



WOODTHORNE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

HEAD TEACHER: MR J CRILLY

NEWSLETTER June 2016

LETTERS SENT HOME

Y2 - Visit to Conkers

Y4FC - Music Concert

Whole school - NUT industrial action

Y6 - Dates for Your Diary

Y6 - Leavers' Assembly

Y6 - Towers - final arrangements

Y6 - Autograph Books

Y5 - King's Drama Workshop

Whole school - teaching arrangements for
September

Y5 - Young Writers Competition

Whole school - Holiday Club

PARENTMAIL

We are very pleased to be launching a new system of communication called ParentMail. ParentMail is the most effective parent communications and online payment system available to Primary Schools. Its modular approach makes it easy to add 'Apps' (or functionality) when needed and means it's a service that will grow and continue to add more value into the future.

We will start using the system, in school, from September 2016 - please be patient as there are sure to be teething problems.

All Parents/Carers should have received a text message from ParentMail with a link enabling you to register and set your online security details. If you have an e mail address registered with us at school then you may well have also received an email with a link. You only need to register once. Please can any Parent/Carer who has not returned the ParentMail slip, giving details of mobile numbers and e mail addresses, do so as soon as possible. If your e mail address is not registered at school, by September, you will find that you have limited access to information sent out in the new academic year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council have been very busy raising funds to support their chosen charity for this term, Magnolia House, part of Birmingham Children's Hospital.

A special whole school assembly was held last week which was attended by Nancy from Birmingham Children's Hospital. The school council presented a cheque to Nancy for an amazing £1250!

Congratulations go to the school council for thinking of and organising a range of fund raising events. We are extremely proud of all our children for whole-heartedly getting behind this charity campaign.

PTA

It's been a busy time for the PTA. We had our second successful Bake off, with Esme Shields being crowned master baker. The raffle prizes were drawn with the top prize of an iPad going to Bela Gill. This week we held a special disco for the children in Rainbows and tickets went on sale for the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 disco's that have a special Olympic theme.

The PTA are looking for a new secretary for the group. If you are interested, please contact the PTA Chair Ranjit Khular in person or by email: ranjitkhular@gmail.com.

PLAY & STAY

Play and Stay is moving. Unfortunately, due to reductions placed on the schools budget, we are no longer able to fund Play and Stay. Whilst I am sad that Play and Stay will be leaving Woodthorne, I am very pleased that a new local provider has been found. Tettenhall College Preparatory School will continue to run and fund this important service for parents and toddlers within the local community with effect from September 2016.

SPORTS DAY BIBS

The PTA have kindly purchased coloured bibs for our four houses Boscobel (yellow), Chillington (blue), Moseley (green) and Wightwick (red). Children will be able to wear these with their normal PE kit on their respective sports days.

This year's Sports Days will be taking place on the following dates:

Key Stage 1 - Tuesday 12th July 10:30am start

Key Stage 2 - Tuesday 12th July 1:30pm start

EYFS Rainbows Mrs Rothery + Morning Nursery - Wednesday 13th July 10:30am start

EYFS Rainbows Miss Jones + Afternoon Nursery- Wednesday 13th July 1:45pm start

We have set aside dates in the following week (19th and 20th July) in case of cancellation due to bad weather.

SPECIAL MENU DAY

There will be a special Year 6 Leaver's menu on the last day of term - Friday 22nd July. Children will be served sausage in a bun (vegetarian sausages also available) with fried onions, peas and sweetcorn and chips. Jam doughnuts, ice lollies or choc ice are available for dessert and all of this can be washed down with a glass of fizzy fruit punch!

The cost of this meal to Key Stage 2 children will be £2.50. For all other children it's completely free. In order for cook to order the correct amount of ingredients, the office needs to be notified by Monday 18th July if your child would like a school dinner on this day.

END OF TERM PRODUCTIONS - Year 2 and Year 6

Year 2 production	10:00am Thursday 14 th July
	2:00pm Friday 15 th July
Year 6 production	7:00pm Tuesday 19 th July & Wednesday 20 th July.
Year 6 leavers prom	7:00pm Thursday 21 st July
Year 6 leavers assembly	2:15pm Friday 22 nd July

ATTENDANCE

Schools overall attendance for the year to date stands at 96.4%. Our target was 96% so this is great news!

PARKING REMINDER

Parking around the school has improved and I would like to thank those parent's in particular who are choosing to 'Park and Stride.' This has made a positive difference to the congestion around school, pedestrian safety and to the local residents.

Please do not park on the yellow zig zag lines immediately outside of school or use it as a drop off point. Yellow zig zag road markings are placed to show that the area must be kept clear to allow an unrestricted view for approaching drivers and riders or children wanting to cross the road.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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ADDITIONAL PD DAYS

The school will be closed for teacher training on the following days:

- Monday 5th September, Tuesday 3rd January 2017 and Monday 5th June 2017.