

# Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Dear Parents/Carers and families

There has been a variety of curriculum enrichment this week:

Year 4 children have been swimming this week. It is impressive the amount of water confidence and progress they show when they swim every day. Their final session will next Friday.



Year 1 children went to Blakesley Hall as part of their Toys topic. They really enjoyed learning about how toys were made in the past and were keen to talk about their observations. Thank you to the parents who accompanied them on the visit.



Year 2, 3, 5 and 6 pupils received a tennis taster session this week. I hope they enjoyed it and that the juniors would consider joining our after school tennis club on Tuesdays.



Just to remind you that next Wednesday morning, all classes will be watching Sleeping Beauty by **M&M Theatrical Productions**. School fund has been used to offer this opportunity to enrich learning through drama and encourage our children to read more widely.

Ms McGrath.

## School Fund

**Any contributions would be most welcome. £1 per child/£2 per family each ½ term or £5 for the whole year per child/£10 per family.**

## E-safety tips:



The number of young people tormented by online trolls has increased by 88% in 5 years. Research completed by our Year 6 Digital Leaders, Leland and Dillon.

Get advice on your child's online safety. [Internetmatters.org](http://Internetmatters.org)

## Rights of the Child- articles 17 and 36

### The Golden Mile

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1 <sup>st</sup>	2	20.99
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	19.78
3 <sup>rd</sup>	6	14.95

### Bronze Ambassadors

Our Year 6 Bronze Ambassadors attended their first training meeting on Thursday afternoon at Bishop Challoner. We look forward to hearing about how they plan to champion the subject area of physical education and contribute towards our children completing 60 minutes of physical activity every day. These children have already been able to showcase their leadership skills when helping with The Golden Mile every Monday and Thursday, as well as assist Mr Gordon during our first Base Line Measurement of the school year.

### Class Blog Sites

Letters went home this week detailing the introduction of class blog sites across the school. We are hoping that these act as a digital platform where parents / carers can

share what our children experience throughout the school year. Please bear with us over the coming weeks as we continue to build upon the content and overall functionality. The websites / URL's for each year group are as follows:

<b>Year Group/ Web Address / URL</b>
<b>Reception:</b> 2017woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 1:</b> 2016woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 2:</b> 2015woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 3:</b> 2014woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 4:</b> 2013woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 5:</b> 2012woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 6:</b> 2011woodthorpe.wordpress.com

Mr Trevor

**There is some information on the Parent Notice board in the front foyer regarding a Parent Support Group run by the Communication Autism Team. Please have a look. Thank you – Ms Carrington SENDCo**

We will start to sell poppies from next week. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, please can they bring in a silver coin, no less than 20p. Larger items are available for a suggested contribution of £1.

**Woodthorpe Friends**  
**Woodthorpe Friends/AGM**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**7.30 pm**  
**At Woodthorpe School**

There is a Woodthorpe Friends meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

at 7.30 pm at Woodthorpe School. We would like to invite all parents to come to this meeting who would like to get involved in planning and helping out at Woodthorpe Friends events, such as discos, Easter Bonnet Parades, Summer Fayre and much more. This meeting will also be an AGM. A number of vacancies have become available on the committee, so if anyone fancies taking up a post, please come along and put your name forward. Ms Newman.

**We have had reported to us a couple of incidents of head lice. Please check your child(ren) and treat them, if necessary.**

#### **PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

**Y1: Katie** – Excellent behaviour all of the time.

**Y2: Kamran** – Consistently working hard and putting in 100% at all times.

**Y3: Lucas** – For always trying hard in Maths and having a positive attitude to all his work.

**Y4: Ashton** – For working independently and asking questions.

**Y5: Abiha** – For her brilliant attitude to learning and always willing to help.

**Y6: Dillon R** – Excellent start to the year. Positive learner.

**MR TREVOR: Dan B** – For his outstanding attitude towards The Golden Mile.

**MS MCGRATH: Jack I** – For his enthusiasm for learning in class.

***If your child is due to start Reception class September 2018, please inform us. This is purely to get an idea of how many siblings we will be having, for our Open events, early in November, so that we can let prospective parents know. Thank you.***

***School Nurse drop-in sessions***

There are drop in sessions (School Health community clinics) you can attend at Broadmeadow Health Centre on Wednesdays 3 – 5 pm and also at Poplar Road Health Centre, Thursdays 3 – 5 pm.

**Assembly Theme:** British Values: Democracy  
**Next Week:** Diwali (Festival of Light)/ Rights Respecting/UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

*Rights of the Child- article 2, 13, 17*

**IMPORTANT: All medications your child(ren) require in school should have been handed to us. Please send in as soon as possible, if not already done so. Thank you.**



**Attendance and Punctuality**



**Congratulations** to Rec for obtaining '**Best Class**' attendance last week. Well done. Remember to come to school on time and every day! We are currently above our end of year target of 97.2% for attendance. Fantastic!

Position	Class	Attendance (%)
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rec	99.35
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2	99.33

Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6	99.33
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	99.32
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	96.99
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1	96.33
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	94.33
Overall Attendance		97.87

***If your child is not in school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. We do have an answer machine which is checked first thing in the morning & regularly throughout the day. Thank you.***

School Lunches this week  
 Please see Menu Week 2



**PLEASE NOTE: Y1 – Y6: Milkshakes - 40p & Fruit juice up to 35p. Toast is 20p. If you order your child's toast via the office/post box, please remind your child to order their toast in the classroom. Thank you. Mrs Clews, school cook.**

**Reminder:** Dinner money is due in advance each Monday. £11.25 per week/£2.25 per day. Thank you

A **School Crossing Patrol** post was recently advertised for **Woodthorpe/ Hannon Road** but the position was not filled due to lack of applicants. If anyone is interested or knows anyone who is, please contact School Crossing Patrol Service on 0121 303 7777 for more information. Unfortunately, if this position is not filled, we will not be able to have this crossing area reinstated.

**BCFC Ticket Incentive Scheme:** £10 for adults, £5 for 13 – 18 year olds & £3 for under 13's. For the following games: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October; Cardiff City Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November: Brentford\*

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Notts Forest  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December: QPR  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December: Leeds United  
**Minimum purchase 4 tickets**  
**Contact 0121 7720101 for tickets – quote:  
Woodthorpe2538**

### **Diary for the week ahead**

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Y4 swimming commences – 2<sup>nd</sup> week  
3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 – Y5 French Club

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Brass  
pm Y4 swimming  
3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Tennis

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Theatre in school – Sleeping Beauty  
pm Y4 swimming  
3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Street Dance

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

pm Y4 swimming  
3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 AVFC

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

pm Y4 swimming  
3.15 pm Break up for ½ term

### **Dates for your diary**

***Please note that these dates are  
subject to change & new dates  
added – please check them regularly***

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – 8.55 am All  
return**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Closing date  
for Secondary school 2018 admissions**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - 3.30 –  
6.00pm Parents Evening. *Please see  
letter***

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - 3.30 –  
6.00 pm Parents Evening *Please see  
letter***

3.15 – 4 pm Choir in Reception  
classroom for KS2

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – 1.45 pm  
Open Afternoon – Reception 2018**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November – 10 am Open  
Morning – Reception 2018**

Y6 visit Black Country Living Museum

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – National  
Anti-bullying and school's Health Week**

UK Kindness Day

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – family  
quiz night (details to follow)**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Maths  
parents information workshop for years  
1, 2 and 3 (3.30-4.30 pm) *more  
information to follow***

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Nasal Flu  
Vaccinations for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4  
(letter sent out earlier this week)**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Maths  
parents information workshop for years  
4, 5 and 6 (3.30-4.30 pm) *more  
information to follow***

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – 10.45 –  
11.15 am Rec & Y1 to St Bedes  
Church – Christmas Story**

2.15 pm Rec Nativity x 15 parents in Reception classroom

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – 2.15 pm Rec Nativity x 16 parents in Reception classroom

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Rec & KS1 Clever Chimps

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – 2 – 3 pm KS1 Winter Production

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 9 – 10 am KS1 Winter Production

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – 10.30 am Winter Concert (parents of Choir, Brass & Street dance)

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** – 3.15 pm Break up for winter holiday

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** 8.55 am Children return to school

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February** – Y3 swimming every day for 2 weeks (*letter to follow*)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – 3.15 pm Break up for half term holiday

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Children return to school

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – 3.15 pm Break up

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – 8.55 am Children return to school

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May** – May Day – School closed/ key stage 1 test period starts

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May** – End of key stage 2 tests commence

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Break up for half term

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Children return to school

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** – Phonics screening check week

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – 3.15 pm Break up

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July & Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – Teacher Training days – school closed

**REMAINING TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – Academic Year 2017/2018**

School is closed to pupils on:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018**