

WOODSTONE NEWS

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HARVEST THANK YOU

On behalf of the Coalville foodbank we would like to say a huge thank you for all the donations we received for our Harvest Assembly. You never fail to amaze us with your generosity and this harvest was no exception. We collected tins, toiletries, cereals, biscuits etc which were gratefully received by our local foodbank in Coalville.

Our children in the Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 classes enjoyed leading the harvest assembly with a valuable input from Coalville Foodbank.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Most of us have been touched by cancer in one way or another so raising money for Macmillan is always a cause close to our hearts. This is why we held the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 3rd October. Thank you to everyone who popped in to enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake. Thank you also to everyone who donated cakes – a really kind and appreciated gesture. We raised £120.

It was lovely to see some of our children entertaining our visitors with musical instruments and songs. Thank you Ayla (song), Anamae, Fleur, Evie & Emma (piano), Emma, Benjamin (cello), Joshua (violin & trombone!) and Benjamin (trumpet).



A SAD FAREWELL

Woodstone has always been blessed with a stable, experienced staff. However, every now and again staff retire or move onto different challenges. This half term will see us say goodbye to Julie Sleath (from our Woody's team) and Laura Wroot as Business Manager. Julie will stay on as midday manager until March but we wanted to wish both ladies all the best for their future adventures.

POLITE REQUEST

As the winter months approach we would like to ask that if you are waiting on our carpark at the beginning or end of the day could we politely ask that you do not leave your car engines running. Our children do a lot of work about looking after the environment and this is one area where they feel improvements could still be made.



BOOK SWAP



THE WOODSTONE BOOK SWAP IS BACK!

Next week we are relaunching our school 'book swap'. Children throughout the school are welcome to bring in a book from home to swap for a book we have here in school. The books they bring in need to be in good condition. They can only exchange one book at a time but they can exchange a book every week if they wish.

The book boxes are positioned outside the Year 1 classroom for Reception and Key Stage 1 and between the Year 3 and 4 classroom for Key Stage 2.

We are really trying to encourage a love of reading and of books so please encourage your child to take part.

To help relaunch the 'Book Swap' we gave each child a book to start them off. Please encourage them to be regular 'swappers' so that we create children who truly love reading!



ATTENDANCE

ACORN – 98.1%

ROWAN – 95.8%

MAPLE – 97.8%

PINE – 96.2%

CEDAR – 97.6%

BIRCH – 97.9%

OAK – 97.1%

ASH – 95.5%

Well done Acorn
Class – what a great
start to your school
career here at
Woodstone

A FEW GENTLE REMINDERS

We would just like to remind children (particularly those in the older classes) of the following:

- School shoes need to be worn – not trainers (unless doing PE or changing for lunchtime)
- Hooped earrings are not allowed – they pose a real health & safety risk
 - Make-up of any kind is also not permitted
- Bows in hair should be of a reasonable size – not the huge 'jojo' bows

THANK YOU



Take a look at our girls' football team who recently got to the semi-final of North West Leicestershire's competition, beating Moira, New Swannington & Thringstone before losing narrowly (1-0) to Hugglescote.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We have our photographer in school on Tuesday 28th October. They will take individual photos of the children during the day and with their school aged siblings.

We will once again be doing pictures of school aged children with pre-school children/babies - these will start at 8:30am. The photos will make a great Christmas present!

PTA BREAK THE RULES DAY

As many of you know budgets in schools have been decimated over the past ten years or so and we now rely heavily on our PTA, not only for those little extras but also for some essential items. We are very conscious as an organisation that we often ask parents for financial contributions so it is crucial the PTA help out wherever they can. Recently, they have paid They have agreed to pay for the buses to the pantomime in December helping to bring the cost down for parents. They buy all of the children a small Christmas gift and help fund the leavers present for our Year 6 children and we are also in the process of having new playground markings funded by the PTA. **So, with this in mind, on the Friday after the holiday (31st October) the PTA have a fundraiser – it will be a ‘Break the Rules Day’ where children pay 50p to break a rule. They can break as many of the rules (listed below) as they want but with each one costing 50p we suggest they just break one or two!**

These rules are made to be broken...

- Wear black or grey trousers/skirt
- Wear a white or blue t-shirt/shirt
- Wear a Woodstone jumper or cardigan
- No trainers
- No nail varnish
- No juice in your water bottle
- No extreme hair styles and long hair must be tied back
- No make-up
- No unhealthy snacks or chocolate bars as a snack

FINE: 50p per rule



CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

On Saturday 11th October 32 Woodstone runners attended the first competition of the year at Market Bosworth. What a team!

We managed to get a few pics!



**Have a look
on the
Gallery
page of the
website to
see some
great
photos from
our recent
trip to the
Isle of
Wight.**



HARVEST THANKS

As you saw on the front page we had a fantastic assembly to celebrate the 2025 harvest. Here is a picture:



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 15th October - Year 1 multi-skills festival - Whitwick & Coalville Leisure Centre (pm)

Thursday 16th October - Year 6 Golden Book Assembly (9:05am)

Thursday 16th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 16th October – Year 4 (Cedar Class) Greek Day

Thursday 16th October - Children break for 1/2 term

Friday 17th October - INSET Day for school staff

Monday 27th October - Children (and staff) return to school

Monday 27th October – Governor vacancy expression of interest closes

Monday 27th October – Black History Week

Tuesday 28th October - Individual & family photos (am)

Friday 31st October – Cedar Class (Year 4) Golden Book Assembly (9:05am)

Friday 31st October – PTA Break the Rules Day

Saturday 1st November – Cross country – Appleby Magna (10am start)

Monday 3rd November – Wednesday 5th – Year 6 Bikeability (Week 1)

Tuesday 4th November - PTA Meeting - all welcome (6pm)

Friday 7th November – Pine Class (Year 3) Golden Book Assembly (9:05am)

Monday 10th November – Wednesday 12th – Year 6 Bikeability (week 2)

Thursday 6th November – Acorn Class (Reception) trip to Statfold Farm

Monday 10th – Friday 14th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Thursday 13th November - Maple Class (Year 2) Golden Book Assembly (9:05am)

Friday 14th November - Children in Need (all day)

Friday 21st November – Rowan Class (Year 1) – Golden Book Assembly (9:05am)

Thursday 27th November – Reception Class (Acorn Class) – Golden Book Assembly (9:05am)

Friday 28th November – INSET Day for school staff

Tuesday 9th December - Reception & Year 1 Nativity (2pm & 5:30pm)

Wednesday 10th December - Years 2, 3 & 4 Christmas Play (2pm & 6pm)

Monday 15th December - Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert, Christ Church, Coalville (6pm)

Tuesday 16th December—Whole School trip - Pantomime – Cinderella (Nott'm Theatre Royal) – pm

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Dinner

Thursday 18th December - Christmas Party

Friday 19th December - Break for Christmas holiday

Monday 5th January – Return to School

Monday 26th January - Young Voices

Saturday 17th January - Cross Country—Woodstone (10:30am)