

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

### World Book Day

Term 4 will start on Monday 28th February and the first Thursday back is World Book Day (3rd March)! Children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a book character. We will be having a whole school theme based on 'The Tale of a Toothbrush- A Story of Plastic in our Oceans' by M.G.Leonard:

*'Children use their toothbrush each morning and evening, and get new ones every few months. That's billions of toothbrushes! What happens to them all when they're no longer needed? And if toothbrushes take thousands of years to break down, what does that mean for our planet?'*

*With a fun cast of plastic characters, from pirate-ship bottles to dancing shampoos, and even an inquisitive albatross, The Tale of a Toothbrush is a positive and heart-warming story to help children explore the impact their choices have on our planet.'*

### Promoting Diversity

We have talked about these events in our assemblies, many of which link to our terms' value of tolerance.

#### 16.01.22 World Religion Day

World Religion Day is an opportunity for people of different faiths to celebrate similarities between different religions and to promote understanding and harmony. Baha'ias believe that all humans are born equal and that everyone should have the same rights.

#### 17.01.22 Martin Luther King Day

As a Christian, Martin Luther King Jr believed in equal rights too and we learned about his 'I have a dream' speech. We reflected on fairness and unfairness. As a civil rights activist, he campaigned for improved rights for all, to try to make all people equal. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial prejudice in the United States and the law was changed so that everyone could vote. Woodpeckers class will learn more about this, ready to present to our assembly on 4th Feb.

**1.02.22 Chinese New Year**-Fallow Deer have been learning about Chinese New Year and the signs of the zodiac. They made some fantastic tigers for Year of the Tiger!

**4.02.22 Rosa Parks Day**-Woodpeckers led an assembly so well, teaching the school about this very important lady and the end of segregation.

**7.02.22 Random Acts of Kindness week**

**15.02.22 Nirvana Day** Buddhism-Red Squirrels led the assembly very well, helping everyone to understand the beliefs of others.

### Term dates:

#### Term 1

3rd Sept to 21st Oct

#### Term 2

1st Nov to 17th Dec

#### Term 3

5th Jan to 18th Feb

#### Term 4

28th Feb to 8th April

#### Term 5

25th April to 26th May

#### Term 6

6th June to 20th July

### Inset days:

2nd Sept 2021

22nd Oct 2021

4th Jan 2022

27th May 2022

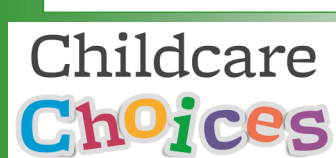
21st July 2022

2022-23 term dates and inset days are on the website

### Other dates:

- World Book Day 3rd March
- Parents' evening dates 23rd and 30th March
- Thurs 26th May Jubilee Celebration
- 11th -13th July 2022 Y5/6 residential trip

Next term's value is self-belief



# Reminders:

## **Woodside's Got Talent!**

Does your child have a talent that they would like to share in a whole school assembly? We'd love to hear about it! We are very aware that there are lots of children who take part in all sorts of activities and clubs outside of school but they don't always have the opportunity to share that with everyone else. We would like to share these talents with other pupils; it might inspire others to try something new. So if your child is doing really well with their music lessons, art classes, drama performances or any sporting achievements please let us know. Equally, if your child has a different talent that I haven't mentioned then we'd love to know too!

We will be having a special talent assembly every term where the children will be asked to describe or share their talent. For example, they could play their instrument and explain how they got interested in it, how long they have been playing for, how often they have to practise for and what they are hoping to do next. We will hold these assemblies every term, so if we don't manage to hear about everyone's talents during the first assembly there will be plenty of time later on in the year.

If your child is interested in sharing their talents then please email Mrs Cotterell on her class email: [woodpecker1@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:woodpecker1@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk). You will need to give the name and class of your child and briefly describe what the talent is and how it can be shared with the whole school. We will then create a timetable so that everyone can have the opportunity to share their skills.

**Collecting stamps:** Please send in used stamps as Woodpecker class are collecting them for charity

**Website based pdfs:** Please let us know if you cannot open any documents on our class pages (eg spelling activities). Thank you

**Rugby:** Drybrook U10's are looking for more players to join the team ( boys and girls) Training and games are on Sundays at 10.15am for more information contact Steve at [hale87@outlook.com](mailto:hale87@outlook.com)

## **Our curriculum**

Spring term overviews are on our website class pages, so that you can see what your child will be learning this term.

We have three main 'drivers' or Golden Threads which run through our curriculum. These are overarching themes which we feel are important to our school context and children's needs. They are **Vocabulary, Knowledge of the World and Promoting Diversity.**

## Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

This February half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Voucher emails will be sent out between **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February**. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received vouchers by then please get in contact with us by emailing [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website.

## YogaBugs online offer

We have an offer for families who can claim a FREE eCode to access YogaBugs Virtual - Healthy Screen time for the whole family throughout January & February 2022.

What is it?

YogaBugs virtual gives online access to hundreds of yoga & well-being videos for the whole family to take part in from the comfort of your own home! Perfect if people are worried about going out due to rising cases of COVID but still want to get some exercise in.

<https://yogabugs.com/parent-form/> to watch a short video to find out why it's a great option for families!

Why sign up?

- It is FREE!
- It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up.
- Help families feel calm, increase your child's confidence & help get your family active over the cold winter months.
- Suitable for children with SEN.

How to gain access?

Visit: <https://yogabugsvirtual.com/my-account/>

Click on parents, enter the unique eCode **gloucestershire-1361** and follow the simple registration (it takes less than 60 seconds!) Enjoy YogaBugs at home!

If you have any queries regarding this offer please get in contact by emailing [haftickets@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:haftickets@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

## Community News:

### Woodside Village hall:

- Every Thursday 10.30 - 12.00  
coffee morning all welcome

### Ruardean Hill Rec

- **1st Ruardean Hill Brownies** -  
meeting during term time at  
Woodside School. Open to girls  
aged 7-11 years. For more de-  
tails/register visit [https://  
www.girlguiding.org.uk/](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/)

Please refrain from sending  
in birthday cake or sweets  
due to allergies. We are a  
nut free school and thank  
you for your consideration  
when planning your child's  
packed lunches.

Thank you

### Have your details changed?

If you have a new mobile number or if  
any other details we hold have  
changed, please inform the school  
office.

Please email your child's class email address, so the  
teacher can send class specific information.

**These emails are not checked every day**, so please  
contact the school office if you have a query which  
requires a prompt response.

Dormice@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Fallow-deer@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Woodpecker1@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Redsquirrels@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

## Woodpecker Recycling project

Pens are now recycled at  
school along with foil and  
crisp packets, thanks to  
the endeavours of Mrs  
Cotterell and Woodpecker  
class.

Well done everyone  
involved!

## REMINDER:

Please drive slowly around the school area.  
Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag  
lines.

Thank you

**Please download the free app  
called ourschoolsapp to receive  
notifications, messages and  
reminders about dates.**

Please see our website for  
information on our curriculum,  
school organisation, useful links  
and policies/documents.

**Please do not hesitate to contact  
school if you have any queries.**