

"Growing Together, learning forever"

# WOODSTONE NEWS

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## ATTENDANCE

Our attendance figures here at Woodstone have certainly dipped over the past couple of years, just as they have in all other schools. We work hard at Woodstone to have attendance figures as close to 97% as possible, but this year we have sadly got nowhere near that target. As I say, this is the case across the country but the Government are now cracking down hard on poor attendance so I thought it was fair to warn parents/carers of the changes which will be on the way in the near future:

- The Government is changing who can have access to our attendance registers—basically the Local Authority AND the Government will have access to our registers and be able to take extracts from them i.e. see which children have unsatisfactory attendance
- The Government is proposing that it will no longer be down to Headteachers to decide whether to fine families - either they will do it or the Local Authority. This will be for
  - children who have 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences in a term
  - any unauthorised holidays in term time (almost all holidays in term time are unauthorised)
  - any unauthorised absences which occur shortly after an absence caused by illness
- The Government is also proposing that there will be a limit of two fines issued to parents before prosecution begins.

These are obviously quite hard hitting changes which parents need to be aware of. The Education Minister has pledged to really crack down on poor attendance and this will definitely impact on some of our families here at Woodstone. We already work closely with our Education Welfare & Attendance Officer, Naina Zavery, and some families will be receiving letters at the end of this academic year highlighting just how poor their child's attendance has been and encouraging a 'fresh start' in September.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR!

We are now in a position to share our class information for the academic year 2022-23. Just a couple of changes from the current situation...

**Reception** - Miss Pickering, Mrs Capstack, Miss Bexton, Miss Hollingsworth

**Year 1**-Miss Clement/Mrs Leaney, Miss Cain

**Year 2** - Miss Barnes, Mrs Hall

**Year 3** - Mr Brewin, Mrs Shepherd, Miss Hughes, Miss Davies

**Year 4** - Miss Williams, Miss Pullinger

**Year 5** - Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Sainsbury

**Year 6** - Miss Daley (M, Tu, W) Miss James (Th, F), Mrs Hooton, Mrs Hickin

## SCHOOL DINNER

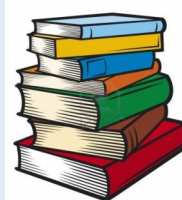
### PRICE

### INCREASE!

Please note that from the beginning of the Autumn term the price of a school meal will increase to £2.40 for children in Year 3 and above.

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We will once again be taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge which is organised by Leicestershire Library Services. The more children who take part over the summer, the more chance we have of winning a prize. Have a look at **page 3 of this newsletter** for more details—and please encourage your child to have a go! Thank you.



Look at our group of finely tuned athletes who represented Woodstone at last week's Area Athletics event at Saffron Lane, Leicester. We were proud of them all AND a huge well done to Riley (Year 4) and Florence (Year 5) who were our medal winners.



**Our Summer Holiday Club is filling up fast. If you would like your child to attend, please book through School Money. Spaces are limited.**

**Lots of exciting activities are planned.**

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**\*\* Please remember, when booking any Woody's clubs through the School Money App, you need to process through to the end of the transaction, add to basket and pay (even though the value of the reservation will be £0.00 and no money will be taken at this point). If this is not followed through to the end, the reservation will not show on our system and the place will still be available for someone else to book \*\***

**WOODY'S - A FRIENDLY REMINDER.** Please remember that if you book a place at Woody's but then don't want it you will still be charged unless you cancel at least the day before. This is because we will have sorted staffing and food so need some notice to rearrange if necessary. Thank you.

## TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

As you know, the academic year is VERY quickly coming to an end so I wanted to write and let you know our plans for transition (children moving to their next class).

Transition is crucial for children as it helps to put them at ease over the summer holiday and makes starting school a lot easier if they can put a name to a face or start to build a relationship with their new teacher and teaching assistant.

With this all in mind we have allocated next Wednesday (29th June) AND Thursday (30th June) as our 'move up' days.

On Wednesday 29th all children should go to their current classroom. They will be registered by their class teacher before being taken to their new classroom.

At the end of the day on Wednesday 29th children should be collected from outside their NEW classroom.

On Thursday 30th children should go to their NEW classroom in the morning and be collected from there too.

Children should be in uniform as normal and bring water bottles/PE kits etc.

School opening and closing times remain the same. Please don't be late in the mornings!

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Monday 20th June - Year 2 visit to the Mosque and Museum, Leicester

Tuesday 21st June - Full Governor meeting (6pm)

Friday 24th June - Non-uniform day - PTA donation day

Wednesday 29th June - Year 4 brass performance to Year 4 parents (2:30pm)

Friday 1st July - PTA cake donation day (children in school uniform as normal)

Friday 1st July - Summer Fayre (3:15pm)

Tuesday 5th July - Year 6 end of year presentation evening (6pm)

Wednesday 6th July—Year 6 fish & chip supper & disco (5:30pm)

Thursday 7th July - End of term (3:15pm)

### PTA SUMMER FAYRE

**Friday 1st July**

**3:15pm - 6pm**

**(Everyone welcome)**

**Games, BBQ, Bouncy Castle,  
Pimms (!),**

### PLEASE DON'T FORGET:

Our non uniform day this Friday (24th June) - children are welcome to come to school not in uniform in return for donations to our Summer Fayre - we would welcome bottles for the tombola, new and nearly new items and items for a children's tombola.

The Summer Fayre is our main fundraising event of the year so please try and help us out as much as possible. Thank you.



## Summer Reading Challenge 2022

# GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Join the Gadgeteers for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things!

Read, listen to or share six library books over the summer and make three visits to a library to collect special stickers, a collector's poster and other goodies including a medal.

The challenge is free to join and runs from  
**Saturday 2nd July**  
– **Saturday 10th September**  
in all Leicestershire Libraries.  
For children aged 4 – 12 years old.



Visit [leicestershire.gov.uk/libraries](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/libraries) to find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge and our summer events and activities

Visit [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk) for digital rewards, author videos, games and more to enjoy all summer.

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# 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 11th July - Friday 15th July*

*Monday 18th July - Friday 22nd July*

All sessions run 8.30am - 4.00pm at Woodstone Primary

£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

