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NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to a new term at Woodmansey Primary School.

As we begin a new calendar year, it remains both a pleasure and a privilege to be writing to you as the Headteacher of this wonderful school. January always brings with it a sense of renewal and quiet optimism and, this year, that feeling is made all the more special as we enter Woodmansey Primary School's 170th year at the heart of this community. It is humbling to lead a school with such a rich history, shaped by generations of families, staff and children, and it feels a responsibility I continue to

hold with great care and pride. As ever, I am grateful for the warmth of welcome shown to me and for the many conversations, smiles and greetings shared on the playground.

As we closed the autumn term, I was once again struck by the generosity, kindness and sense of togetherness that defines Woodmansey. Time and time again, our community shows what can be achieved when people work in partnership, with care for one another and pride in their school. This was clear in the Charity Fundraising total for Guide Dogs which was an amazing £1028.02.

My thanks go to every member of staff for their unwavering commitment, to our children for the joy and energy they bring each day, and to you as families for your continued trust and support.

Snow Policy at a Glance

The following is a summary from the school's Safeguarding Policy.

Keeping safe on the site: pedestrian routes, playground access points and the car park are gritted where possible. It is not practical to grit the entire site.

Parental planning: Please allow extra travel time, wear suitable footwear, dress children warmly and expect to park further away using gritted routes only.

Possible closures: The school may close due to severe weather, insufficient staff able to attend, a complete heating failure or loss of water supply.

Reduced opening: A reduced-capacity opening is more likely than full closure. Where possible, families may be asked to make alternative arrangements.

The school will only close as a last resort. If this happens, the Headteacher will remain on site until all children are collected.

Playtimes in snowy weather: No snowballs on playgrounds. If conditions allow, children may play in the snow on the field, including building snowmen and throwing snowballs. Children who prefer not to take part can remain on the playground.

Communication: Closure decisions are made by 7am where possible. Parents will be informed by email and in app message. Updates will also be shared via the school website and social media.

Our School Vision



Building Strong Foundations



Unlocking Potential



Inspiring a Generation

Parking

Your help is appreciated

As we enter a new term, I wanted to take the opportunity to share expectations of parking at drop off and pick up.

In the village, parking can be found via the car park at the Warton Arms Pub, or the Village Hall on Long Lane with parents walking the remaining 5 minutes into school. Thank you to those who are doing this, it helps the congestion in the village, and avoids the yellow zig-zags outside of the school gates.

Over the last year there has been an increase in parents/carers and/or grandparents parking along Barmston Lane and in front of the church, forcing children onto the road as cars are blocking the footpath.

Parking in these areas is not permitted as it is private land and bollards have been placed in the passing place to stop cars parking on the grass verge. I include a map of where cars should not park on or around Barmston Lane and the Church.



I understand the difficulties parking can cause for parents especially when things are a rush but I ask that the parking available at the Warton Arms and Village Hall is used. Please could this message be passed on to other family members who drop off or collect from school.

I will continue to work with the PCSO and Local Authority Highway Teams to find a solution for you to support parking.

Please also remember that our car park is available for blue badge holders. Please contact the school office with your badge before parking and a space will be given to you.

The priority will always remain the safe access to the school for our children.

This year's International Festival coming soon



We have been busy preparing for our International Festival for a number of months and we can't wait to share with you where we will be 'travelling' to this year.

Running Late?

Please register your child at the school office

From time to time, something could crop up which means you are running late for the 8.40am-8.50am window for school drop off, whether it be unexpected traffic, weather or illness in the family.

We are understanding of all eventualities which may present themselves. We do ask however that you call the school office to let us know you are running late, so that we know to expect you and can update the class teacher. Please do not email the class teacher as they will be teaching, not checking emails at this time.

Upon arrival, please ensure an adult registers their child at the school office. This is so that we can accurately record the reasons for delay for the EWO (Educational Welfare Officer), who monitors our registers for any concerning patterns.

PE in the Winter

Keeping warm in outdoor PE for Y1 to Y6

Because of the MUGA, PE sessions can occur inside and outside throughout the year.

Therefore, throughout the winter months children will need to bring additional warm clothes in addition to their black and white PE kits.

Warm jogging bottoms and jumpers/fleeces are probably the most useful. Also it is vital (except the FY) that children have a pair of trainers to wear which must be different to the shoes that they wear for school.

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

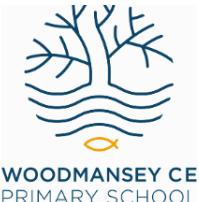
Mr. Loncaster, MBE

Michael recognised for his services to education

A huge congratulations to Mr Loncaster, former Executive Headteacher of Woodmansey Primary School, who has been awarded an MBE for services to education in the New Year's Honours List. This is a richly deserved recognition of his exceptional contribution to education and the lasting impact of his leadership on our school and wider community. We are incredibly proud and send our warmest congratulations.



What's on at Woodmansey? Spring Term Clubs



Club	Who for?	When?	Organised by?
Football Club Restarts Monday 23rd February	Years 3-6	Monday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Mr. Brannigan 
Coding	Years 3-6	Tuesday 12.30pm – 1pm	Mrs. Barber 
Dodgeball	Years 1 - 6	Wednesday 12.30pm-1.00pm	
Racquet Sports	Years 3-6	Wednesday 3.30pm-4.30pm	
Guitar Club	Years 3-6	Thursday 12:30pm – 1pm	Mr. McEntegart 
Theatre Club Restarts Thursday 26th February	Years 3-6	Thursday 3.30pm – 5:00pm	Mr. McEntegart 
Multi Sports Restarts Thursday 26th February	Years 1-2	Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
Basketball	Years 3-6	Friday 12.00pm – 12.30pm	Mr. McEntegart 



Spring dates for your diary

JANUARY

Tue 6th	Pupils Return to school
Tues 13th	Year 3/4 Swimming Programme Begins
Mon 19th	Mid-Year Reports published for English & Maths
Mon 26th	Australian National Day
Mon 26th, 2:45pm	Official Launch of International Festival 2026
Tues 27th, 10:00am	Holocaust Memorial Day Assembly

FEBRUARY

Fri 6th	New Zealand National Day
Wed 11th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm	International Evening
Fri 13th	Final International Worship
Fri 13th	International Lunch
Fri 13th	School Closes for February Half Term
Mon 23rd	Pupils Return to School
Thurs 26th	Theatre Club Show Announcement

MARCH

Sun 1st	St David's Day
Mon 2nd	STEM Fortnight
Thu 5th	World Book Day (No Dressing Up)
Thu 5th, 3:30pm - 5pm	Theatre Club begins
Mon 9th	Commonwealth Day (Canada) including special lunch
Mon 9th	Easter Egg Raffle Tickets on Sale
Tues 10th	Hour of Code
Sun 15th	Mother's Day
Tues 17th	St Patrick's Day
Fri 20th	Comic Relief
Mon 23rd, 10:00am	Creating an Easter Garden in Collective Worship
Tues 24th	Consultation Evening (1 of 2)
Weds 25th	Class Photographs with Tempest
Weds 25th	Greek National Day
Weds 25th	Consultation Evening (2 of 2)
Thurs 26th	PTFA Easter Event
Thurs 26th	Easter Lunch
Thurs 26th, 2:30pm	Easter Egg Raffle Draw
Fri 27th, 2:00pm	Easter Service at St Peter's
Fri 27th	School Closes for Easter



Summer dates for your diary

APRIL

Tues 14th
 Thurs 23rd
 Thurs 23rd
 Sat 25th

Pupils Return to School
 St. George's Day - Special Lunch
 Pumpkin Seed Distribution Day
 Italian Liberation Day

MAY

Mon 4th
 Fri 8th
 Sat 9th
 Mon 11th - Thurs 14th
 Mon 18th - Friday 22nd
 Weds 20th, 6:00pm
 Fri 22nd

Bank Holiday: School Closed
 Anniversary of VE Day
 Europe Day
 Year 6 SATs week
 Environment Week
 Meeting for Foundation Year New Starters
 School Closes for May Half Term

JUNE

Mon 1st
 Fri 5th
 Sat 6th
 Mon 8th - Fri 12th
 Weds 10th
 Weds 10th, 1:30pm
 Tues 16th, 11:00am
 Sun 21st
 Mon 22nd, 9:30pm
 Tues 23rd, 6:00pm
 Weds 24th, 1:30pm
 Weds 24th, 6:00pm
 Thurs 25th, 6:00pm
 Tues 30th, 8:00am

Pupils Return to School
 Danish National Day - Special Lunch
 Swedish National Day
 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
 Portugal National Day - Special Lunch
 New Starters Stay & Play
 New Starters Stay & Play including lunch
 Father's Day
 Theatre Club Dress Rehearsal
 Theatre Club Performance (1 of 4)
 Theatre Club Performance (2 of 4)
 Theatre Club Performance (3 of 4)
 Theatre Club Performance (4 of 4)
 Year 5/6 Leave for Residential Visit to Derbyshire

JULY

Weds 1st
 Fri 3rd, 5:30pm
 Sat 4th
 Mon 6th - Friday 10th
 Wed 8th, 9:15am
 Fri 10th, 3:30pm
 Mon 13th, 3:45pm
 Tues 14th
 Weds 15th, 9:15am
 Weds 15th, 1:30pm
 Thurs 16th, 11:00am
 Fri 17th, 11:00am
 Fri 17th, 12:00pm
 Fri 17th, 3:15pm
 Fri 17th, 3:30pm

Canada National Day
 Year 5/6 Return from the Residential Visit
 American Independence Day
 End of Year Reports Published
 Whole School CommonWood Games
 PTFA Summer Fun
 Exhibition of Work Evening
 Bastille Day
 KS2 Cricket Tournament - Spectators Welcome
 KS1 Handball Tournament - Spectators Welcome
 Year 6 Leavers' Church Service at St Peters
 Year 6 Leavers' Performance to Parent/Carers
 Year 6 Picnic with Parents and Staff
 Year 6 Procession out of School
 School Closes for the Summer