

# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## **HEADTEACHER MESSAGE:**

*Welcome back to Woodstone for what promises to be a long, but busy and exciting term. We've already had a fantastic week—all boding well for a great year!*

*A special welcome to all the new children and parents who have joined Woodstone this August. We have new children not only in our Reception Class but also in Year 1. We are really looking forward to developing a partnership with you which not only creates happy children but also children who achieve well and are prepared for the future, academically, socially and emotionally.*

*We are committed to providing EVERY child in the school with the best possible education and an experience which they will remember, for all the right reasons, in the future.*

*It has also been lovely to welcome two new teachers, Miss Armston to Year 2 and Mrs O'Connor to Year 3 and a new Teaching Assistant, Miss Tyrer, who will be working primarily with our Year 3 children. I hope they will all be really happy here at Woodstone - they have a great first week and are quickly settling into the staff team.*

*This type of Newsletter is an important form of communication. They are published monthly, sometimes more often. You should also keep up to date with important information on our website [www.woodstoneprimary.co.uk](http://www.woodstoneprimary.co.uk). We send almost all of our newsletters and letters electronically. However, if you would still like a paper copy please let Mel in the office know. One of our other methods of communicating is with the text or email message service. Please ensure we have your up to date mobile number and email address. Thank you.*

*Please remember that we welcome all constructive feedback and work hard to be as open and accessible as we possibly can. Class teachers are available for quick chats/updates at the classroom door in a morning or again after school. If you need more time with them or with me please ask for an appointment at the school office. You can also email each class on their class email e.g. [year1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:year1@woodstone.leics.sch.uk), [year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk](mailto:year2@woodstone.leics.sch.uk) etc.*

*Please also remember to keep an eye on the class pages on the website—you will already find a class letter on there, welcoming you to the new school year and telling you a little bit about what will be happening during this academic year. Don't forget the Welcome meetings too - details on page 2 of this newsletter.*

## **A FEW REMINDERS TO HELP THE TERM START SMOOTHLY**

**Water Bottles** - please remember these should only contain water, not juice (or even flavoured water). Flavoured water can be bad for children because many varieties contain high levels of added sugar or artificial sweeteners, both of which can harm dental health and contribute to long-term health issues like obesity. Additionally, the acidity of flavored and sparkling waters can erode tooth enamel, increasing the risk of decay. Plain water is the healthiest option, but you can add a natural fruit flavor by infusing water with fresh fruit slices or herbs for a healthy alternative.

**Shoes** - please ensure children wear proper school shoes and not trainers.

**Make-Up /Tattoos** - children are not permitted to wear make up in school and temporary tattoos should also not be worn.

**Snacks** - please ensure children in KS2 who bring their own snack are sent with something healthy i.e. fruit, raisins, plain biscuits. Snacks such as chocolate bars and sweets are not permitted and crisps should only be eaten at lunchtime.

## **SCHOOL DINNERS**

### **PRICE INCREASE :-)**

We need to inform you that, due to rising costs, the price of school meals has unfortunately had to increase.

With immediate effect the cost of a school dinner for children in Key Stage 2 will be £2.70 per day, unless your child is entitled to free school meal.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support.

## CROSS COUNTRY

We don't have any dates for races just yet but they will be sorted very soon. As soon as they are we will let you know.

However, our cross country club for Year 1 and Year 2 children will start after school (3:15 - 4pm) on Wednesday 10th September. It will be led by Miss Pickering and Mrs Stanley.



Please remember this club is for children who like to run! That may sound obvious but we sometimes have children who don't like running and therefore are very reluctant cross country participants!

### Recycling List

We continue to collect a number of items for recycling. See list below:

- ♦ Batteries
- ♦ Stamps
- ♦ Cake wrappers
- ♦ Biscuit wrappers

## ARBOR

As you know, over the summer, we have had the huge job of transferring our Information System and school payment system over to Arbor. This has not been without its issues so we would like to thank you for your patience.

Please make sure you have logged into the App—you should have been sent an email invitation. If you have any problems please pop into the school office.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL 2025

Our Harvest Festival Assembly will take place on Wednesday 1st October at 9am. We are once again complying with safety rules by not having too many people in the hall at one time. It will therefore just be the Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 children leading the assembly.

We will be supporting our

local Coalville Foodbank and asking for donations nearer the time. Thank you for your support.



## WELCOME MEETINGS

Monday 1st September - Year 3 (5pm)

Monday 1st September - Year 4 (4:45pm)

Monday 1st September - Ash Class (5:30pm)

Tuesday 2nd September - Year 2 (5pm)

Tuesday 2nd September - Reception (5pm)

Tuesday 2nd September - Year 5 (5pm)

Wednesday 3rd September - Year 1 (5pm)

Wednesday 3rd September - Year 6 (5pm)

All meetings are in the classrooms. Please enter from the playground doors.

These meetings are not only useful for you to put a face to the name but also to hear about expectations for your child's year group.



If you can attend without your child that will help the meeting run smoothly but if you have no child care then children are, of course, welcome to come and sit quietly with you.

## YOUR PTA NEEDS YOU

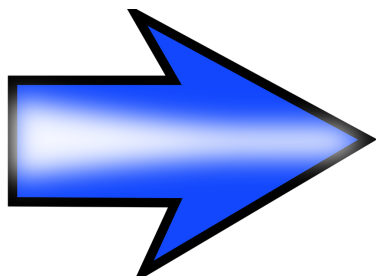
Many of you will have enjoyed events put on by our PTA (the Colour Run, Chocolate Bingo, Quiz Night) but we are really struggling for members at the moment. If you think you could give a little bit of time to help please let us know (via the School Office). However what would be really good is if you could spare one hour on Tuesday 16th September at 6pm to come along to our first meeting of the year. Thank you.



## KS2 Break Time

### Tuck Shop

#### Pricelist



Please note children are only allowed to buy ONE snack unless otherwise stated. If they bring a snack from home they are not allowed to get more snack from the tuck shop!

Thank you.

## Tuck shop

Digestive Biscuits 5p



Raisin Boxes 10p



Fresh Fruit Bags (apple, pineapple, grapes) 30p



Go Ahead Yoghurt Bars, Crispy Slices, Fruit & Oat Bakes 20p

Alpen Yoghurt Bars 20p

Sunny Fruits 15p



Fruitbowl - Fruit Flakes, Fruit & Yoghurt Flakes 25p

Cheese Strings 25p



Cathedral City Nibbles 25p



Laughing Cow Dip and Crunch 25p

Dairylea Dunkers 40p

Yoghurt Drinks 25p



Snack a Jacks 40p



Soreen Lunchbox Loaves 25p

Yoghurt Drink & Biscuits 30p

Cheese String & Biscuits 30p



## CONGRATULATIONS



Huge congratulations to Miss Clement and Miss Robinson who got married over the summer holiday (not to each other!). Miss Clement will still be known as Miss Clement at school but Miss Robinson will now be known as Mrs Stanley.



## ATTENDANCE at Woodstone

We know it's only week one but a big thank you to all our parents who have made a real effort to get children to School and to get them here on time! We all appreciate it as it means the children are so much more settled in class.

Thank you - it bodes well for a good year.

# SCHOOL LOTTERY



Like everyone else in the country schools are finding it difficult to manage their ever-shrinking budgets at the moment. Quite often parents help us out by attending PTA fund raising events, contributing to the £5 cookery/art donation etc. However, there is a way to contribute where you can really help the school but also possibly win some money too!

Here at Woodstone we have our very own lottery. It is drawn every Saturday and someone always wins between £30 and £50. Parents can set a weekly limit and buy one line or multiple lines of numbers.

If you feel able to help us raise much needed funds then log on to [yourschool-lottery.co.uk](http://yourschool-lottery.co.uk) then scroll down and find the red 'find your school' tab. Click on this then find Woodstone and click on the 'support us' tab. You should then be able to buy tickets.

As I said, everyone is finding the cost of living difficult at the moment so please do not feel under any obligation to sign up.

Thank you.

## IMPECCABLE BEHAVIOUR

You may have heard the children talking about impeccable behaviour so we thought we would explain what it means. As part of our Golden Book Assembly each week, staff nominate two or three children per class who have demonstrated impeccable behaviour. These are children who have been seen around school displaying the following behaviours;

- remembered manners
- walked on the left side of the corridor
- walked in single file
- held doors open for each other or for adults
- remembered to not interrupt adults when they are talking
- followed the three school rules

The key to being impeccable is not having to be asked or reminded about any of the above. You will receive a text, on a Friday, if your child has been recognised for their impeccable behaviour and they will be invited to come in non-uniform on the following Friday as a reward.

We will send parents a text on a Thursday to remind you!

Please remember we are a nut free school so thank you for not sending children in with nuts as a snack or Nutella in their sandwich boxes.

