

Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



6th October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and families

It was a wonderful Harvest assembly today. Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the collection for the Birmingham Food Bank. Events like these bring our school community together, through helping those who are less fortunate or simply need some extra support. The children showed their impressive Harvest craft and it made for an eye catching display. Thank you to Rev. Andy who told the children a Harvest story about sharing, and to Mr Foster who led our brass players to perform their musical pieces so incredibly well. Please see our Twitter feed for photographs.

Year 6 children have had their Peer Mediation and Conflict Resolution training this week. They are now fully prepared to support their peers in resolving disputes peacefully at playtimes. I am sure they will do a fantastic job for our children.

During the final week of this half term, the children will be treated to a theatre production in school of **Sleeping Beauty** by **M&M Theatrical Productions**. Being able to provide this experience is due to the generosity of parents and carers who have contributed to our school fund (due each half term). The magic of live theatre enriches children's learning through drama and encourages children to read, develop critical and creative thinking, and to be curious

about the world around them.
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:



1 in 10 parents say they don't know how to use riskier apps children use.

Need to brush up on your online safety? ***Internet matters.org***

Parking and road safety

Please can I reiterate the importance of parking and driving safely outside of the school. It is very busy in the mornings on Greenwood Close as children are making their way into school for 8.45am. We frequently receive complaints about cars which are driving too fast and dangerously or about unsafe or inconsiderate parking. We do try to keep reminding our parents and carers about this issue in the hope that the situation improves. It is for the safety and protection of our children and their families that we stress this issue and plea for more consideration outside on the cul de sac. If however, you would like to report a particular incident or reoffending vehicle, you can contact our local Brandwood community police officers on the following details:

brandwood@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Rights of the Child- articles 17 and 36

The Golden Mile

The Golden Mile has entered its third week with more children taking part than ever! So far 75 children have been getting active on a Monday and Thursday morning, collectively walking/running nearly 140 miles so far this term! Please take note of some of the issues raised in the letter that was sent home this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1 st	2	19.78
2 nd	4	18.12
3 rd	3	17.37

Mr Trevor

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.

Harvest Assembly

This morning the children & staff celebrated harvest. We were joined by Mr Foster, our music teacher, who opened the assembly with 'Fanfare to Harvest'. This was played by Y6 and was their own composition. Y4 & Y5 performed a piece called 'Arriba!' and Y3 who have recently started playing, performed 'Rocketship'.

We were also joined by Reverend Andy Delemege from St Bedes Church who spoke to the children about harvest and led our reflection time.

The children sang two harvest songs, 'cauliflowers fluffy' and 'let's Harvest' (signed) which they have been learning during our singing assemblies. They also showed their beautiful and creative work they had done. It was quite a range from 3D and collage scarecrows to acrostic poems. It shows what hard working, enthusiastic and talented children we have at Woodthorpe.

May we take this opportunity to say Thank you for your generous food donations and supporting the children at home with their harvest creations. The amount of work and food we received was phenomenal and will be donated to Birmingham food bank.

We hope we do as well next year!

Mrs Pickering

Changes to School Nurse drop-in sessions

The school Nurse will no longer be doing the drop-in sessions at school. If your child has a medical issue that you want to discuss with our School Nurse, Maureen Conway, please speak to Ms Carrington at school who will do a Referral to the School Nurses team.

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: Special People –
Black History Month

Next Week: British Values:
Democracy

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 Y3
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 st	Y3	100.00%
2 nd	Y2	99.33%
3 rd	Y6	98.67%
4 th	Y1	98.33%
Joint 4 th	Y5	98.33%
6 th	Y4	98.00%
7 th	Rec	96.45%
Overall Attendance		98.44

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 1



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

BCFC Ticket Incentive Scheme: £10 for adults, £5 for 13 – 18 year olds & £3 for under 13's. For the following games:
Friday 13th October; Cardiff City
Wednesday 1st November: Brentford*
Saturday 18th November: Notts Forest
Saturday 16th December: QPR
Saturday 30th December: Leeds United
Minimum purchase 4 tickets
Contact 0121 7720101 for tickets – quote: Woodthorpe2538

Diary for the week ahead

Monday 9th October

1.30 pm Y6 Height & Weight checks

Y4 swimming commences - every afternoon for 2 weeks

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 – Y5 French Club

Tuesday 10th October

Maureen Conway, School Nurse in

Brass

pm Y4 swimming

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Tennis

Wednesday 11th October

AM Y1 to Blakesley Hall (packed lunch required)

Y4 swimming

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Street Dance

Thursday 12th October

pm Y4 swimming

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 AVFC

Friday 13th October

pm Y4 swimming

(Information letter Re: Parents Evening will be sent out)

Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday 18th October – Theatre in school

Friday 20th October – Break up for ½ term

Monday 30th October – 8.55 am All return

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

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

3.15 – 4 pm Choir in Reception classroom for KS2

Thursday 9th November – 1.45 pm Open Afternoon – Reception 2018

Friday 10th November – 10 am Open Morning – Reception 2018

Y6 visit Black Country Living Museum

Monday 13th November – National Anti-bullying and school's Health Week

UK Kindness Day

Thursday 16th November – family quiz night (details to follow)

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

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

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

Tuesday 12th 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 13th December – 2.15 pm Rec Nativity x 16 parents in Reception classroom

Thursday 14th December – Rec & KS1 Clever Chimps

Monday 18th December – 2 – 3 pm KS1 Winter Production

Tuesday 19th December – 9 – 10 am KS1 Winter Production

Thursday 21st December – 10.30 am
Winter Concert (parents of Choir,
Brass & Street dance)

Friday 22nd December – 3.15 pm
Break up for winter holiday

Monday 8th January 8.55 am
Children return to school

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