

Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



12th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers and families

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all.

The children have settled into the new term very well and have been busy starting their new topics and units of work in class. We saw some lovely examples of this in assembly today – well done to all of those children who were awarded a Special Mention.

The spring term outlines will be coming home next Friday so do ensure you check any details for the term ahead on these.

New Year, New You! **'Stretch and Flex'** fitness classes will start next week. Classes will be in the hall on Wednesdays at 9.00-10.00am, making it a great way to start the day.

Amy, who teaches our Street Dance club, will be running the sessions which will hopefully continue throughout the year, depending on popularity. She is a real motivator and teaches a variety of fitness classes for other schools and community groups catering for all ages and all levels of fitness.

Initially, school will be subsidising the fee for the fitness classes with our Sports Premium Funding, and so each class will cost £2.00. Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in coming along and we really hope that this takes off.

Finally this week, I would like to wish Ms Bryan all the very best in her future endeavours. Unfortunately she will be leaving Woodthorpe School next

Friday. Since joining us last September, she has been a valued member of the staff and has taught the Year 3 children with passion and great commitment. Mrs Pickering and Mrs Cole will be teaching the class for the rest of the spring term.

Ms L McGrath

E-Safety Tip

Make sure your child knows not to share personal information like their phone number or email address online. Visit internetmatters.org

Research completed by our Year 5 Digital Leaders, Jessica and Lukas.

The Golden Mile (Week 1)

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1st	3	12.33
2 nd	2	9.6
3 rd	5	7.86

The Golden Mile returned this week after the Christmas break. It was lovely to see lots of children getting involved despite the rather bleak weather conditions! 38 children took part this week, with representatives from every year group, travelling just shy of 50 miles! Thank you for your support. See you at 8:30am 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.

Help raise funds for our school @ AMAZON



Earn money for Woodthorpe JI School whilst you shop at Amazon! Simply use the following link to automatically generate funding for the school whilst you purchase your items from Amazon. You can also access this link from the homepage of our school website. Thank you for your support.

Amazon Link: <http://amzn.to/2B5K2eD>

New School App!

You should have received both a text and letter with regard to the release of our new app. (See attached flyer for more information.) 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

FREE RUGBY TICKETS

Moseley Rugby Club have kindly given the school 20 adult and 20 child tickets for their forthcoming fixture on Saturday 20th January 2018 @ 3:00pm

v Old Albanian. Please come and see me if you'd like any.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 16th January 2018 > Year 3/4
Sportshall Athletics @ Billesley Tennis Centre
(12:30-2:30)

Wednesday 17th January 2018 > Year 5/6
Sportshall Athletics @ Billesley Tennis Centre
(12:30-2:30)

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 13th January: **Derby County**

- 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

On Tuesday morning we had a workshop with our School Nurse, Maureen Conway, about 'healthy weights' for children. She discussed common issues with food and gave lots of practical advice.

Assembly Theme: SEAL story: Going for Goals/E-Safety
British Values: Rule of Law
Next Week: School rules/Keeping sage (mutual respect)

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



Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to Rec for obtaining '**Best Class**' attendance, last week of term. 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	Rec	98.67
2 nd	Y5	94.33
3 rd	Y3	95.86
4 th	Y2	95.33
5 th	Y6	94.33
6 th	Y1	93.21
7 th	Y4	88.00
Overall Attendance		94.86

School Lunches –Next week - Please see Menu Week 1



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 15th January

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Fencing

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 - Y5 French Club

Final deadline for Reception admissions 2018 (any changes)

Tuesday 16th January

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Tag Rugby
Brass

Wednesday 17th January

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Streetdance

Thursday 18th January

am x 10 children Young Researchers – Birmingham College University

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 AVFC

3.15 – 4 pm KS1 Gardening Club

3.15 – 4 pm KS1 Choir (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*)

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

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