

## *Growing together, learning forever*

Don't forget we break up for half term on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 3:15pm and return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

# WOODSTONE NEWS

MAY 2019 (Newsletter 11 2018 – 2019)

**Woodstone Summer Fayre**  
Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>

## PARENT FORUM

The date of our next Parent Forum meeting is Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.

### CAN YOU RECOGNISE A SCAM?

In the latest of our series on keeping us all safe in this ever changing world (last month we looked at the popular Fortnite game) we thought it would be useful to talk a little bit about scams. These are becoming more and more prevalent and sophisticated. Have a read of the following examples and what to do to avoid falling victim to them...

#### 1. Identity fraud:

Your personal information - your name, address and bank details – are very valuable to criminals. To stay safe, always:

**Shred or tear into small pieces anything with personal information on it before you throw it away or recycle.**

**Be very wary of unsolicited phone calls, letters or emails from your bank asking you to confirm your personal details, password or security numbers.**

**Don't click on links sent in emails unless you're sure you can trust the person who sent them.**

**Never reply to unsolicited texts, emails or letters. If you do, you may be put on a scammer's 'suckers list' and targeted in the future.**

#### 2. 'Courier fraud'

A scammer persuades you on the phone to hand over your bank card to a courier or taxi driver and they often say they're from your bank or the police. They may ask you to give them your card and PIN, set up a 'safe' account, or buy expensive goods like watches or mobile devices and hand these over to them.

**Remember – this is a scam. Banks or the police never ask you to do this.**

#### 3. Lottery scams

Fraudsters contact you by post or email saying you've won a cash prize in an international lottery, sweepstake or prize draw; often Spanish, Canadian or Australian lotteries, but there are others. You're told to keep your good luck a secret and to respond quickly to claim your 'winnings'. But there's no prize money. Often the winner's certificate looks so convincing that people are taken in. You'll be asked to pay admin fees such as taxes, legal costs, or banking fees. Each time the scammers will give you reasons why your winnings can't be paid out - unless you make another payment to reach the 'next stage'.

**Don't make any payments or give your bank details. Scammers can use them for identity fraud.**

### CROSS COUNTRY DATE

Remember we have one last race left. Looking forward to seeing a great Woodstone team on

Saturday 18th May at Griffydam!

### Is your child getting their 5 a week?

Recently we have been having a big crack down on children reading at home and adults writing in their school diary. As a result a number of our more reluctant readers have started to read more often at home. This has had a notable impact on their progress in reading and these children are now much more enthused about reading and keen to chat about the books they are enjoying! We recognise that it can sometimes be tricky to squeeze in the 10 minutes a day, but it really does make a massive difference! Thank you to all who have got on board with this. Please remember ALL reading counts! Thank you for your continued support!

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We would like to say a big thank you to all the children who took part in the 3M challenge this year. 3M in Loughborough is part of a global organisation which prides itself on innovative products in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Each year they hold a competition across Leicestershire aimed at encouraging more young scientists and innovators.

This year our Year 3 children were asked to take part in a marble challenge, Year 4's to design a mighty monument which could hold a heavy load and Year 5's to design a cargo boat which could carry a heavy weight. Year 6 children could choose which one they wanted to enter.



Judging within school was tough as we had many fantastic entries but in the end the following children were successful in taking their prototypes to Loughborough for the official judging –

**Marble Run Challenge– Ethan & Alfie (Y3), Oliver (Y3) and Chris (Y6).**

**Cargo Boat Challenge – Aidan & Charlie (Y5), Anna (Y5) and Sam (Y5)**

**Mighty Monument Challenge – Grace, Ava, Scarlett (Y6), Georgie, Louisa & Libby (Y6 & Y4), and Flynn (Y4)**

The children had to talk about their design, show drawings of their plans and answer questions from the judges after they had presented their models.

All of the children did really well and we are awaiting the final results to see if any of our children qualify for the next stage. A massive well done to them all.

### PLEASE HELP US TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

As you know when our Key Stage 1 children go out on school trips we offer a packed lunch made up by our kitchen staff. You are asked to indicate on the letter if you would like one of these lunches or if your child will be bringing their own.

Recently, we have noticed that parents are saying that they want a school packed lunch but then when the children arrive at school they have one from home.

A recent example was on the Year 1 trip when we had to throw away four packed lunches.

All we ask is that you fill in the letter carefully to ensure we are not wasting food in the future. THANK YOU.



### WOODSTONE'S FAMILY RAMBLE – FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE

As part of the National Forest Walking Festival (now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year), we have once again arranged our very own guided walk to take place on **FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE**. Last year we had a fantastic evening with everyone appreciating the stunning landscapes and a pint in a local pub! This year we would like you to join us – we will start promptly in Melbourne at 6:00pm.



The walk is not too demanding and is designed for the whole family but it will be over different terrains so is not really suitable for pushchairs.

More details to follow shortly.

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### QUESTIONNAIRE FEEDBACK

Firstly, a massive thank you to all those parents who recently filled in the questionnaire which looked at all aspects of school life and gave us some food for thought on how we can improve our offer to you and your children still further.

Over the next few weeks we will be feeding back some of the comments from both children and parents, but for now please see an analysis of the answers to the questions...

	Strongly agree/ agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1. My child enjoys school	97.8%	2.2%		
2. The school keeps my child safe	100%			
3. My child is making good progress	95.5%	2.3%		2.2%
4. The school informs me about my child's progress	98.8%			1.2%
5. The school helps my child to lead a healthy lifestyle	97.6%	1.2%		1.2%
6. Children behave well at Woodstone and action is taken when necessary if they don't	94.4%		1.2%	4.4%
7. The school expects my child to work hard and do his or her best	98.8%			1.2%
8. The teaching is good at Woodstone	97.6%			2.4%
9. I would feel comfortable about approaching the school with questions or a problem or complaint	98.8%			1.2%
10. The school is well led and managed	100%			
11. The school seeks the views of parents and takes account of their suggestions and concerns	86.5%	1.2%		12.3%
12. The school makes sure my child is well prepared for the future	92.2%			7.8%
13. The school provides appropriate homework	84.2%	11.2%	1.2%	3.4%
14. The school organises just the right amount of school trips/visits and tries to ensure the costs are not prohibitive	93.2%	1.2%		5.6%
15. The arrangements for my child to settle in when he/she started at the school were good (Rec, Y1 and Y2 parents only)	100%			

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## **WOODSTONE SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS**

**2019 - 2020**

### **AUTUMN TERM**

School Opens	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2019
School Closes	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
Mid-Term Break	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
School Closes	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **SPRING TERM**

School Opens	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
School Closes	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
School Closes	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020

### **SUMMER TERM**

School Opens	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
School Closes	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020
Mid-Term Break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
School Closes	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

### **INSET/TEACHER TRAINING DAYS**

<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August 2019 Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2019 Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2019
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<b>SPRING TERM</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
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<b>TOTAL</b>	190 teaching Days 5 teacher training days
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