

# Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## *Dear Parents/Carers and families*

Woodthorpe have been awarded the Music Mark from Service for Education. This recognises the work that school does through engaging with the music service for instrument tuition, music concerts throughout the year and recognising the value of music education as part of a broad, balanced and relevant school curriculum.

Some of our children performed in Birmingham Schools Brass Concert on Sunday. I have had wonderful feedback from parents saying how brilliantly they performed and represented our school. They are a credit to Woodthorpe and Mr Foster, who offers our children these amazing opportunities. Thank you to our parents who are incredibly supportive of their children in practising their instruments and for attending these events.

Year 3 have completed their swimming sessions this week. They have all made great progress in water confidence, endurance and swimming technique.

Lockdown practise went very well this week. The children were extremely sensible and well prepared with what to do.

It was lovely to see so many parents who attended parents' evenings this week. Please can I ask that you complete and return your parent questionnaire and your data checking sheet. We look forward to another great half term.

Kung Hei Fat Choy to all our families and enjoy the Chinese New Year (year of the dog) festivities.

Have a lovely half term break.  
Ms L. McGrath

Inclement weather – please could you ensure your child wears a coat for school and, if possible, with a hood. We do try to make sure that children do not miss play times during the winter months due to the wet or cold weather. Therefore, even if it is misty or damp outside, we encourage the children to get some fresh air and physical activity outside. Of course if it is icy or the rain is significant children will not be taken outside. If the rain is substantial or heavy at the start of the day, staff will send children straight into classes from 8.45 in the morning.

### **The Golden Mile (Week 6)**

| Place           | Class | Distance (Miles) |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|
| 1st             | 3     | 10.59            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 6     | 8.01             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 2     | 7.4              |

Year 3 for have once again claimed the accolade of being our MOST ACTIVE CLASS this week! We've had a great turnout for the Golden Mile, especially considering the fact that we had to cancel Monday's session due to adverse weather conditions. A further two children were awarded their bronze certificate this morning for travelling 10 miles. We hope to see you all back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>!

## REMINDER: Red Ridge 2018

The deadline has now passed (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February) for the consent forms to be returned into school. The final payment plan deadline is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Letters will be going out to parents / carers week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February in preparation for the residential taking place the following week.

**New School App!** (This will replace the school's texting service after Half Term)

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the new school app! We now have over 130 connected devices which is fantastic! To download, simply search for 'SZ App' on your smartphone. 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

Mr Trevor

### ***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 17<sup>th</sup> February: **Millwall**
- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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

### **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: Happiness**

**British Values: Democracy**

**Next Week: World Book Day (March 1<sup>st</sup>) Story telling themed week**

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

Donations of junk modelling would be gratefully received in Reception class – empty boxes; yoghurt pots etc.

**PUPIL OF THE WEEK**

**Rec: Ethan** – Lots of effort especially with his writing.

**Y1: Hafsah** – Working really hard in class & making lots of progress.

**Y2: Lewis** – Super writing this week. You've tried so hard to think of interesting content.

**Y3: Alec** – For being a great friend in the playground and looking out for others

**Y4: Dylan** – For fabulous progress with writing

**Y5: Lillian** – Brilliant enthusiasm in all lessons

**Y6: Andre** – Improvement made when writing narrative. Excellent use of well-chosen descriptive vocabulary

**MS CARRINGTON: Ashton** – for his sensible behaviour & lovely manners cooking pancakes this week

**MR TREVOR: Karandeep** – For demonstrating excellent

mathematical skills when estimating his answers

**MS MCGRATH: Ben P** – for finding fractions of number & following the approach for great work

**Reminder:** Dinner money is due in advance each Monday. £11.25 per week/£2.25 per day.



**Attendance and Punctuality**



**Congratulations** to Y3 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 <sup>st</sup>       | Y2    | 99.33          |
| Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> | Rec   | 99.33          |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Y3    | 97.33          |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>       | Y4    | 97.00          |
| 5 <sup>th</sup>       | Y6    | 95.33          |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>       | Y5    | 95.00          |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>       | Y1    | 92.00          |
| Overall Attendance    |       | 96.48          |

School Lunches –First week back - Please see Menu Week 2



**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.

### 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.

**PLEASE NOTE - BRASS LESSONS WILL BE ON MONDAYS NOW**

### Diary for the week ahead

#### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

8.55 am Children return to school

#### **Brass (Please note day change)**

NSPCC assembly

All return

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

9 am Maureen Conway, School Nurse

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Woodthorpe Friends meeting (To discuss Summer Fair. Please come and join us. All new ideas are welcomed.

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

*World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character*

Secondary School places offered (Emails received by 3.30 pm/Log in online)

3.15 – 4 pm KS1 Gardening Club

No Singing Club (*This will be moving to a lunchtime – more information to follow*)

### Dates for your diary

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

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March** Y5/Y6 Red Ridge Residential

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Scholastic Book Fair

Y5 & Y6 NSPCC Workshops

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – 10 – 12 noon Y6 to Edgbaston High School – Michael Rosen event

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 10 – 12 noon Fire Station visit

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – 3.15 pm Break up

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – Teacher Training day – School closed to pupils

Reception class 2018 places offered (Offers via email)

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April** – 8.55 am Children return to school

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Local Elections – School closed

**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**

