

MARCH NEWS

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www.woodmanseyprimary.school

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A thousand thanks...

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

Firstly, can I extend my thanks to all of you who supported our International event so spectacularly. The amount of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends of the school who attended was heart-warming. Not that I should be surprised, as I know all of you support the school in the greatest way you can, but it was genuinely so lovely to see you all and hear your wonderful comments as you toured the school with your children. I don't know about you but I definitely think we have some future catwalk models in our community! I really hope you enjoyed the event as much as we all did.

Please if you do have any photos from the afternoon and/or comments about the festival

then please forward them to woodmansey.primary@eastridings.gov.uk

I also hope the half-term break served its purpose and allowed for some family time and some rest. The children certainly have returned eager to work and excited to talk about their half term adventures.

As many of you now know, Mr Pang, our school caretaker and crossing patrol is heading for retirement at the end of the month. I know you will all want to echo my thanks to him for his love of the school and the children. His favourite part of the day is to welcome you all into school safely in a morning, in rain or shine! I know he will miss you all and being a part of the

school team but he knows he is always welcome to visit.

Now, I hope March, despite the next round of storms, is a quiet and a peaceful month for you all. I also hope you can join us for our Easter Service on Friday 3rd April at 2.15pm at St Peter's Church.

As always, many thanks for your support,

Mrs. B Nicholls



Our PTFA need YOU!

AGM

We are all aware of the pressures schools are under when it comes to providing a first class education with ever shrinking budgets and being a small school that pressure is often felt a little heavier. However, we are very fortunate to have a very active PTFA, and since my arrival at Woodmansey they have always shared in my belief of children deserving the best of opportunities, regardless of the size or location of the school they have chosen.

The annual AGM has been set for Thursday 19th March at 4pm and should last no longer than an hour. It is a great meeting where new members are welcomed, the school fundraising priorities are shared and the Chair outlines the annual plan. If members require a place in after school club for childcare then please contact the office. A copy of the entry form of the much loved PTFA Easter Bake Off can be found at the end of the newsletter.

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Really Wild Club Providing more opportunities.

Many thanks to Sara Fletcher and the PTFA who were able to secure a YOGA grant to allow us to further develop our outdoor area. As a result of a successful grant the children have been spotting the first signs of spring with new binoculars, wildlife identification kits and bug collectors. They have been busily planting in the new allotment area plants to encourage wildlife to Woodmansey. The Really Wild Club runs every Tuesday lunchtime, children wishing to join need a pair of wellies and a warm coat! Please speak to the school office if your child would like to join.



Keeping our hands clean!

As a school we are reminding the children, staff and visitors about the importance of good hand hygiene. Ms Eastwood's class had a visit from the NHS school nurse team who ran hand washing sessions with the younger children to teach them the best way to wash their hands and reminders in worship have all been given. Please ask your children for a demo at home!

Be a Germ-Buster

WASH YOUR HANDS



EASTER

A highlight of the school calendar is our Easter celebrations. Firstly with the hotly anticipated Easter Bake off ran by the PTFA on the 27th March. Thierry from TC Patisserie has agreed to return (which if you ask me is a huge compliment of the Woodmansey bakers!) to judge the bakes. The school hall will open from 2.30pm on the 27th for a cake sale and the award ceremony for the winner. There will also be a chocolate tombola and a cake sale to raise money for the school, so please bring along your purses and your appetites!

On Monday 30th March we will create our own Easter Garden, celebrating renewed life and hope. The garden will be a focus for our attention during the school worships in the last week of term. Children are therefore encouraged to bring a small arrangement of spring flowers to school on Monday 30th March 2020. Loose flowers should be wrapped in foil or a cut down bottle. Preferably though, a small potted plant such as a spring pansy or primula may be brought. All potted plants and flowering bulbs are transferred to the school grounds to bloom and hopefully return year after year. The Easter Garden will be formed in the school hall for all to see throughout the day.

Our final Easter Service will be held at St Peter's Church on Friday 3rd April at 2.15pm. The service will be led by the children and members of our extended church family. We hope to see you there.

TIME TO MEET THE TEACHERS

It is that time of the year where we invite you to come and meet the teachers for consultation evening.

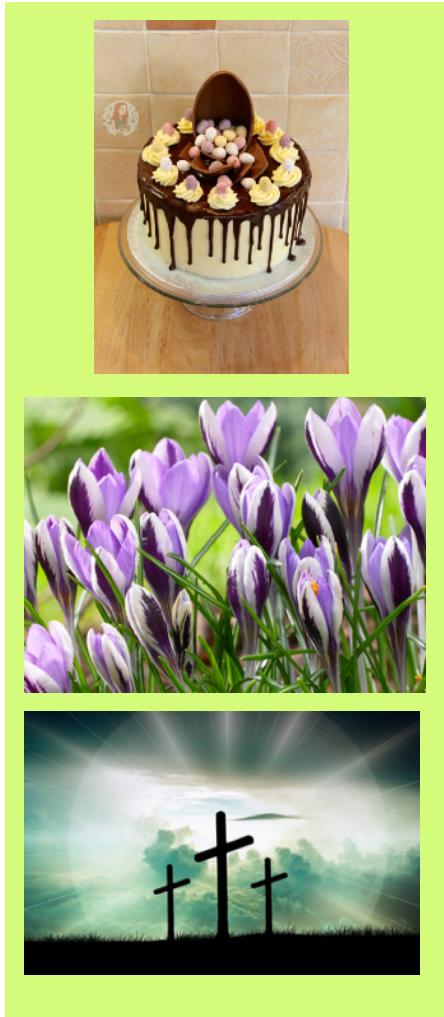
Appointment letters will be sent home this week, please send your time requests back into the school office ASAP. Please remember that we encourage you to bring your child/ren along to the discussion, they can then look through their work with you in the school hall. The PTFA are serving drinks throughout the evenings. The only way we keep to time if you knock on the classroom door at your appointment time and walk in, this signals to the teacher that the next appointment is due - otherwise we could keep talking about your lovely children all night long!

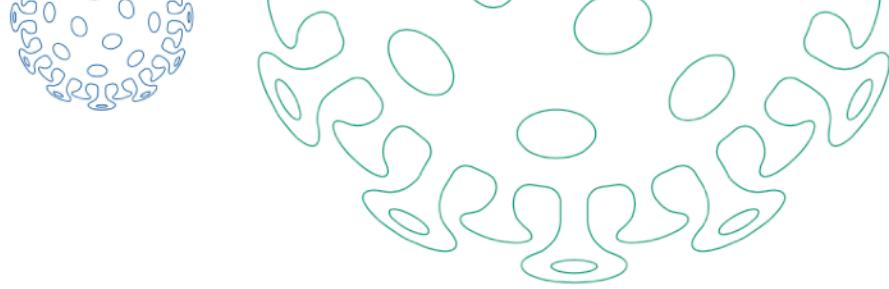
UNIFORM

As the weather begins to become milder (we hope!) we enter the period of time where uniform has the ability to go missing, jumpers or cardigans are removed as the school and playtimes become warmer and it is very hard to marry up the item of clothing with its owner. I therefore urge you to check all items of school uniform and PE kit for a clear, legible child's name. If you find any items which do not belong to you then I would really appreciate it if you could hand them in to school, named or not and we can do our best to reunite them.

Also, I would like to remind parents and children that the only drinks bottle permitted in school is the blue and white bottle issued at the start of the year. Every child is entitled to a free new bottle every year and replacement lids are available separately. If you require a new water bottle then please contact the school office.

We are also asking that you make the lids distinctive too, so that we limit the chances of children reaching for someone else's bottle. Permanent marker initials or stickers seem to be the most preferred option so far. Many thanks for your understanding.





Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans
for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19).

Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



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.



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

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:

www.woodmanseyprimary.school

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.

Join our Club!

	Lunchtime	After-School
Monday	KS2 Coding with Mrs Barber KS1 Dodgeball with First Steps	KS2 Gymnastics with First Steps 3.15pm-4.30pm
Tuesday	KS2 Recorders with Ms Eastwood Really Wild Club with Mrs Owst	KS1 Construction Club with Mrs Kett 3.15pm - 4.15pm KS2 Handball with First Steps 3.15 - 4.30pm
Wednesday	KS2 Choir with Mrs Fisher KS1 Boomwackers with Ms Eastwood	KS2 Drama Club with Mrs Fisher 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Thursday	Woodmansey Wonderers with Beverley Schools Christian Trust - open to all.	
Friday	French Club with Dawn from Frenchtastic (subscription fee) - open to all.	KS2 Cheerleading with First Steps 3.15pm - 4.30pm

* Please contact the office if you wish for your child to attend any of the above clubs. |



WOODMANSEY SPORT NEWS

Bocce Festival

On Tuesday 11th February seven children from KS2 took part in the annual Boccia tournament held at Beverley Grammar School. There were 6 schools competing in the tournament from across the Beverley Cluster including Keldmarsh, Walkington, Minster, Tickton, St Nicholas and Woodmansey. Team Woodmansey was Harriet F, Lucy H, Sophie FS, Darcy B, Annie H, Isaac CW and Tom F. We were split into an A team and a B team as we had a large number of children competing.

Throughout the night we played 5 games, each six minutes long. It was a lucky coincidence as the whole school had played Bocce in PE as part of our International Festival. We won several games, the girls' team (Harriet, Lucy, Annie and Sophie) were very victorious and won every game.

It was a great evening to showcase and compete in a sport that is not often in the spot light.

Table Tennis Festival

On Tuesday 25th February five children from KS2 took part in the annual Table Tennis tournament held at Longcroft School. There were 7 schools competing in the tournament from across the Beverley Cluster including Keldmarsh, Walkington, Minster, Molescroft, St Nicholas, Lockington and Woodmansey. Team Woodmansey was Harriet F, Isabel T, Sebastian C, Sophie FS and Darcy B.

The first two games we played against Molescroft A and B. They were a very skilled team and unfortunately with our best efforts we lost those games but both teams showed great support for each other as sister schools.

However, our next two games were against Walkington, after some powerful shots from Seb and Isabel, we won both games.

Our next game was against St Nicholas, who were very competitive players. Darcy, Harriet, Seb and Sophie worked hard and tried their very best, but were defeated 3-1. Our last two games were against Lockington and Keldmarsh, who were also talented table tennis players seeing Team Woodmansey finish 5th overall.

Well done Team Woodmansey it was yet another great evening of sport!



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.

March

Mon 2nd	STEM Week
Tu 3rd	Handball Tournament at Beverley Grammar
Tu 10th	High 5 Netball Tournament at Beverley High School
Wed 18th	Joint Governing Body Meeting with Molescroft Governing Body 5.30pm
Thurs 19th	PTFA AGM 4pm
Thur 26th	Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30pm
Fri 27th	PTFA Easter Bake Off and Cake Sale 2.30pm
Mon 30th	Easter Garden
	Consultation Evening 1 of 2
Tues 31st	Mr Pang's last day at Woodmansey CE Primary KS2 Orienteering Event, Beverley Grammar School

April

Wed 1st	Consultation Evening 2 of 2
Fri 3rd	Easter Service at St Peter's Church 2.15pm
	School Closes for Easter Holiday
Mon 6th	PTFA Messy Church at St Peter's Church 10am-12pm
Mon 20th	Training Day
Tues 21st	School re-opens
Thus 23rd	Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Premises Sub Committee Meeting 5.30pm
	Finance and Personnel Sub Committee Meeting 6.30pm

May

Fri 1st	Whole School and Year 6 Leavers Photographs
Thurs 7th	Curriculum, Quality Assurance and Standards Governor Sub-Committee Meeting 5.30pm
Mon 11th	Year 6 SATS Week
Tues 19th	Year 6 Residential Visit to York
Thurs 21st	Year 6 Return (pm)
Fri 22nd	School Closes for Half Term



Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Bethan Nicholls

PTFA Grand Easter Bake Off Friday 27th March 2020

The Grand Easter Bake off is back by popular demand. As usual the competition will be judged and supported by Thierry Condette owner of the award-winning TC Patisserie, Lairgate, Beverley. The competition is fun for everyone. Non cake makers are particularly welcome to enter. The judge is looking for original, handmade cakes and cupcakes. Perfection is not essential, having fun is!

The prizes

The best overall CAKE entry will take home a winner's Trophy and an afternoon tea prize donated by TC Patisserie.

Runner up certificates for: Best taste, Best decoration, Best school staff entry, Best male entry, Best allergy free entry (please identify this category on your list of ingredients).

The best decorated CUPCAKE entry from each class will be invited to a winner's party, kindly donated by Mega Fun. Every child who enters (decorated cupcake only please) will receive a certificate.

Why not have a go and enter a cake/cupcake into the Easter Bake Off on Friday 27th March? The winners are announced at the Easter Fair on the same day. All cakes will be sold as part of the fundraising Easter fair. All fundraising goes towards resources, equipment and activities for the School.

How to enter:

- 1) Complete the entry form on the reverse of this letter stating which group you are entering (children/adults).
- 2) Return your entry form and fee to School by **FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2020**. Bring your cake/cupcake to school by **12 noon on Friday 27th March** as this is the time for judging. We are unable to accept competition entries after 12 noon. Entries must adhere to the rules attached.
- 3) Judging will be performed by TC Patisserie on Friday 27th March 2020. Winners will be announced at the Easter Fair after 2.30pm.

GUIDELINES

1. All cakes/cupcakes must be brought to School by 12 noon on Friday 27th March.
2. All entries will be judged on the day on taste and appearance for adult cakes entries and decoration only for children's cupcakes.
3. All cakes must be made according to food hygiene regulations and be safe for consumption. Ingredients to be listed on the cake label.
4. There will be one prize per group.
5. Unlimited adult entries (invite your friends, family, ex-students and neighbours).
6. Please bring cakes/cupcakes in a suitable case/box/container for storage with a completed label stating ingredients (adults only), name, and contact number.
7. All cupcake entries will be returned to the children after the Fair.
8. All adult cake entries will be sold at the Easter Fair.

RETURN YOUR ENTRY FORM AND FEES TO THE SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 20th March 2020
Form 1 - Entry form attached. Please return to the school office by 20th March.
Form 2 - Cake /cupcake labels attached- stick to cake/cupcake box on 27th March
Please collect containers and children's entries after the Fair on 27th March.
Additional copies of forms are available from the school office or by emailing
woodmanseyptfa@gmail.com

Form 1 - Return this form to the school office by Friday 20th March 2020

ENTRY FORM for children's cupcake PUPILS OF THE SCHOOL ONLY, 1 CUPCAKE PER CHILD FOR BEST DECORATED IN AN EASTER THEME.

NAME: _____ Year Group: _____ £1

Per child entry

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ENTRY FORM for adult cake DECORATE A CAKE YOU HAVE MADE IN AN EASTER THEME

NAME: _____

DAY PHONE NUMBER: _____

£2 per adult entry enclosed

I agree for my cake to be sold at the Easter Fair.

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Form 2 - Keep this part Form 2 – label for the 27th March

Cake entry by (insert name and telephone number)

List ingredients:

Stick label to cake container please

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Cupcake entry. Name and year

group_____

Stick this label to the cupcake container please

GOOD LUCK AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT