer.



NATIONAL TESTS FOR YEAR 2 & YEAR 6 No need to panic!

The next month is very important for our Year 2 and Year 6 children as they will be taking the National tests. Children in Year 2 will be taking their tests over the next half term. Year 6 children however, will take all their tests in the week commencing Monday 13th May.

There is no choice when the Year 6 tests are held, and absence for Year 6 pupils is to be avoided at all costs. Should illness strike, arrangements can be made, but parents / carers must contact Mrs Grainger directly and as soon as possible.

Year 6 may be feeling nervous about the week, but they must remember that they have been prepared by a fantastic and dedicated staff team and all they need to do is be ready to try their best. That's all we can ask of them.

We will be keeping an especially close eye on our Year 6 children, and we urge them to look after each other also through this potentially stressful time.



Tour de Yorkshire is coming through Beverley again



For those of us who love cycling, you'll be glad to hear that the Tour de Yorkshire 2019 is coming through Beverley once again on Thursday 2nd May. The fifth edition of the mens' race will take place between 2-5 May and has been upgraded to HC status by the UCI. It encompasses all four corners of the county and takes in 150 villages, towns and cities along the way. The Asda Tour de Yorkshire women's race meanwhile, will take place between 3-4 May meaning that for the first time ever, it will be held on a Friday and Saturday to allow more people to celebrate the race.

On Thursday 2nd May, traffic in Beverley will be disrupted as the necessary rolling road closures will be taking place in advance of the riders coming through. If you're travelling from / through Beverley on Thursday in the afternoon, please be mindful of the disruptions and plan accordingly. If by any chance you find yourself caught up in the travel disruption, please alert the school and your child will be looked after until you can get to the school to collect them.



Dave Ryley from the Beverley branch of Tesco came to award us £2000 - an amazing amount which was the brainchild of the PTFA.

Woodmansey Primary School PTFA won in the January/February Bags of Help customer vote for our 'Great Outdoor Project'. Through the generosity of the customers at Tesco, the school has

been awarded the amazing sum of £2000. On 24th April, Tesco staff member Dave Ryley visited the school for the cheque presentation and to find out more about our plans. The award will go

towards enhancing our outdoor learning, providing greater access to the outdoors to play and learn. The school had already won a sum earlier in the year so we will be able to progress our plans asap.

Breaking News - Year 6 Residential!

The Year 6 children were told at Friday's worship the exciting news that (subject to Governors' approval at the next meeting) there is to be a Year 6 Residential trip in July. Parent's and carers of our Year 6 children must be congratulated in keeping this a secret over the last few weeks. Year 6 parents had been individually consulted on the matter a number of weeks ago. They unanimously and wholeheartedly gave their consent to start the necessary planning to take the children to York for two nights and three days for a cultural and historical investigation of the city and all it has to offer. With the parents and children on board, (and with the consent from Governors) Miss Williamson, Mrs Barber and myself will start the mammoth task of carrying out all the necessary planning and risk assessments for the trip. This usually starts many months in advance due to the sheer scale of paperwork involved but we're ready for the challenge! The Year 5/6 staff team have been instrumental in getting this project off the ground - I hope the children realise just how lucky they are to have such fantastic staff.



GOVERNOR NEWS

It is important as parents and carers that 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; hold executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils and the performance management of staff; oversee the financial performance of the organisation and make sure its money is well spent.

Over this academic year we hope to provide you with a Governor biography for each governor so you can get to know their faces and understand their role within the governing body.

Mr Simon Gower Parent Governor



Originally from the south east, I went to school at Dulwich College. During biology I became intrigued by the way the body worked, in particular the brain. I remember the rather liberal teacher telling us we shouldn't wash with soap as it destroyed the good bacteria on our skin! I decided to become a doctor so I studied medicine at Guys Hospital, and after qualifying I realised I enjoyed anaesthetics. It's very practical, and I enjoy seeing how the body works everyday!

It's another ten years of study to become a consultant, but in that time I worked in London, Australia (in the flying surgeon service) and Leeds, specialising in paediatric cardiac anaesthesia, before settling in Beverley. I've spent most of my career in cardiac anaesthesia and intensive care (ITU) but have recently given up ITU as it's very demanding emotionally over a long period of time. I also work in an aesthetics clinic alongside a beauty therapist.

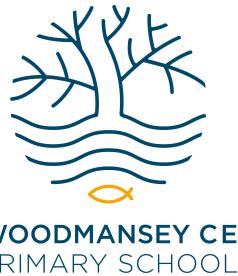
Most consultants have an additional interest in management or research, but I discovered that I enjoyed teaching, and have spent the past ten years as a tutor at the medical school at Hull Uni (more studying to get an educational certificate!). I've also run the British Heart Foundation Heartstart course locally for the past 5 years, teaching basic resuscitation skills to the community.

Since James has started at Woodmansey School it's renewed my interest in education. I've been really impressed by the commitment of parents and teachers to the school, and have been delighted to have been chosen to be a parent governor. I believe children should receive the best education possible and believe Woodmansey School is striving to achieve this. I also like the fact that the school is a church school and the way that influences the children's education.

As well as James, I have four grown up daughters - twins in Australia, Jemimah is a teaching assistant in a special school, and Bella is doing an equine apprenticeship .

I'm fortunate that I can cycle to work most days, and cycling and running are my main hobbies, alongside motorbikes (ancient and modern!)

DIARY



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Please be aware that the further ahead into the future dates are, there is a chance that events may have to move due to unforeseen circumstances.

May

- Thurs 2nd Local Elections (the School is NOT a Polling station)
- Thurs 2nd Tour de Yorkshire cycle race through Beverley
- Thurs 2nd Whole school photo and Year 6 Leavers photo
- Mon 6th **Bank Holiday - school is closed**
- Wed 8th FS2 visit to Hull's Street Life Museum
- Thurs 9th Safeguarding, Premises, Health & Safety and Wellbeing Governor meeting 5.30 - 6.30pm. Finance and Personnel meeting 6.30 - 7.30pm
- Mon 13th YEAR 6 SATs WEEK
- Tues 21st Yr 3 & 4 Explorer Day at Murton Park
- Tues 21st Yr 5 & 6 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
- Fri 24th **School closes** for May Half Term (one week)

June

- Mon 3rd **School reopens**
- Wed 12th (am) Yr 3/4 Cricket Tournament at Molescroft Primary School
- Wed 12th (pm) Yr 5/6 Cricket Tournament at Molescroft Primary School
- Wed 12th Yr 1 & 2 visit to Ferens Art Gallery
- Wed 19th Sports Day (held at Molescroft Primary School)
- Mon 24th Annie dress rehearsal and evening performance (to be confirmed)
- Wed 26th Annie matinee and evening performance (to be confirmed)

July

- Mon 1st Yr 6 Leaver's Service at the Minster
- Tues 2nd Beverley Secondary Schools Transition Day
- Tues 9th Year 6 Residential (Tuesday to Thursday 11th July)
- Fri 19th Last day of term, school closes for summer holidays

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Grainger