

WOODSTONE NEWS

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THE BIG LISTEN

You will have seen in the news over the past few months (since the tragic death of Headteacher Ruth Perry) that Ofsted have realised their system of inspection needs a radical overhaul!

As part of this Ofsted are running a Big Listen up until 31st May and they would like as many parents as possible to take part in the survey. You can access it [here](#).

Everyone agrees that schools need to be accountable and we are well aware that some parents still use an Ofsted grading as a reason for choosing a school but the system is flawed and needs reform (even the new Chief Inspector, Martyn Oliver, recognises this).

As a Headteacher, areas where I think it could be improved are:

- Getting rid of single word judgements e.g. inadequate, good, outstanding – these are not very helpful i.e. you can have a ‘good’ school who has just scraped that judgement or a ‘good’ school which is brilliant but you wouldn’t know this from the Ofsted judgement
- Becoming more developmental i.e. Ofsted come in, make a judgement after one or two days then leave without any suggestions of how you could improve the areas they have identified
- Provide a more accurate ‘Ofsted window’ – at the moment schools are in a ‘window’ for inspection which can last two or three years (here at Woodstone we have been in it for two years already and it could extend to September 2025). This is unfair and puts unnecessary stress on school staff. A window of three months would be more appropriate i.e. you know they are coming within that three months but you don’t know exactly when.

If you have got ten minutes to complete the survey/type your own thoughts into the text box we would greatly appreciate it as it could possibly influence and improve the process in the future. Thank you.



RAGS to RICHES
!!!!!!! Advance
warning !!!!!!!

Our next
collection of good
quality, reusable
clothes at
Woodstone is in 5
weeks time on
11/06/2024.

EXCITING TIMES

Next half term Miss Clement has taken a very short career break and is off travelling to sunnier climes! She will be visiting Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam on her travels.

Mrs Leaney will cover her classroom duties and Miss Barnes will be acting Deputy for the 5 and ½ weeks.



It's been an egg-citing few weeks in Reception as they had an incubator with 20 eggs delivered to the classroom a few weeks ago. The children patiently waited for 21 days for the eggs to hatch and we were lucky to have 18 brand new chicks in the classroom. The children enjoyed watching the chicks and even had chance to hold them too. You'll be glad to hear the chicks are now settling well into their new home on the farm. Thank you very much to Mrs Woodings for providing our children with this fantastic experience.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 20th May – Class photographs

Friday 24th May – Break for ½ term holiday (3:15pm)

Monday 3rd June – Return to school (8:45am)

Tuesday 4th June – PTA meeting (6pm) – All welcome

Friday 7th June – School Science Fair (KS2)

Monday 10th June to Friday 14th – Year 1 Phonics screening check

Friday 14th June – Donation Day (Bottle tombola)

Wednesday 12th June – Area Athletics (pm) – Saffron Lane, Leicester

Tuesday 18th June – PTA meeting (6pm) – All welcome

Thursday 20th June – Unity Presentation evening – Ivanhoe School (6pm)

Monday 24th June – Year 4 visit to Twycross Zoo (all day)

Tuesday 25th June – Sports Day (am – KS2) (pm – Rec, Y1, Y2)

Wednesday 26th June – ‘Move Up’ day in school for Reception Class up to Year 5

Friday 28th June – Year 1 visit to Leicester Botanical Gardens (all day)

Friday 28th June – PTA Colour Run (see attached poster)

Tuesday 2nd July – Reserve Sports Day (if first one is postponed)

Tuesday 2nd July – Year 6 Play and Presentation Evening (6pm)

Thursday 4th July – Second ‘Move Up’ day in school for Reception Class up to Year 5

Monday 8th July – Year 6 visit to Drayton Manor (all day)

Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Disco (5:30pm)

Wednesday 10th July – Break for Summer Holiday

NAIL POLISH

Just a little reminder that children should not be wearing nail varnish at school.

Thank you for your support.



PRIMROSE WALK

We have had a couple of complaints recently about parents parking on Primrose Walk (opposite the school - the road which used to be the drive down to Beesley's Garden Centre) – the complaints are not about our parents using it for parking but more about people parking far too near to the junction making it impossible for anyone to pull out safely.

Can we please ask you not to park so close to the junction that it makes it unsafe for other road users. Many thanks.

IMPECCABLES

Whilst giving reminders could we also ask that if children are impeccable and coming in their own clothes could parents please make sure the clothes and footwear are appropriate for school. Thank you

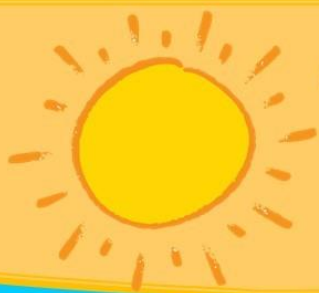


Here's a picture of our Year 1 children in the Wednesday lunchtime hand bell group. They have been learning how to follow sheet music using the colour coded hand bells and have played a range of songs from Old Macdonald to Amazing Grace.



Reception had a great trip to Ash End Farm this week as part of their 'On the Farm' topic. They saw lots of different animals including a litter of piglets! They were lucky enough to feed and handle lots of the animals and find out about how they're looked after by Farmer Sarah. They also had a great time on the play area in the sunshine!





Woodstone Community Primary School

Woody's Summer Holiday Club

Come along to our Woody's Summer Holiday Club and enjoy
fun activities, games and crafts

Monday 5th August - Friday 9th August

Monday 12th August - Friday 16th August

All sessions run 8.30am - 4.00pm at Woodstone School

£20 per child per day

Open to all children who attend Woodstone Primary School
(including children currently in Year 6)

Bring your own packed lunch - all snacks and drinks will be
provided

Full timetable of activities coming soon!

Our holiday clubs will
be popular so book
early via School Money





KENDRICK SPORTS COACHING

May & Summer Football & Multisport Club

Woodstone Primary School LE67 2AH
8:30 – 15:00

28th – 30th May
23rd – 25th July
30th July – 1st Aug
20th – 22nd Aug

£17.50 per day

A fantastic opportunity for boys & girls
Year 1 – Year 6 to make new friends and
be active in a fun environment



BOOKING INFO

CALL :

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Kendrick Sports Coaching

Booking for Summer holidays will
open following the May half term.

This is a football focused holiday camp,
however children may also participate in
different sports dependent on the
weather. Including but not limited to:

- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Cricket & more

All Children must be provided with:

- Appropriate clothing including
shin pads and footwear for indoor and
outdoor activities.
- A packed lunch and refillable bottle