

## EASTER BREAK

To help with you plans please note we break for Easter on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** and return to school on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

The holiday dates for 2021-2022 are now on our website under the parent info tab.

# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## SAFETY OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please remember the zig-zags outside our school gate are there to help keep children safe. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIG-ZAGS.** Thank you.



## IMPORTANT REMINDER

We have a number of parents and grandparents who have a blue badge for parking in disabled parking bays so could we please remind you, that no matter how tempting it looks when you are in our busy car-park that you keep our two designated disabled parking bays free for those people that need them. **THANK YOU.**



## GO ORANGE DAY

A Note from Miss Barnes...

*'I am pleased to announce that we made an unbelievable £2,940 on our Go Orange Day for Muscular Dystrophy. This includes the money raised from face painting, cake sales and our Fun Run.*

*A massive thank you to all the children, parents and staff for helping to make this day so successful.*

*I would also like to say a special thanks to Mr Mullins for organising a brilliant Go Orange quiz. It was a great evening that raised a further £690!*

*This makes a grand total of £3,630 - an amazing amount of money for a great cause'!*

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY** (and please read the back of this newsletter to see the great work Muscular Dystrophy UK do and how our money will help).

## CROSS COUNTRY DATES

We only have two more cross country events this year. They are as follows...

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Snarestone (10:30am start)**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Griffydam (10:30am)**

## RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION

You may have seen in the press that this aspect of the curriculum is becoming compulsory from September 2020 and schools across the country are busy preparing policies and progression documents to ensure they meet the new criteria.

Would you like to find out more and be a part of forming the new Woodstone policy?

If so, then please come along to our next **PARENT FORUM** on **WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH** at 2pm.

## BATTERY RECYCLING

Although we do recycle batteries here at Woodstone please remember we cannot accept 'button' batteries. Thank you.



## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

We have a limited number of places available at our Mother's Day lunch which is taking place on **Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Look out for the letter coming home this week. Please return them to school by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** when we will then put them all in a hat and draw out 30. We will let you know who has been successful and who hasn't got a place this time. This seems like the fairest way to allocate places.

Please note we will be doing a 'leavers lunch' later in the year specifically for Year 6 parents.





## What is Duchenne muscular dystrophy?

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a muscle-wasting condition caused by a lack of a protein called dystrophin. It usually affects boys. About 100 boys with Duchenne muscular dystrophy are born in the UK each year and there are about 2,500 boys and young men known to be living with the condition in the UK at any one time. For the general population, the risk of having a child with Duchenne muscular dystrophy is about one in every 3,500-5,000 male births.

Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a serious condition that causes progressive muscle weakness. Owing to the lack of the dystrophin protein, muscle fibres break down and are replaced by fibrous and/or fatty tissue causing the muscle to weaken gradually.

No cure has yet been discovered, but there is promising research into the condition. This is where we hope the money we raise here at Woodstone will make the biggest difference. Research is not cheap but it is vital if we are to find a way forward.

In April we have a number of parents and our very own Miss Barnes running the London Marathon for this great cause. We will let you know how they get on later in the year!



**REMEMBER to update your personal details if you move house, get a new phone number etc. You can do this on Parent Lite or by popping in/phoning the office.**

### GOLDEN BOOK PARENT ASSEMBLIES

Please note we will once again be inviting parents into our Golden Book assemblies this term. Please see the date below for your child's class:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Reception **Please note all assemblies start as close to 9am as possible and last approximately 40 minutes.**



### GUIDANCE TO EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS ABOUT COVID-19

Covid-19 is a new strain of the coronavirus. Whilst the chances of catching Covid-19 are extremely low it is important to recognise the symptoms, know how it is spread and what can be done to minimise the chances of contracting it.

From what we know about the other coronaviruses it is most likely to be passed on when there is close contact (within 2 metres or less). People can become infected by secretions passing into the mouths or noses (coughs or sneezes) or by touching a contaminated surface and then touching their own mouth/nose.

There is currently no vaccine for COVID-19 so we are following the basic principles of hygiene:

**Washing hands often with soap and water (as often as possible)**

**Covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue and then throwing the tissue in a bin**

**Avoid touching surfaces then your mouth, nose or eyes**

There is currently no good evidence that people who do not have symptoms are infectious to others.