

Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



29th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and families

It has been a very busy spring term, which has seen some extreme weather conditions. However, attendance and punctuality has been good and we hope this continues to improve through the summer term. Thank you for your support.

As the weather improves we hope that more children will be walking, scootering or cycling to school. The parking on Greenwood Close continues to be a concern for the school and our local residents. It raises road safety issues for our children. This will continue to be a whole school initiative as next term we will be working towards achieving bronze accreditation for Modeshift Stars (National Schools Travel Award) and sustainable, safer travel to get to school. Our eco-week, starting 25th June, will help to achieve many of our goals. Information will be sent out nearer the time about this event.

Our Enterprise themed week has gone well. Please see your child's class blog site for pictures of what activities they have been participating in.

Thank you for supporting Wear a Hat Day today and for your generous contributions to this very special fund raising event. Mrs Mason is extremely grateful to everyone who came to school wearing a hat for Brain Tumour Research.

Finally, we wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable end of spring term break and look forward to seeing you on the 17th April, as we embark on the final term of this academic year.

Happy Easter!

E-Safety Tip

Helping children spot 'fake news'

The BBC has launched a collection of free online resources as part of BBC School Report's Annual News Day. The resources include online videos and lessons plans and an interactive 'choose-your-own-adventure' style game "BBC iReporter" produced with Academy Award-winning animation studios Aardman Animation. The game, which can be played on mobile, tablet and desktop, aims to help young people learn a range of journalism skills and experience for themselves some of the decisions journalists face - like checking facts and sources, selecting social media reaction and identify fake, false and inaccurate information. It gives the player first-hand experience of working in a newsroom facing the fast-paced pressures behind creating a captivating story, whilst maintaining impeccable accuracy, impact and speed and navigating the various pitfalls thrown up by potential fake news elements. You can play via www.bbc.co.uk/ireporter

Thank you to everyone who donated money to **Sports Relief**. Over the week children in each class took part in a variety of activities. On Friday we collected all of the donations and managed to go all the way around the playground! Overall, we raised just over £130 – what a fantastic achievement!

Miss Cole & School Council

Golden Mile (Week 8)

It was lovely to be able to complete the Golden Mile on both Monday and Thursday this week! It looks like the spring weather is finally on its way! We had 45 active children this week with representation from all year groups. It has been an incredibly successful term for the Golden Mile

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1st	4	15.7
2 nd	3	15.4
3 rd	2	9.81

Year 3/4 Blackwell Residential

Letters have been sent out detailing the forthcoming Year 3 / 4 residential trip to Blackwell Adventure. The deadline for the non-refundable deposit to be paid is Friday 20th April 2018.

Breakfast / After-School Clubs

Look out for information detailing the after-school clubs that will be starting in the summer term. Letters will be going in the first week of term, with a view to begin the sessions from week commencing Monday 23rd April. We will also be trialling the introduction of a range of breakfast sporting clubs that will be available to children in both Key Stages.

From the beginning of the summer term you will need to use the school's new app service

to book your child onto a sporting club. A letter will be going out at the beginning of term detailing these changes.

Amaven Challenge Day

Letters went home earlier this week informing you of innovative ways in which your child can get active whilst at home. The children have recently completed their 'Challenge Day' at school and by logging into your child's portal you can see how they performed. The portal offers personalised activities to help your child make further progress. The next 'Challenge Day' will be towards the end of the summer term. The Government have set targets where they want children to undertake 60 minutes of physical activity per day, 30 minutes at school and 30 minutes at home.

Motherwell School, Uganda, Africa

Thank you to all class teachers and children who have contributed towards the wonderful Easter cards that have been created this week. They will begin their journey over to Africa later on this afternoon!

Mr Trevor

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who made a purchase at the book fair last week. We raised a fantastic £651. We will be spending our commission on books for school.

Sickness Reporting

If you are leaving a message on our answering machine relating to your child's absence – Please state the symptoms of illness, so that we can record this on our management system.

Please follow the 48 hour rule if your child is off with sickness/diarrhoea (after last bout of illness)

Thank you

Assembly Theme: The Easter Story/Respect & Tolerance

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

Birmingham City FC

The following matches are available on the Ticket Incentive Scheme:

- Saturday 31st March: **Ipswich Town**
- Saturday 7th April: **Burton Albion**
- Saturday 21st April: **Sheffield United**

Your unique code is:

Woodthorpe1970

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**

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

RECEPTION: Jack – For being more engaged in purposeful learning and kinder to others.

Y1: Ilyas – Excellent work in class and super behaviour.

Y2: Ellie – For putting 100% into all she does, consistently working hard and never giving up.

Y4: Mili – Fantastic progress with writing and for a fabulous attitude to learning.

Y5: Clover – Exceptional reasoning and problem solving skills in maths.

Y6 - Dima – Brilliant creative writing. Really engaged reading her hot task.

MS CARRINGTON: Zach M – For being an enthusiastic learner and striving for improvement.

MR TREVOR: Aoife – For her dedication and enthusiasm toward The Golden Mile.

MS MCGRATH: Ashton – For excellent rhythm and engagement in his brass lessons.



Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Y1 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	97.00
2 nd	Y4	96.00
Joint 2 nd	Rec	96.00
4 th	Y2	94.00
5 th	Y3	93.67
Joint 5 th	Y6	93.67
7 th	Y5	92.67
Overall Attendance		94.71

School Lunches –Next week
- Please see Menu Week 3



**School dinners have increased by
10p per day - £2.35 per day/£11.75
per week**

***** PRICE INCREASE*****

**PLEASE NOTE: Y1 – Y6: Milkshakes - 40p
& Fruit juice - 35p. Toast - 25p. 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.**

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 16th April

Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils

Reception class 2018 offers via email

Tuesday 17th April

8.55 am Children return

Thursday 19th April

pm Billesley Tennis Centre Rec – Y3

Dates for your diary

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

Monday 23rd April Y4 visit Cadbury World

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 18th May – Y2 Twycross Zoo

Tuesday 22nd May – Y1 Sealife Centre

Friday 25th May – Break up for half term

Monday 4th June – Children return to school

Monday 11th June – Phonics screening check week

Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th June – Blackwell residential visit for Year 3 and Year 4

Monday 25th June – Active Streets event and the start of Eco-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

Safeguarding and child protection:

If we have a concern about a child, it is our duty to report this to children's services. Please see our Child Protection/ Safeguarding Policy on our website.