

# Woodside Matters

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**This term's school value is determination**

Welcome to this week's newsletter, another busy week with visitors and performances this week.

## Celebrations

Well done to the following children for their certificates this week:

Reading: Seth, Monty, Marley, Lucas, Carlos, Harry.

Dojos: Bodhi, Freddie, Lucy, Arthur, Ellyn, Tyler, Esmail, and Verity.

Achievement: Josh, Corey, Kayden, Theo, Oliver, Daniel, Cormac and Cameron

Pro-Stars of the week: Maeve, Corey, Lucas, Niamh

Huge congratulations to Harry who has been selected to play for the district football team. The first game for the team was very successful with a 4-1 win, with Harry in goal. This weekend was their second game and another win. We are very proud of you!



## Road closures

Highview Road is subject to road closures whilst fibre broadband is installed. We have also been informed Brierley Banks road will be shut from 9.30-3.30pm on the 20th October. Please do allow plenty of time for your journey to and from school and let the office know if you are delayed.

## Christmas Fun

Although a bit early, just to keep you informed, we will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on December 7th. Children will be asked to bring in a donation towards our hampers—chocolates, biscuits, sweets in return for wearing non-uniform jumpers. In the afternoon we will be watching a pantomime which is funded through the PTFA and school funds. Little Dormice children will be having a special visitor and his helpers that afternoon and their parents are invited to join them from 1.30-2.45pm for a coffee and cake.

## **Term Dates:**

### Term 1

5th Sept to 21st Oct

### Term 2

31st Oct to 16th Dec

### Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th Feb

### Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

### Term 5

17th April to 26th May

### Term 6

5th June to 25th July

## **Inset Days:**

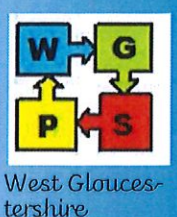
5th Sept

21st Oct

3rd Jan

24th and 25th July

**Other dates: See next page**





**DRAMA WORKSHOPS**  
FOR **TEENS** **ADULTS**

**KIDS**

**MITCHELDEAN PAVILION**  
**MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS**

A UNIQUE DRAMA EXPERIENCE  
TO BUILD  
**CONFIDENCE SKILLS FRIENDS**  
**FUN**

5-7 yrs - 3.30pm - 4.45pm  
7-12 yrs - 5pm - 6.30pm  
11-18 yrs - 7pm - 8.30pm  
Adults 12.30pm - 2pm

£80 for minimum 10 sessions

**07977 147273**

### Local clubs and groups

We have a number of local clubs that are offering sport and drama sessions for primary aged children. We also have our local Baby and Toddler group. Please contact the numbers on the posters if you are interested.

## Cinderford RFC U10's



Tuesday's  
6pm-7pm

**For more info-  
Contact Alex:  
07723729737**



### Ruardean Hill Baby and Toddler Group



Every Wednesday (term time only)  
10am – 12pm @ Ruardean Hill Sports  
Club.

£2.50 per family includes snacks!

For ages 0 -4 years

Contact Rachel to book in  
07773707330

### **Other Dates:**

26th Sept  
Reading Challenge starts

12th and 19th October  
Parents Evenings

11th November Flu  
immunisation - reception year  
6 children

7th December: Christmas  
Jumper Day (bring a raffle  
prize donation). Panto visit.

7th December  
Little Dormice parents coffee  
and cake 1.30-2.45pm

8th December  
Visitor: Harold the Giraffe-  
Life Education

14th December: Christmas  
Raffle

23rd January: PTFA  
meeting 2pm. All welcome

25th January 2023- Young  
Voices Concert,  
Birmingham.

### 100 Club

For all children wishing to take part in our school's fundraising 100 Club **payment is now due please £3.50**. A weekly number will be drawn out with the winner receiving £5.00.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Jensen who is this week's winner!**



Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorized or the request will be granted. Please read the below regarding penalties:



### **Request for a leave of absence during term time**

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this **will be recorded as unauthorised leave**.

**In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.**

**Please note that such a penalty is issued to each parent for each child taken out of school.**

**A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.**

**Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.**

### **Class News**

Last week was Space Week all over the world. Little Dormice have been learning about the 8 planets through songs/rhymes, messy play, science experiments, movement & imaginative play. Through zoom the class watched a live performance of Fly Me to the Moon – A Streamed Science Storytelling Performance for EYFS – by Cassandra Wye. Woodpecker class spent Tuesday working on a play linked to our work on Black History Month. The children learnt their play throughout the day and performed it to the whole school in the afternoon. We learnt about the White Lion, a slave ship, Harriet Tubman and her escape from slavery on a cotton farm and finally, we learnt more about Rosa Parks and segregation on buses in America. Fantastic!

