

# Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## **Dear Parents/Carers and families**

We had a very special celebrations assembly today. Waterloo Housing Association presented us with a cheque for £1000 towards the cost of our new playground markings. We are extremely grateful for their generosity and support in providing our children with a much improved playground.

Year 4 went to Severn Valley railway today as part of their class topic. I hope they had an enjoyable and enriching experience.

This week all classes have been learning about e-safety and how to keep themselves safer online. We cover e-safety in school throughout the curriculum and specifically at the start of each half term. Please encourage your child to tell you about some of the tips and ideas they have learned about in class. We have also attached a cyberbullying guide for you to look at.

Next week all classes will be covering road safety. One of the biggest killers of young people in the UK today is Road Traffic Collisions – they can be passengers, drivers, riders or pedestrians. Road Safety is not in the National Curriculum so we need to do everything we can to arm our children with the Road Safety skills they need.

One of our children was involved in an accident this week as she cycled to school and fortunately was not badly

injured. I would like to thank the parents and carers who acted so promptly and helped to assist in her care.

Please ensure your child wears a helmet at all times and takes care when crossing the road and approaching junctions.

Ms McGrath



## **E-safety tips:**

*Please see Advice for parents and carers on cyberbullying, attached to this newsletter.*

*Rights of the Child- articles 17 and 36*

**Assembly Theme:** SEAL: New Beginnings

**Next Week:** British Values: Rule of Law

*Rights of the Child- article 2*

## **Attendance Matters**

*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



Lovely to see so many children enjoying a school meal. If your child has any dietary requirements or any issues, please see Mrs Clews who will be happy to help in any way she can.

**PLEASE NOTE: 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.

Rights of the Child- article 24

**Important Information:**

**Re: Dinner money debt Collection**  
As Birmingham City Council no longer offer a debt collection service for schools. We have now sourced a Solicitor who has offered to carry out this service on our behalf. Please be advised that this is a last resort but we will have no hesitation in contracting their service should debts remain outstanding. Please speak to Mrs Hull, if you have any concerns regarding payment.

**PUPILS OF THE WEEK**

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

Y2: **Maxwell** – Positive attitude to all learning.

Y5: **Eleanor** – Excellent start to Y5. Always putting her hand up for every question.

Y6: **Tegan** – Phenomenal start to Y6. Maths work has been a pleasure to mark.

MS MCGRATH'S STAR PUPIL: **Ritvik** – for his enthusiasm to contributions in his e-safety lesson.

**BCFC Ticket Incentive Scheme:** £10 for adults, £5 for 13 – 18 year olds & £3 for under 13's. For the following games:

Saturday 16th September:

**Preston North End**

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September:

**Sheffield Wednesday**

Contact 0121 7720101 for tickets – quote: Woodthorpe6854

**Diary for the week ahead**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 – Y5 French Club

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

Brass lessons

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Tennis

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Street dance

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 AVFC

**Dates for your diary**

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

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September –**

8.30am The Photographer: Individual/family photos – see letter attached

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Y4 swimming every day for 2 weeks (*letter to follow*)**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Y1 to Blakesley Hall (*letter to follow*)**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for ½ term**

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** - 3.30 – 6.00pm Parents Evening (*letter to follow*) **New date**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - 3.30 – 6.00 pm Parents Evening (*letter to follow*) **New date**

**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

**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)

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November** – Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Rec, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 (*letter to follow*)

**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**