

Woodside Matters

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Thank you Thank you to Claire Horton-Bussey for all her time, effort and support as a Parent Governor. We really appreciate all that has been done and will miss her involvement. This does mean that we have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and information will be sent out soon.

Fond memories We are all so sad to hear of the passing of Mr Maurice Bent. Mr Bent came to Woodside as a child (or 'The Slad' as it was fondly known) and so has been associated with the school for a long, long time. He was a Governor for many years and has been instrumental in making Woodside as good as it is.

Mr Bent set up the Old Scholars' Association and organised many fund raising events, where past pupil could catch up with each other. Our children have benefited so much from their kind donations of funds towards our library. He was a keen author on local history and we have his books proudly displayed in our library.

Mr Bent was very proud of Woodside Primary and worked so hard on carpentry projects, such as the mud kitchen and sand pit in Dormice class. He was frequently in during the holidays, with a paint brush in hand, and we will miss him.

We will be planting an oak tree (grown from an acorn from a school oak tree) in memory of Mr Bent and it would be lovely to be joined by parents, Old Scholars, Governors, family and friends. We will make arrangements and put details out on a newsletter.

Requests from teachers:

- Please remind children to wear/bring a coat to school
- Please label all items of clothing
- Please make sure children come to school on time and are collected in time
- Any donation of 'small world' toys will be gratefully received in Dormice class (such as toy metal cars, animals and little people)
- Volunteers to hear children read in KS2 (in the afternoons) are welcome. Please phone the school office if you can help out.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any

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

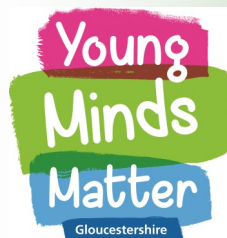
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21st July 2022

Other dates:

- Mondays KS1 after school sports club
- Fridays KS2 after school sports club
- Fri 15th Oct Harvest collection for foodbank
- Fri 19th Nov Children in Need £1 non-uniform/costume of choice
- Tues 23rd Nov Nasal Flu vaccinations-info to follow.
- Weds 24th Nov and Weds 1st Dec Parents' appointments (virtual) Letter to follow
- Fri 10th Dec non-uniform day to please donate item for Christmas raffle hamper
- 11th -13th July 2022 Y5/6 residential trip (letter has gone home)

This term's school value is
determination



West Gloucestershire
Schools Partnership

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 details/register visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

FREE gardening equipment for your school

It would be lovely if as many parents as possible downloaded the free My Morrisons app to start collecting Grow Tokens for school:

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help your school get everything they need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose the school you'd like to donate them to.

Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing. Thank you!

Trim Trail

The trim trail is for community use after school hours under parent supervision. It is open again and we hope you enjoy using the space.

Please email your child's class email address, so the teacher can send the class newsletter:

Dormice@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Fallow-deer@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Woodpecker1@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Redsquirrels@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk

Free School Meal scheme for October Half term

For the October 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 half-term week. 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 October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations.

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. For any queries please contact: childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Harvest Foodbank Collection Fri 15th Oct 2021

This year, we will be supporting our local foodbank alongside learning about Harvest, so please send in an item with your child on Fri 15th Oct. Please do not send in any fresh produce. This is a list of suggestions from the foodbank:



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.

Ribston Hall High School Open Event



Tuesday 19th October 2021

Our morning session is full, however there are a few spaces left for our evening sessions.
Book your place at www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk

Dates:

Fri 15th Oct Harvest collection for Foodbank-please see details on p3.

Weds 24th Nov and Weds 1st Dec Parents' appointments dates. These will be virtual in the Autumn term (or by phone if preferred). A letter with details and booking information will be sent out shortly.

Week beginning 1st Nov-please send in any small items which can be made up into shoe boxes

Fri 10th Dec non-uniform day to please donate an item for the Christmas raffle hampers (eg biscuits, chocolate). Raffle will be drawn on Fri 15th Dec