

Woodthorpe Junior & Infant School Newsletter



73% of children agree.

Dear Parents/Carers and families

In celebrations assembly today, the children showed some wonderful pieces of work from exceptional handwriting, super sentences, amazing art work and maths and reciting the French alphabet. We have so many talented children demonstrating a wide range skills. We love to hear about all the extra work and activities children do at home as well. One of our year 6 brass players has been awarded with 'Pupil of Potential' status from the Music Service. This is a huge achievement and credit to his commitment, the tuition from our brass teacher and the support of his parents.

Our sports teams did so well this week and were awarded their certificates in assembly. We are very proud of how our children represent our school in these sporting tournaments and other out of school events. Fantastic!

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:

48% of parents believe that their children know more about the internet than they do.



Do you feel left behind?

Internet matters.org

(Place of Change Report Research focused on how parents and children differ in their use of the internet December 2015)

Rights of the Child- articles 17 and 36

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.

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: What makes a good friend? (Friendship)

Next Week: Special People – Black History Month

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.

machine which is checked first thing in the morning & regularly throughout the day. Thank you.



Attendance and Punctuality



Congratulations to 2SC 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	2SC	99.33
2 nd	3EB	98.67
3 rd	4LJ	98.33
4 th	5UA	97.00
5 th	1EC	95.67
6 th	6MB	94.33
Overall Attendance		97.20

If your child is not in school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. We do have an answer

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.

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: Erin – Excellent behaviour and hard in work in class.

Y2: Amelia – Super reasoning in maths.

Y3: Ameera- Setting a super example in & out of class, always willing to help others.

Y4: Matthew- Listening carefully, working hard & making great progress.

Y5: Ben – Making brilliant progress in maths and working hard in other subjects.

Y6: Deena- The epitome of good manners and positivity.

Year 5/6 Football Team – Premier League Trophy Tour

On Tuesday our Y5/6 Football Team travelled up to Villa Park to take part in a football tournament against other schools from across the city. As well as this, they also had the unique opportunity to have their photograph taken with the prestigious Premier League trophy! The team represented the school impeccably throughout the afternoon and were deserved runners-up in the overall competition – scoring an impressive 26 goals throughout the tournament!

Woodthorpe 2 Jervoise 0

Woodthorpe 0 St George & St Teresa 4

Woodthorpe 3 New Oscott 2

Woodthorpe 10 Kingsthorpe 2

Woodthorpe 3 St Edwards 1

Woodthorpe 8 Highfields 0

Team: Ty, Louis, Lewis, Gabrielle, Jess, Tegan, Kieran, Andre

Year 5/6 Hockey Team

On Thursday our Y5/6 Hockey Team ventured over to Queensbridge School to compete in a regional tournament. Considering the fact that they have played very little hockey at Woodthorpe they did incredibly well by coming in 3rd place overall. They were victorious against both Moseley C of E and Colmore Juniors throughout the afternoon. Special thanks go to Miss Lodge for delivering a training session earlier in the week.

Team: Ty, Gracie B, Millie, Deena, Zach M, Dillon, Ollie, Lewis

The Golden Mile

The Golden Mile has entered its second week and once again has proved to be an incredibly

popular activity on a Monday and Thursday morning. Despite the fact that we had to cancel on Monday due to the weather, we once again had record numbers arriving to school at 8:30am on Thursday! Let's hope we have some nice autumnal weather to enjoy this event before the winter sets in!

Place	Class	Distance (Miles)
1 st	4	22.5
2 nd	2	22.19
3 rd	3	17.06

Play Leaders

Mrs Mason and Miss Lodge accompanied our Year 5 Play Leaders over to Billesley Tennis Centre this week for their annual training day. We are very proud of our 12 leaders in Year 5, the feedback I've had off staff has been incredibly positive. They've already started carrying out their duties every lunchtime! We wish them every success this year and hope they continue to provide the school with a wide variety of fun lunchtime activities.

Mr Trevor

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
Tickets for Brentford Fixture will not be available to purchase until Tuesday 3rd October

Contact 0121 7720101 for tickets – quote: Woodthorpe2538

Diary for the week ahead

Monday 2nd October

3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2 – Y5 French Club

Tuesday 3rd October

NO Brass lessons (moved to Wednesday this week)

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Tennis

Wednesday 4th October

Brass

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 Street Dance

Thursday 5th October

3.15 – 4.15 pm KS2 AVFC

Friday 6th October

9.05 am Harvest Festival assembly

Extra Brass lesson

Dates for your diary

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

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Monday 9th October – Y4 swimming every day for 2 weeks

1.30 pm Y6 Height & Weight checks

Wednesday 11th October – Y1 to Blakesley Hall

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