

Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



26th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and families

Today's celebrations assembly showcased some wonderful work and achievements of our children, which included maths (reasoning and number skills), fluency in writing and sporting skills in PE. Well done!

Staff have received Fire Safety training this week. Fire safety in the home is essential and so I have included this link for you to access information and tips in order to protect you and your family at home.

<https://www.wmfs.net/your-safety/at-home/>

Parking – this continues to be an issue for our school. We had a visit last Friday from our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) who was able to speak to parents/carers about their parking on Greenwood Close. We hope that this partnership continues so that we can work together to ensure the safety of our families and local residents' driveways are not blocked. Please support us in encouraging our children to walk, scooter or cycle to school, even if this means parking a little farther away and walking the rest of the journey. Thank you.

Ms L. McGrath

E-Safety Tip

The best way to find out what your child is doing online is to ask them to tell you about it. Encourage them to use devices in communal areas so you can see what sites they're visiting and share with them. Visit internetmatters.org

Research completed by our Year 3 Digital Leaders, Sam and Elizabeth.

The Golden Mile (Week 3)

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1st	3	17.37
2 nd	6	10.87
3 rd	1	9.36

Well done to Year 3 for once again claiming the MOST ACTIVE CLASS prize this week! We've had a great turnout for the Golden Mile, with 3 more children receiving their bronze certificates today. We hope to see some more new faces at 08:30 on Monday!

Red Ridge / Blackwell Adventure 2018

Just a reminder that the next payment deadline for the Year 5/6 residential to Red Ridge is Thursday 1st February. I will be writing to parents / carers at the end of this month detailing the specifics for the trip. For those interested in the Year 3/4 trip to Blackwell Adventure, the dates are Monday 18th June – Wednesday 20th June 2018. I will be writing to parents / carers in early March with the details.

New School App! (Update)

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the new school app! We now have over 120 connected devices which is fantastic! To download, simply search for 'SZ App' on your smartphone. We urge you all to download this when possible to allow you to access the following benefits:

- ✓ Access the weekly school newsletter
- ✓ Receive notifications that you choose to subscribe to
- ✓ Quick links to the school's website and Twitter feed.

- ✓ Access class blog sites
- ✓ View the school calendar

Birmingham City FC

Please see below, the Ticket Incentive Scheme fixture dates for this season along with your unique code that can be used to purchase discounted tickets as well.

The fixtures included in the third batch are;

- Saturday 27th January: **Sunderland**
- Saturday 17th February: **Millwall**
- Saturday 24th February: **Barnsley**

Your unique code is: **Woodthorpe3735**

At least 4 tickets must be purchased per transaction for each game. Only those with a relevant code can purchase tickets, the code must be used in full. No tickets can be purchased in person, only over the phone.

For fixtures being played on a Saturday at 3pm, tickets will need to be purchased by 5pm on the Friday before the fixture.

For fixtures being played at 7:45pm on a Tuesday or Wednesday, tickets will need to be purchased by 5pm on the day before the fixture.

TO BOOK TICKETS CONTACT BCFC TICKET OFFICE WITH YOUR **UNIQUE CODE ON 0121 772 0101 OPTION 2**

Mr Trevor

Assembly Theme: Rights of the Child (respecting our rights)

Next Week: Chinese New Year (January 28th – Year of the Rooster)

Rights of the Child- article 2, 13, 14, 17

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Rec: Blaise – For being a kind & sensible member of the class.

Y1: Katie – Excellent listening skills & independence in class. A superb role model.

Honey – Excellent work in class all the time.

Y2: Hiren – For showing resilience in his learning and understanding that making mistakes will help him to learn.

Y4: Ellie B – Enthusiasm & determination.

Y5: Gracie L – Making excellent progress in all subjects.

Y6: Ben – Great maths work. Always leading by example.

MR TREVOR: Ty – For a superb athletic display at Billesley tennis centre recently.

MS MCGRATH: Lucas G – For excellent concentration and participation in PE.



Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Y1 & Y5 for obtaining 'Best Class' attendance, last week. Remember to come to school on time and every day!

We are currently above our end of year target of 97.2% for attendance. Keep it up.

Position	Class	Attendance (%)
1 st	Y1	97.67
Joint 1 st	Y5	97.67
3 rd	Y3	96.33
4 th	Y2	96.00
Joint 4 th	Y6	96.00
6 th	Y4	91.33
7 th	Rec	86.00
Overall Attendance		94.43

School Lunches –Next week -
Please see Menu Week 3



PLEASE NOTE: Y1 – Y6: Milkshakes - 40p & Fruit juice - 35p. Toast - 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. If you wish to pay in advance for this half term, the amount is **£67.50**. Thank you

School Fund

Any contributions would be most welcome. £1 per child/£2 per family each 1/2 term or £5 for the whole year per child/£10 per family. We are raising money for our outdoor learning areas.

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.

Diary for the week ahead

Monday 29th January

pm KS2 girls Cricket Roadshow

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Fencing

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 - Y5 French Club

Tuesday 30th January

Brass

1 pm Foodnet

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Tag Rugby

Wednesday 31st January

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Streetdance

Thursday 1st February

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 AVFC

No Gardening Club

3.15 – 4 pm KS1 Singing Club (in Reception class)

Dates for your diary

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

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

Children's Mental Health Week - 'Being Ourselves'

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day 2018

Friday 16th February – 3.15 pm Break up
for half term holiday

Monday 26th February – Children return
to school

Thursday 29th March – 3.15 pm Break up

Monday 16th April – Teacher Training day
– School closed to pupils

Tuesday 17th April – 8.55 am Children
return to school

Thursday 3rd May – Local Elections –
School closed

Monday 7th May – May Day – School
closed/ key stage 1 test period starts

Monday 14th May – End of key stage 2
tests commence

Friday 25th May – Break up for half term

Monday 4th June – Children return to
school

Monday 11th June – Phonics screening
check week

Friday 20th July – 3.15 pm Break up

Monday 23rd July & Tuesday 24th July –
Teacher Training days – school closed

REMAINING TEACHER TRAINING DAYS –
Academic Year 2017/2018

School is closed to pupils on:

Monday 16th April 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Tuesday 24th July 2018