

NOVEMBER NEWS



This newsletter is posted on the website:

www.woodmanseyprimary.school

From the website it is possible to click on the **SCHOOL BLOG** which is an online photographic diary of life at the school.



Woodmansey will still remember...

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

It has been without doubt the strangest start to an academic year myself and the staff have ever known and the start to this half term feels the same. We are however incredibly proud of the way in which the Woodmansey team have provided a full curriculum and welcomed happy and confident children back into school.

The latest announcements from our Prime Minister on Saturday will, I am sure, have been a shock, seeing the Scientific data, particularly the data for Hull & East Riding, but we continue to assure you that we will all do everything we can do to support you and your families during this worrying time.

In the meantime we are continuing to plan the events which we can still hold and where possible share these with the wider school community. November is traditionally the month which we focus on being a good citizen.

The first of these events will be Remembrance. Beverley Minster are preparing a service which will be shared with the Woodmansey school families.

As a school we support the work of The Royal British Legion but unfortunately because so many of their local volunteers are medically vulnerable they will not be coming into schools to sell poppies or speak with the children. Therefore we ask you continue to support this charity by donating to them by buying a poppy from your local supermarket or donating via their website: <https://www.poppysshop.org.uk/pages/make-a-donation>

Then finally, I am really looking forward to hearing all the inventive and entrepreneurial ways you have come up with to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care support for this year's Charity Fundraising. The

idea forms were sent home via the homework email on the last Friday before half term but if you need additional copies then please email the class teacher.

Meanwhile, if you have been doing your own fundraising at home over the half term holiday, THANK YOU SO MUCH and please send any money raised in a sealed enveloped to school. Please enclose brief details of who has raised the money and how.

As always, keep safe, keep your distance and remember that the Woodmansey family is strong together.

A FANTASTIC START!

Thank you for being so supportive.

What a great start to the new half term, thank you so much. You distanced brilliantly and arrived promptly for the new times for drop off and collection. I have to say it was wonderful listening to the children 'reminding' their parents about what to do! I think we may have some future teachers among us!

Remember, if you do arrive a bit early for your bubble, please keep walking, avoid crowding the entrance, and return closer to your bubble time. This is to protect us all.

I hope the shorter wait times will suit parents better, particularly those with multiple siblings and for any parent needing to do the school run in less than perfect winter weather!

As ever, we all thank you for your continued co-operation.

**THIS IS SERIOUS**

Consider what isolation at Christmas would mean.

We were all pleased to have got to the half term holiday without having to close a bubble and without a child or member of staff testing positive for Covid 19.

Obviously as the incidence of the virus increases in the area, the likelihood of a bubble closing becomes even more likely. The implications for the children of course could be that this will overlap with their Christmas Party Days or the Christmas Productions.

Despite our shared tiredness with all the regulations, we have shown that we can give the children a full school experience and a full curriculum experience and stay safe.

It remains vital however that we maintain social distance. **THIS INCLUDES ON THE YELLOW BRICK LINE and while waiting to come on site.** We know this virus can present with no symptoms at all. They didn't know that they had it, you don't know if you have it, or if the person you are standing too close to has it.

PLEASE THINK HANDS- FACE - SPACE

Remember if a bubble is closed on or after 12th December it will mean your child will have to be isolated in your home on Christmas Day! Its a sobering thought!

SOCIAL DISTANCING & FOLLOWING THE RULE OF 6 IS DESIGNED TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID 19

This includes at the entrances to the school.

PLEASE SPREAD OUT AND KEEP BACK FROM THE GATES



Reminder letters have been sent out by the Local Authority - don't delay!

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2021?

The Application Window is now open.

Do you have a child aged 3 to 4 years old? Was your child born between September 1, 2016 and August 31, 2017? If so, then he/she should start school in September 2021. 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, 2021. 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



PARTIES, CHRISTMAS DINNER, CINEMA MORNING

Cinderellas and Buttons', you shall go to the ball!

Children are used to a number of special 'fun' events over the Christmas Period at school. Usually these are on different days per event, spreading the festive excitement. This is not possible this year as again we cannot mix the bubbles.

BUT we are not going to be defeated.

This year each year group is to have a special Christmas Feast; a feast in food and in fun too.

On Wednesday 16th December, the school is to have a full day of Christmas, coming to school all dressed up in their party clothes and enjoying a Cinema experience in their classrooms. This will be followed by their Christmas Dinner, then after a break, it will be back to classrooms for party games. This year we will not be asking for party food to be sent in.

The reason why this can work is because we can keep children in their own class spaces. The hall will be given to Year 5/6 for the day so in particular Year 6 can enjoy Christmas celebrations one last time in the school hall. The hall will be disinfected after use.

The very last day of term is our "Come Dressed as You Like Day" with a £2 fine for the Charity Appeal.

As we showed with our History Day, it is more than possible for the children to come to school in fancy dress or whatever, and do feel free to reuse the History Day costume. The staff will no doubt be getting into the spirit of things as always.

We shall have all the ingredients that we normally do and of course the most important announcement of the year; that of the total for this year's Charity Fundraising, totalled together with the Molescroft fundraising too, so we can see how much we have all raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Supporting the PTFA

Approaching Christmas, we usually invite you to attend the Woodmansey PTFA Christmas Fayre, but as with many things this year, it simply cannot go ahead.

However the PTFA' are not to be defeated and are coming up with creative ways of bringing activities to you and of course to raise valuable funds for the school.

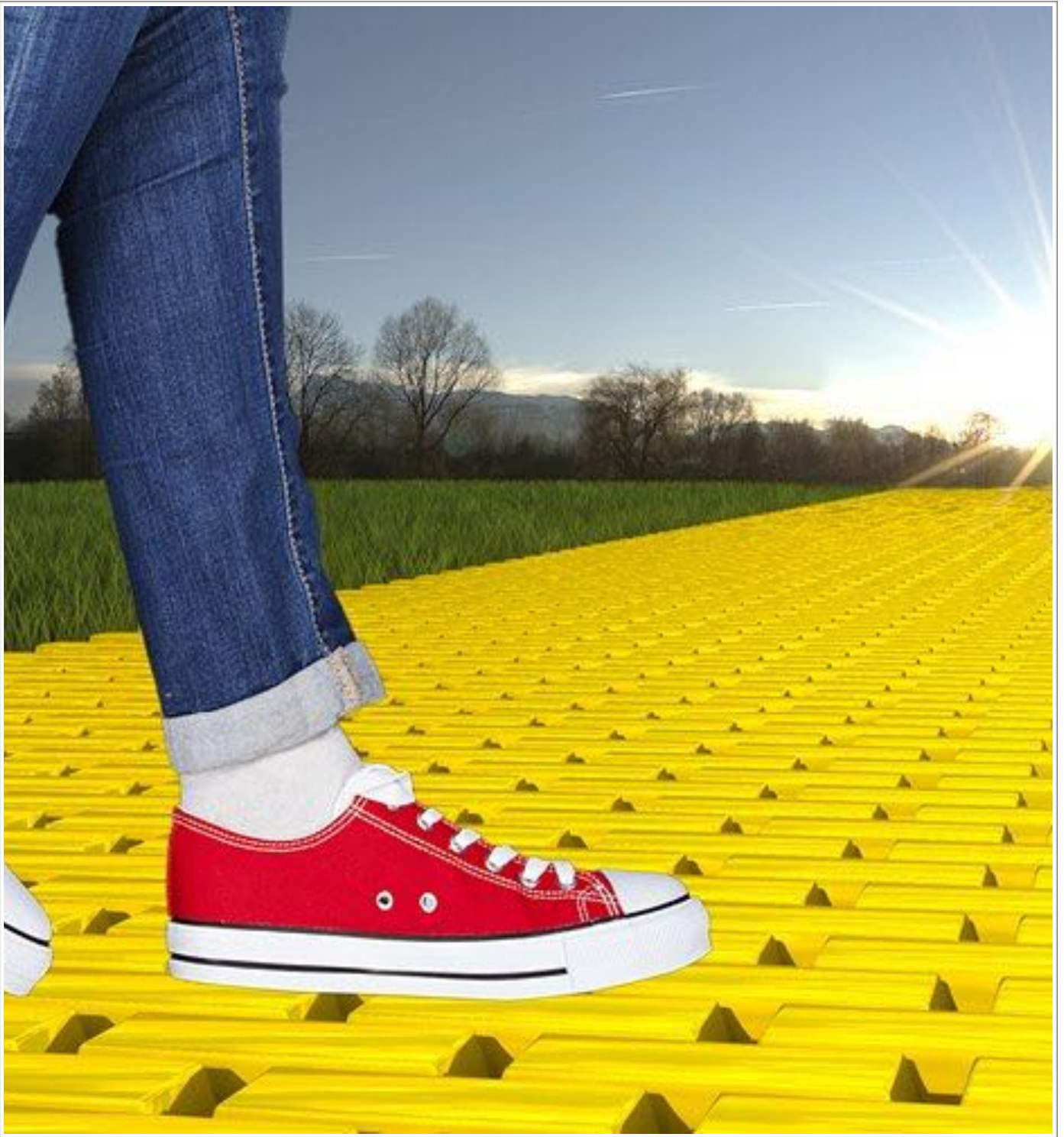
The PTFA have purchased so much for the school, improving the environment of the school and the experiences the children have. iPads, 65" LED Smart TV screen (the hope is one for each classroom),

gardening equipment, Ukuleles, Early Years outdoor equipment...the list goes on.

The difference the PTFA makes to the learning, happiness and wellbeing of your children is immense. OUR NEXT TARGET is to purchase new sporting equipment to resource a MUGA pitch, which we are hopeful to install next year.

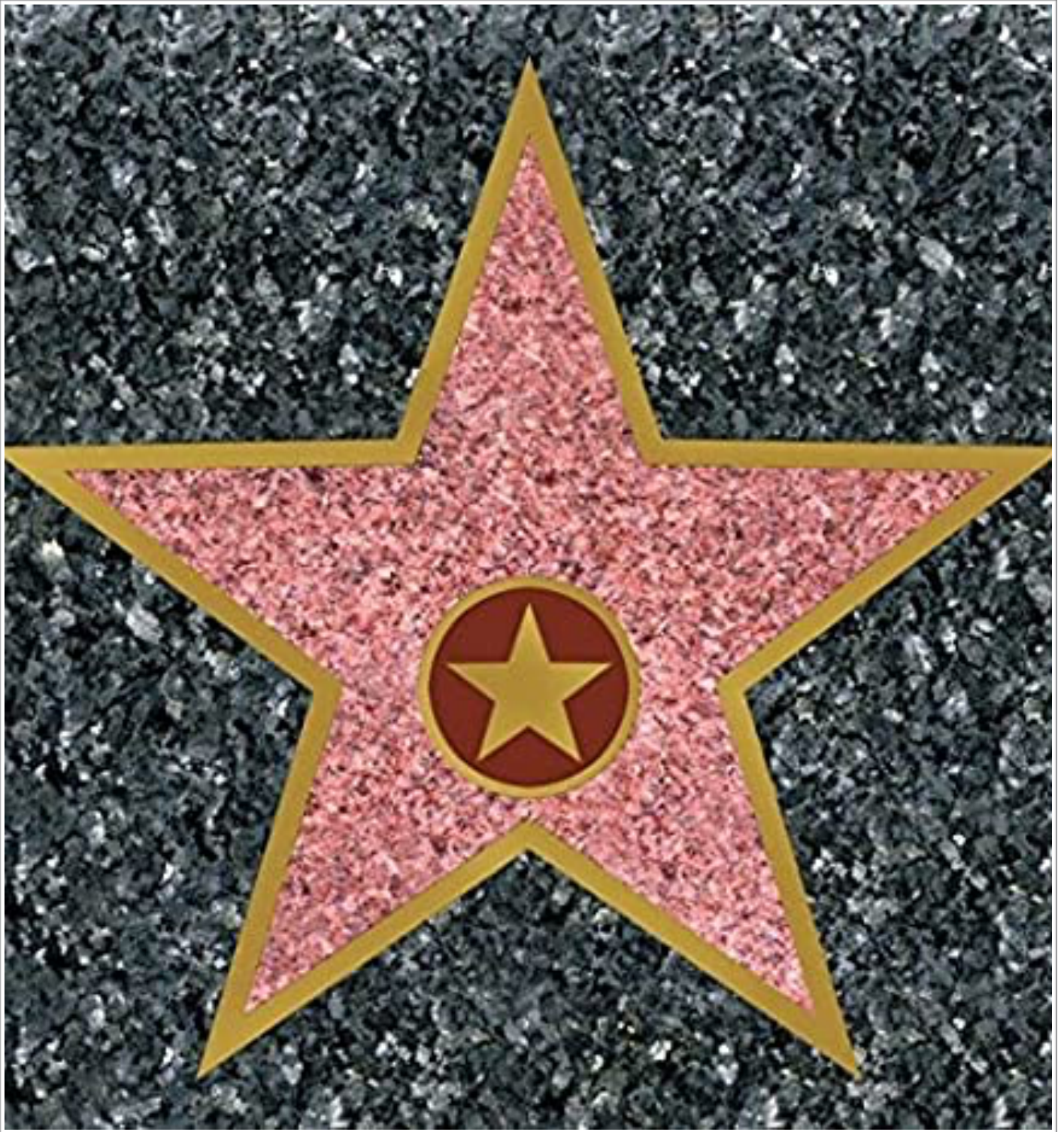
Please do all you can to support the PTFA in these difficult times. Sara Wilmore (PTFA chair) can be contacted via the school office.





PLEASE FOLLOW THE YELLOW PATH ONE WAY SYSTEM

Ensuring Social Distancing



**PLEASE STAND ON A STAR
TO COLLECT OR DROP
OFF YOUR LITTLE STAR!**
Ensuring Social Distancing

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES THE NEW PLAN!

Short of a miracle, we are not going to be able to welcome parents/carers and grandparents to our Christmas Hall, but we can still enable our children to enjoy all the excitement of presenting Christmas to you.

Traditionally the FY and Y1/2 present a Nativity together. This year they are to prepare the Nativity Performances and these will be filmed and will hopefully be able to share with parents/carers on Friday 11th December. Of course there are many situations which could prevent this from happening at the moment but we endeavour to bring Christmas to you!

The final part of our jigsaw is the Y3-Y6 Festival of Christmas at Beverley

Minster. This is for so many families a real highlight of the Festive Season particularly as everyone and anyone is invited. Unfortunately there is no way the regulations would allow us to hold this event and similarly it wouldn't be possible to even get the children to the Minster for filming in a Covid Secure manner.

Mrs Fisher and Miss Williamson are planning on bringing the sounds of Christmas to you by recording several Christmas hymns and Christmas favourites which again will be shared with you.

As ever, situations change all the time, so please check future letters/ texts for any updates on current plans.



CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATIONS The start of our Christmas Magic.

A gift to our children has been for every year since Christmas 2017 the "Christmas Tree Assembly", led by Mr Loncaster. A very special occasion packed with Christmas magic for our children. Different every year, a magical story concludes with the lighting of the school Christmas Tree. Obviously the children cannot be all in the hall, but the Christmas

Tree Assembly WILL GO AHEAD - filmed in advance and streamed for both schools to enjoy together. In addition for the very first time ever, parents/carers will be able to see what all the fuss is about, as the event will be filmed and will be shared with the community via our website.



GRAMERCY! Medieval History at Woodmansey

Thank you so much for the wonderful efforts for making our History Day a success. The day will be one they will not forget quickly. The buzz of excitement for learning was a joy to see and the commitment to

costumes was fantastic - proving that despite current COVID measures, fun and excitement and a broad curriculum can still happen.



Advance Warning

Dates for your diary

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

The following dates are all subject to change depending on the national, local or school situation. Advance warning of any change will be given where possible.

December

Mo 7th	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tues 8th	EYFS/KS1 Recording (am) Flu Immunisations (pm)
Th 10th	KS2 Christmas Rehearsal
Fr 11th	KS2 Christmas Recording
Wed 16th	Christmas 'Feast of Food & Fun' Christmas Dinner
Fri 18th	Come Dressed As You Like Day - £2 fine for charity Close for Christmas

January

Mo 4th	Training Day
Tues 5th	School Reopens Staying Safe Week
Thu 14th	Safeguarding, Health & Safety and Premises Committee Meeting 5.30pm Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting 6.30pm
Mo 18th	Mid-year reports publish (English & Maths)



We will be doing outdoor PE throughout the winter.

PE IN THE WINTER

Keeping warm in outdoor PE for Y1 to Y6

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

AS WE CANNOT LOAN KIT: IF CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE KIT (after a reminder phone call), WE SHALL PROVIDE A KIT AND WILL HAVE TO CHARGE FOR IT.

Just send the kit on a Monday and we will send it home on a Friday.

DIARY



WOODMANSEY CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLEASE PIN THIS PAGE TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD NOTICEBOARD.

**It is with great disappointment that our diary of events is severely curtailed by the ongoing Covid19 Pandemic.
We look forward to the day when our normal programme can be resumed.**

November

Mo 2nd	Return to school
Tues 3rd	Full Governing Body Meeting 5.30pm
Th 5th	CITIZENSHIP WEEK - PUPILS' CHARITY WEEK BEGINS
We 11th	Separate Remembrance Assemblies outside
Fr 20th	3:45pm Erecting the Christmas Tree
Tu 24th	Governors Curriculum Standards Night 5.30pm
We 25th	Decoration Day
Fr 27th	Hanging Christmas Decorations

