



Woodmansterne Primary School

Growing Learners for Life

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NEWSLETTER NO 1

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Welcome Back!

It has been a great start to the new school year here at Woodmansterne. The children have returned looking smart and ready to learn. I have heard lots about what everyone got up to and in particular their interest in the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Focusing on the Olympics, the theme of our first assembly was "Nothing is Impossible" and we want every child at Woodmansterne to believe that about themselves.

Child Safeguarding

Our school is committed to safeguarding children and our Child Protection Liaison Officers are myself; Mrs Clare Goldsmith (Lead CPLO) and Mrs Marcelle Quinn. If you have any concerns about children's safety and welfare please contact us at any time. Thank you.

Welcome Mrs Hitchcock and Miss Collis

I would particularly like to welcome Mrs Hitchcock, who has joined us as a permanent, full time Reception teacher and Miss Collis who has joined us as a permanent, full time Year 5 teacher this year. I hope they will be very happy here at Woodmansterne.

Congratulations Mrs Scott and Mrs Sims

Congratulations to Janet Scott on achieving her Higher Level Teaching Assistant status and to Juliette Sims, who has passed the first year of her Foundation Degree with Distinction. They are great examples of how learning never stops. Well done!

Meet the Teacher Evening

I am looking forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher evening on Monday 10th September between 7.00 and 8.30pm. As always, if you would like to discuss any matters with your child's class teacher or myself, please feel free to make an appointment. A letter with full details was sent out on Wednesday and details of Year group times can be found in the Diary section at the back of the newsletter.

Information Meetings

We are also holding two Information Meetings for parents. The KS1 Information Meeting is on Wednesday 12th September at 2.45pm and the KS2 Information Meeting is on Thursday 13th September at 3.00pm. The meetings will take place in the Year Group classrooms (details in the Diary section at the back of the newsletter).

Open Mornings

Our Open Mornings will be held on Wednesday 26th September and Thursday 27th September between 10 am and 12 pm. If you have a child due to start school next year please come along for a tour of the school and if you know anyone who has a child the same age feel free to invite them too.

School Meals

Surrey Commercial Services have retained the current school meal prices for the new school year. The price for a school meal will remain at £2.00 per day/£10 per week. If children are having school meals they must have meals for a whole week at a time and not for odd days as it is impossible for us to monitor the payments to Surrey County Council. The half termly and termly rates for the Autumn Term are: **Half Term - £76.00 (September 5th – October 26th).**

2nd Half of Term - £68.00 (November 5th – December 21st) - One day already deducted for Inset Day on 23rd November.

Full Term - £144.00. Please make cheques payable to Surrey County Council or use our Online payment scheme. If you are paying weekly please pay on the Monday of each week as this is our policy with Surrey County Council.

St Peter's Olympic Family Service – Sunday 9th September at 10.30am

Have you been to the Olympics or Paralympics? Have you been glued to the TV and cheered on Team GB? St. Peter's invites you to come to church to celebrate London 2012 and to give thanks to God for the way in which nations have united and athletes have inspired us by giving their all. Wear your London 2012 clothing, or your kit from your favourite sport (we may draw the line at Speedos...). An informal service of worship, and a reflection on what the bible says about these things. Refreshments to follow – all welcome!

KidZone at St. Peter's Church Hall

KidZone is a fast-moving and fun children's service for Primary school kids and their parents. Every week they do quizzes and activity sheets, sing songs, learn to pray and join in bible stories together. Best of all its completely free! Why not come along and see for yourself? Monday after school, refreshments from 3.20pm for a 3.45pm start – ends at 4.15pm at St. Peter's Church Hall.

Term Time Holidays

Please note that term time holidays, which are booked due to availability and economic reasons, will **not** be authorised. Leave of Absence will only be granted for exceptional circumstances. This policy is in line with all schools in the North Downs Confederation.

Punctuality

We need every child to be in school by 9.00am, so they can line up ready for the start of the day. We have teachers on duty in the school playgrounds from 8.45-9.00am. Children should also be picked up at the correct time at the end of the day. School finishes at **3.10 pm for all Key Stage 1 classes** (Reception – Year 2) and **3.20 pm for Key Stage 2** (Years 3-6). If children are not picked up on time they will be taken to the school office as a matter of safety. Thank you.

Education Welfare Officer

Our Education Welfare Officer has asked me to remind parents that they are required to telephone or email the school office -(admin@woodmansterne.surrey.sch.uk) – before 9.30am on the first day of a child's absence and on all subsequent days to keep us informed of their progress or reason for absence. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION

Parking

Please remember if you are taking or collecting children by car to use the Old Walcountians' car park, not Merrymeet. This will enable those of you who walk to and from school to do so in safety, and significantly reduce the risk of an accident. Please try to park considerately and be aware of pedestrians in the car park. Thank you.

Beginning and end of school

Thank you to all those parents who are helping to keep the paths clear before school and at the end of the day. Please remember to wait on the playgrounds. One or two parents have expressed concern that they will not be able to find their children at the end of the day. I would suggest agreeing a meeting point on the playground which remains the same each day. Year 5 and Year 6 parents are also welcome to wait in the seated area opposite the Year 6 classrooms. Thank you.

Medical Information

If your child has recently been prescribed new medication or changed their normal medication please advise Sally or Sarah at the school office. It is vital that parents provide written agreement for any medication to be administered to a child and to take all medicines to the school office, clearly labelled with the child's name and correct dosage.

Pupils with severe nut allergy – Fruit only snacks

There are now a number of children in school who suffer from severe nut allergies and we take this very seriously as this condition can be potentially deadly. There is a danger that traces of nuts can be left on tables, computer keyboards and other surfaces, which could then be touched by children with the allergy. To help keep all of our pupils safe, please ensure your child doesn't bring nuts or nut products to school. (As well as whole nuts this includes **peanut butter, nutella, certain cereal bars, cookies** etc). In line with our healthy eating policy please ensure KS2 children only bring fruit for a mid morning snack, not biscuits, crisps or other packed lunch goods. All KS1 children are given free fruit and we are keen to encourage children throughout the school to continue this practice. Thank you.

School Packed Lunch

As you know, we aim to create a healthy and safe environment in which children can thrive, and healthy eating has always been encouraged as part of the school's ethos. If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school please do not include any chocolate or chocolate covered products. As a guide the school would consider a healthy lunchbox to contain: a sandwich, yoghurt, fruit and/or if required a plain cake or biscuit. Pure fruit juice (not squash) is permitted and water is provided by the school on each table in the dining hall. Children should also bring in their own water bottles to use during the day.

Pupils on Antibiotic Medication

We currently have children in school who are highly susceptible to picking up infections due to low immunity. If your child is currently taking antibiotics please advise the school office and continue to sign in any medication that needs to be given to them during the school day. We will, of course, respect your child's right to confidentiality and will not disclose any details or reveal their identity; we will simply advise the parents that another child is taking antibiotics for a particular condition.

Administering Ibuprofen/Nurofen to pupils

Surrey County Council's policy states that we are only allowed to administer Ibuprofen/Nurofen to pupils if this medication has been prescribed by a doctor. If a parent brings in a bottle of Ibuprofen or Nurofen bought over the counter we are not allowed to accept it at the school office.

Lost Property

Mr Wootton, our Caretaker, collected a number of items of lost property at the end of the last school year. This will be on display at the end of the day in the Reception area outside the school office, today and on Monday. If you are missing any items please check this area as we are unable to keep unnamed property indefinitely.

Email distribution of Newsletter

As you know, the school newsletter is emailed to parents each Friday using the Parentmail service. If your email address or mobile number have changed recently please update your details via the Parentmail Website or with the School Office.

School Clubs

Some of our paid School Clubs will be starting shortly, please check the Diary dates at the end of the newsletter for details. You will soon be notified of additional free clubs run by members of staff.

Crafty Critters Club

Crafty Critters Club is coming to Woodmansterne Primary School! From next week a new creative arts and crafts club will be running after school on Wednesdays Key Stage One (Reception-Yr2) and Fridays Key Stage 2 (Yrs 3-6). Full information ie dates, costs, times etc is available from the school office.

North Downs Confederation ASD/ADHD Support Group

The North Downs Confederation have provided details of a support group for families with children with ASD/ADHD and similar communication and behavioural difficulties.

Their next meeting will be: **Friday 28th September.**

Guest Speakers: Andrea Day and Fiona Prophet representing SENCO's from North Downs Partnership Schools. Surrey Family Voice will also be visiting.

Join them for a coffee and a chat at St John's Church Hall, Tadworth KT20 5DB from 9.30 – 11.30am. Babies/toddlers welcome but remain responsibility of parent.

For more information please contact:

sylvia@northdownsconfederation.org or phone Sylvia Barr on 07752 130101.

Banstead Countryside Day 2012 – 10.30am – 5.00pm

The Banstead Countryside Day is a popular annual family event which is taking place on **Sunday 9th September.**

The theme of the day is a celebration of the local countryside, its fantastic flora & fauna, history and community. Over 100 stalls/activities, with local produce, rural crafts, local groups, wildlife and much more. See the heavy horses and dog handling displays. Enjoy our guided walks through the ancient woodland and chalk grassland. Watch demonstrations of traditional woodland management techniques, including hurdle and charcoal making. There will be lots of activities for the children including nature trails and trailer rides. You can also meet some of our project's very own sheep.

Refreshments on sale - Show Guides on sale for £1.00 on the day. This event is free, but donations are greatly appreciated to help support the day, with all proceeds going to the Downlands Projects charitable arm, the Downlands Trust. Fun for all ages come rain or shine, we look forward to seeing you there. Held in the large field by Banstead Woods on Holly Lane (B2219), adjacent to Holly Lane car park, Banstead/Chipstead (nearest SATNAV: CR5 3NR). Nearest BR station is Chipstead. Email bansteadcountryside@ Surreycc.gov.uk

Ink Cartridges and Vouchers

We are still collecting used ink cartridges to recycle and would be glad to receive any that you have collected at home during the summer. Cartridge World recycle them for us and in turn refill some of our printer colour units. Thank you for all the vouchers you have collected this year. We have applied for a number of items of equipment from the various suppliers including: computers and accessories, sports equipment, garden equipment and plants.

Morrison's have just started their **Let's Grow Campaign** and we will be collecting their vouchers for free gardening equipment. Cartridges and vouchers can be put in the boxes in the entrance outside the School office. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Clare Goldsmith
Acting Headteacher



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School - PTA

WOODIES PTA NEWS

Dates for the Autumn term

PTA Meeting – Wednesday 19th September, 8pm, School Meeting Room

Quiz night – Friday 5th October

Autumn Fair - Saturday 20th October

Fireworks – Tuesday 6th November

Film night (The Muppets) - Tuesday 20th November (to be confirmed)

Christmas hamper raffle - 14th December

We will also be continuing to hold our regular school uniform sales. If you have any uniform that you no longer need, and it is in good condition, please give it to the school office.

If you have any fundraising ideas, feedback on events that we have held please let us know. Also if you have photos of PTA events that you would like to share, email them to us at pta@woodmansterne.surrey.sch.uk and we will put the best ones on the notice boards.

We look forward to your continued support this year as we raise money for our next exciting project!

Diary of Events

New items and term dates in bold, altered items in italics

Sun 9 th Sept	10.30am	St. Peter's Church Olympic Family Service
Mon 10 th Sept	3.20-4.45pm	Yr 5 and 6 Drama and Dance Club starts
Mon 10 th Sept	7.00-8.30pm	Meet the Teacher: Yr1, Yr2 7.00-7.30pm Yr3, Yr4 7.30-8.00pm Yr5, Yr6 8.00-8.30pm
Tues 11 th Sept	3.10-4.00pm	Yr 1 Drama and Dance Club starts
Tues 11 th Sept	3.20-4.40pm	Yr 2 Drama and Dance Club starts
Wed 12 th Sept		Swimming starts for Year 3 pupils
Wed 12 th Sept	2.45pm	KS1 Information Meetings in Year group classrooms Yr1 Holly class, Yr2 Maple class
Wed 12 th Sept	After School	Chris Jennings's Football Club starts
Wed 12 th Sept	3.20-4.20pm	KS1 ends at 4.15pm KS2 ends at 4.30pm SCL Multi Sports Club starts – 2 groups for Yrs 1 and 2 and Yrs 3 and 4
Wed 12 th Sept	3.10-5.00pm	KS1 (Rec to Yr2) Crafty Critters Club starts-School Hall
Thurs 13 th Sept	3.00pm	KS2 Information Meetings in Year group classrooms Yr3 Hazel class, Yr4 Rowan class, Yr5 Laurel class, Yr6 Sycamore class
Thurs 13 th Sept	3.20-4.45pm	Yr 3 and 4 Dance and Drama Club starts
Fri 14 th Sept	3.20-5.00pm	KS2 (Yr3 to Yr 6) Crafty Critters Club starts-School Hall
Wed 19 th Sept	8.00pm	Woodies PTA Meeting in School Meeting Room
Thurs 20 th Sept	3.30pm	Year 3 Sayers Croft Visit – Initial Meeting
Wed 26 th Sept	10.00am-12.00pm	Open Morning
Wed 26 th Sept	2.30pm	Reception parents Information Meeting, Cherry Class
Thurs 27 th Sept	10.00am-12.00pm	Open Morning
Thurs 27 th Sept	3.30pm	Year 4 CYE Visit – Initial Meeting
1 st -5 th October		Year 6 Bikeability Training
Fri 5 th Oct		Woodies Quiz Night
8 th – 12 th October		Year 6 Bikeability Training
Thurs 11 th Oct	3.30pm	Year 6 France Visit – Initial Meeting
Thurs 18 th Oct	3.30pm	Year 5 Carroty Wood Visit – Initial Meeting
Sat 20 th Oct		Woodies Autumn Fair
Mon 22 nd Oct		Harvest Festival Assembly
Mon 22 nd Oct to Fri 26 th Oct		Year 4 CYE Residential Visit
Mon 29th Oct – Fri 2nd Nov		HALF TERM
Tues 6 th Nov		Woodies Firework Night
Fri 23rd Nov		INSET DAY – Target Setting

Inset Days for the next school year 2012- 2013

23rd November 2012

7th January 2013

15th April 2013

24th July 2013