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

A very warm welcome back and a Happy New Year to the Woodmansey families and friends. I hope you have all enjoyed spending time with loved ones, making memories and enjoy some time to sit back and be present.

My Christmas and New Year was busy, but obviously a very exciting one with a baby and a 5 year old. The tinsel has been taken down, the tree evicted from the house (which is now looking pretty sorry for itself being propped up by the brown bin!) and the last of the Christmas cheese has been eaten and the New Year has begun.

January, I have found can really divide opinion. Many see it as the less eventful month following Christmas and others see it as a fresh start and a month to really start ticking off the jobs which have been building up for a few months. I am the latter. I enjoy January, and even more so, coming back to school to see the excitement on the children's faces to tell me all

about their Christmas celebrations. The children all came in with such energy and enthusiasm and readiness to work, so thank you for preparing them so well for the start of the new term.

The year of 2020 for Woodmansey marks the 'Year of Reading', which throughout the year will bring new and exciting initiatives to inspire the children to improve reading attainment across the school but also ensure our children leave us as passionate readers. Future newsletters will provide more details about this.

We look forward to an exciting 2020. As is now our tradition, we shall be hosting our own International Festival in February and details will be announced in an early February newsletter. **Please do keep Friday 14th February 3pm -5pm** free for our International Festival, where the school will open for friends and families who

can join in with the International activities.

Lastly, I wanted to thank you all for welcoming Mrs Grainger into the Woodmansey family so warmly. I know that she thoroughly enjoyed her time here and enjoyed getting to know the children and their families. She has not ventured too far away from us as she has joined the Woodmansey Governing Body so will retain a strong link within the school.

On behalf of myself and the team, thank you for all the cards, gifts and Christmas wishes which were sent to us at the end of last term. They are never expected but always appreciated.

I hope that 2020 brings you all good health and happiness,

Warmest wishes,

Mrs. Bethan Nicholls



STARTING SCHOOL IN 2020?

The Application Window is now open.

Do you have a child aged 3 to 4 years old? Was your child born between September 1, 2015 and August 31, 2016? If so, then he/she should start school in September 2020. 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 get an application form from the Admissions Team. Application forms are available now. The deadline for receiving applications is January 15th, 2020. You should make sure that you complete and return an application form online or a paper form to the Admissions Team at County Hall, Beverley by that date. If you have any questions please contact your local school or East Riding of Yorkshire Council: Admissions Team - telephone (01482) 392130



**The newly
branded
uniform is now
mandatory.**

A SMART START TO 2020

It was agreed that the transition period of old uniform to new uniform would end at the end of December 2019 with 2020 bringing the expectation that every child would have a school sweatshirt or cardigan with the new logo (as pictured). Plain or old logo jumpers, cardigans or sweatshirts are now not identified as school uniform.

Polo shirts can either have the school logo if desired or be plain.

The school keeps a good stock of all uniform all year round so please contact the school office if uniform needs to be purchased.

Thank you for the swift uptake of the new uniform by so many.

PE IN THE WINTER Keeping warm in outdoor PE for Y1 to Y6

Parents may not be aware, but there will be frequent times that your child will be doing PE outdoors throughout the winter season. Obviously if the weather is either very cold or very wet this would not occur but general winter weather will not be a reason to not play Tag rugby for example.

This means that children will need in addition to their black and white PE kit, outdoor clothes to keep them warm.

Some children have already been a bit chilly in outdoor PE this term as they didn't have anything warm to wear.

Warm jogging bottoms and tops are probably the most useful. Also it is vital that children have a pair of trainers to wear which must not be the pair that they may be wearing in school.

The children cannot wear their school sweatshirt or cardigan for outdoor PE. It could get filthy if they're on the field and we need them to have suitable school uniform for when they're indoors.



**We will be doing outdoor
PE throughout the winter.**

SUPPORT OUR WRAP AROUND CARE

Breakfast and After-School Club

Our Breakfast Club and After-School Club are open to any families requiring childcare before school and after school. This is particularly useful to help families who have less flexibility with their working hours.



Our breakfast club is available from 8am, with cereal, toast and fruit on offer to 8.25am. Children arriving for breakfast club after 8.25 will not have a breakfast option. The children will then join their classes at 8.40am. The cost of Breakfast Club is £2.40 per child, per session.

After-School Club is available from 3.30 - 5pm, now Monday to Friday. There is a variety of activities on offer from craft, games and sometimes movie nights! Snacks are on offer such as cheese, crackers, fruit and yogurts. The cost of After-School club is £4 per child, per session.

We are able to cater for any specific dietary requirements for both Breakfast and After-School Club.



Currently, we are offering After-School Club on a Friday for a half term trial, which thanks to the Parish Council, is free for families to use. If there is not the take up of numbers which would make it viable to run then the school will not be able to offer the Friday session after February half term.

Bookings can be made with Mrs Scott in the office on a termly basis, but emergency one-off bookings can be made if necessary.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

On Thursday 6th February, we will be holding a meeting for the Parent/Carers of Year 6 children to provide information about the residential visit to York. It is an important meeting to attend where the itinerary and payment information will be shared. The meeting will be held in Miss Williamson's classroom at 4.30pm and should only last 30 minutes. Parents needing to bring children with them can use the after-school club facility for the duration of the meeting, but please inform Mrs Scott if this is something you wish to do.



SNOW POLICY: IMPORTANT

The following is taken from the school's Safeguarding Policy and should prepare parents/carers for what to expect when it snows.

The school will only close without prior notice as a last resort. The Head Teacher or her representative will remain on site until the last child is collected.

Policy in Practice

What the school does to assist in the event of icy weather conditions.

It is not practical to grit the entire site, but as part of the gritting policy, safe routes round the site have been identified and will be gritted before giving access to the site, thereby minimising the risks to children parents and visitors. Part of the car park will also be gritted.

Children are not allowed to make slides on the playgrounds. Playgrounds are gritted if practical before 8:30am and when not, by morning break. At playtimes a decision as to whether children are to be allowed outside will be made by the senior teacher on duty in conjunction with a member of the Senior Management Team.

Children may not throw snowballs on the playgrounds. However if the field is covered by thick snow pupils may be allowed to play on the field in the snow, make snowman and throw snowballs. Those not wishing to throw snow (or indeed be hit by snowballs) should stay on the playground. The school believes that playing in and throwing snow is part of a child's life experiences.

In extreme cases the Head of School may decide that there is no option but to close the school if there is presented a severe health and safety risk. This done, the Chair of Governors will be

informed and parents via text message. A severe Health and Safety Risk would be presented if insufficient staff could reach the school or indeed the health and safety of staff meant that they should leave early. Due to the location of the school it is expected that the school will be able to remain open. Closing a school at short notice including closing mid way through a day poses considerable difficulties for parents and will only be taken as a very last resort.

A complete heating failure in the winter and/or a loss of the water supply would however result in the school having to close.

Good communication is essential. Parents receive a copy of specific instructions during the autumn and winter months via the monthly newsletters and the website. Children have the processes explained to them in the classroom. It is expected that parents adhere to these instructions and pass all relevant information to friends and relatives who may also come to school to bring and fetch children. Parents/Carers are asked to be responsible and plan more time for their journey, suitable footwear for having to walk further, wrapping up to keep warm etc. Parents and visitors are expected to use the gritted paths rather than walk across the snow and ice.

Snow Policy and Procedures - information for teaching and support staff

In the event of disruption caused by heavy snow the prime concern of the school must always be the safety of the pupils and staff.

It is expected that all staff will make every reasonable effort to undertake the journey to school. It is appreciated that the journey may take longer than normal and therefore some staff may not be able to arrive before the normal start of school time.



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In the event of severe weather, a decision to close the school for pupils will be made by 7am.

The Head of School will make arrangements for PARENTS TO BE INFORMED BY TEXT IF THE SCHOOL IS TO CLOSE.

Updates will be posted on the Twitter section of the school's website:

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In the event of the normal timetable being suspended, a programme of activities will be organised for pupils who arrive at school. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will be delegated to supervise these activities.

Rather than a full closure it is more likely that the school will remain open on a reduced capacity. In such an event, parents/carers will be asked if it is possible to make alternative arrangements for pupils. Where this is not possible the school will remain open for those who need to come to school or for those who cannot go home in the case of an unexpected early closure. As the number pupils remaining decreases, they will be moved to other classes or the hall.

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.

January

Tues 7th	School reopens for the Spring Term
Fri 10th	Mini Medic training for Y5/6 9am-11am
Fri 10th	First After School Club (Free Trial) 3.30pm-5pm
Mo 13th	Mid Year Reports published for English & Maths throughout this week.
Thu 16th	Safeguarding, Health and Safety, Premises Governing Body Meeting Finance and Personnel Governing Body Meeting
We 22nd	Official Launch of International Festival
Mo 27th	Chinese New Year: Year of the Rat
Mo 27th	Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly at 2:45pm

February

Th 6th	Celebration of Queen's Accession to the throne - 68 years today.
Th 6th	Buswise Presentation to Year 5/6
Th 6th	Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parent/Carers, 4.30pm - 5pm
Th 6th	Curriculum and Quality Assurance Governing Body Meeting
Fri 14th	International Festival 3pm - 5pm
Fri 14th	3.15pm Break up for Half Term
Mo 24th	School Reopens

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Bethan Nicholls
Head of School

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.' 2 Corinthians 5:17

-A Happy New Year from us all.