

# Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

## Dear Parents/Carers and families

It has been a very busy half term and all of our children have made a great start to the year. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support over the last seven weeks.

On Wednesday, the Sleeping Beauty production was amazing and the children's responses were really positive. They thoroughly enjoyed the show. Thank you for helping us to provide this experience which was paid for from your school fund contributions.

Year 4 have been swimming for two weeks and today was their final session. Mrs Jacob is incredibly proud of how much more confident and proficient the children have become. Well done year 4. Year 3 will be swimming in February next year.

It was Mrs Houghton's last day at Woodthorpe today. She has been the general assistant in the school's kitchen for many years and we wish her all the very best in her new job.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very restful half term break and we will see you and the children on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

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:

44% of 5 – 15 year olds have their own tablet.



Need to brush up on your online safty? Visit [Internetmatters.org](http://Internetmatters.org).

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

Rights of the Child- articles 17 and 36

## Thinking of teaching as a career ? Not sure where to start ?

Come to the Colmore Teaching School mezzanine for a coffee and a chat on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November between 10.00am and 12.00. We will answer any questions you may have, explain the routes into teaching and give you an insight into teaching as a career.

Please email Ali Fisher

on [alifisher@cpts.co.uk](mailto:alifisher@cpts.co.uk) or call on 675 8766.

**IMPORTANT:** If you have a child starting Reception class in September 2018 – Please come to the office to collect a letter.

## The Golden Mile

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1 <sup>st</sup>	2	18.57
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	10.72
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5	10.57

86 children took part in the Golden Mile this half term, walking or running a staggering 329 miles!!! We look forward to building upon this success next half term!

### Red Ridge Residential

Many thanks for bringing in your deposits over recent weeks, the deadline was today. I will be writing to you after the half-term break with more details. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### Class Blog Sites

Letters went home last week detailing the introduction of class blog sites across the school. We are hoping that these act as a digital platform where parents / carers can share what our children experience throughout the school year. Please bear with us over the coming weeks as we continue to build upon the content and overall functionality. The websites / URL's for each year group are as follows:

Year Group/ Web Address / URL
<b>Reception:</b> 2017woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 1:</b> 2016woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 2:</b> 2015woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 3:</b> 2014woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 4:</b> 2013woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 5:</b> 2012woodthorpe.wordpress.com
<b>Year 6:</b> 2011woodthorpe.wordpress.com

Mr Trevor

### PUPILS OF THE WEEK

**Y1: Tommy** – Super work this ½ term & settled in really well.

**Y2: Jessica** – An enthusiastic approach to Year 2 – always participating and working hard.

**Y3: Elva** – For settling into Y3 really well and putting 100% effort into all her work.

**Y4: Emily** – For consistently high standards in every aspect of school work.

**Y5: Lillian** – Excellent effort with all her work

**Y6: Maya** – Wonderful story writing. An incredibly imaginative and creative young lady.

**Poppies** will continue to be sold until 10<sup>th</sup> November. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, please can they bring in a silver coin, no less than 20p. Larger items are available for a suggested contribution of £1.

### 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.

**Assembly Theme:** Diwali (Festival of Light)/ Rights Respecting/UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

**Next Week:** Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes

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



## Attendance and Punctuality



**Congratulations** to Y1 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 <sup>st</sup>	Y1	99.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rec	98.71
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y2	98.00
Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6	98.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3	97.67
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y4	96.67
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5	95.33
Overall Attendance		97.63

***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 4



***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. If you would like to

pay for your child's lunches for the whole ½ term, the amount is £90. Thank you

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

### Diary for the week ahead

#### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October

8.55 am All return

Mask Decorating Competition

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 – Y5 French Club

#### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Brass

Closing date for Secondary school  
2018 admissions

#### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

3.30 – 6.00 pm Parents Evening

#### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

3.30 – 6.00 pm Parents Evening

### Dates for your diary

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

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Reception Heights & Weights check

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – 1.45 pm  
Open Afternoon – Reception 2018

3.15 – 4 pm Choir in Reception  
classroom for KS2

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – 10 am Open  
Morning – Reception 2018

Y6 visit Black Country Living Museum

**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)

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

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

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

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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

3.30 – 4.30 pm Woodthorpe Friends  
Reception & KS1 Disco

4.45 Woodthorpe Friends KS2 Disco

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – 2.15  
pm Rec Nativity x 16 parents in  
Reception classroom

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Rec &  
KS1 Clever Chimps

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – 2 – 3 pm  
KS1 Winter Production

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – 9 – 10 am  
KS1 Winter Production

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – 10.30 am  
Winter Concert (parents of Choir,  
Brass & Street dance)

**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**