

# February 2024 Newsletter



Welcome to our February newsletter.

This year we are planning to re-open our swimming pool for its 60th anniversary. Friends of Woodcot have been working hard planning events in order to raise money. Please see the information in this newsletter regarding these events.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our Local Governing Body. Could you spare some time to work in partnership with us, at Woodcot Primary School, to make a difference which will benefit all our children?

If you think this might be for you, and you would like to find out more, please contact the school office to arrange to pop in and have a chat with Mrs Beetlestone. You can also find out more information here <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/governors>.

## Table Top Sale

On Friday 8th March, 3pm - 4pm, we will be having a Table Top Sale. There will be a variety of stalls with bargains to be had. Look out for more information from Friends of Woodcot.



## Mrs Clist

Mrs Clist has now started her treatment and we all wish her well on her road to recovery. Thank you to everyone for your kind words and well wishes. These have been passed on to Mrs Clist and are much appreciated.

## Cake Sale

On Thursday 8th February, Friends of Woodcot are holding a cake sale on the Key Stage 1 playground at the end of the school day.



## Easter Disco

Our Easter Disco is on Wednesday 27th March.

### Key Stage 1

4pm - 5pm

### Key Stage 2

5:15pm - 6:15pm



## Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday 28th February at 8:45am.

Come along for a cuppa and a chat.



## Year 6 SATs Meeting

On Tuesday 6th February, at 5pm, we are holding our Year 6 SATs meeting. If your child is in Year 6, come and find out more about provision during the lead up & what SATs week is like with a chance to ask questions.



We have some very exciting news to share with you. Mrs Smyth and her husband are expecting a baby in June. We're so happy for them. I'm sure you will all want to join us in congratulating them. We can't wait to welcome the new baby.



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Non-uniform day – Express Yourself

Celebrate what makes you unique and 'Express Yourself' during Children's Mental Health Week.

Throughout the week (5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 11<sup>th</sup> Feb), children will be taking part in many activities and discussions around mental health and well-being.

To end the week, we will celebrate with a non-uniform day on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February where children can 'Express Themselves'. On this day, children will be taking part in well-being activities.

A voluntary donation of £1 will go towards replenishing our well-being and sensory resources.

# STAY SMART ONLINE!

## Safe

Keep all of your personal information safe.

## Meet

Don't meet up with strangers you have talked to online.

## Accept

Think before you accept anything online.

## Tell

Tell a responsible adult if you feel worried or uncomfortable.

## Reliable

Not everyone is reliable. They may not be who they seem to be.



### Useful Links for Online Safety

All parents and carers should be aware of internet safety and what you can do to help protect your child. Below are a list of useful websites and resources to help you keep up-to-date and keep your child safe online:

#### What are the issues?

UK Safer Internet Centre:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/what-are-issues>

#### Hot Topics

Chilnet International:

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics>

#### Parent Factsheets

Parent & Carer Toolkit

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/parent-and-carer-toolkit/>

What you need to know about Facebook Messenger  
[What Parents and Carers Need to Know About Facebook Messenger](#)

#### Also available are:

[www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/)

[www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 6th February** - Safer Internet Day  
**Tuesday 6th February at 5pm** - Year 6 SATs Meeting  
**Thursday 8th February at the end of the school day** - Cake Sale (KS1 playground)  
**Friday 9th February** - Express Yourself Day (Non-school Uniform)  
**Friday 9th February** - Break up for Half Term  
**Monday 19th February** - Return to School after Half Term Break  
**Wednesday 28th February at 8:45** - Coffee Morning  
**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day  
**Friday 8th March 3pm - 4pm** - Table Top Sale (in the hall)  
**Sunday 24th March 12pm - 3pm** - Easter Fair (in the hall & the school grounds)  
**Wednesday 27th March at 8:45** - Coffee Mornings  
**Wednesday 27th March (KS1 4pm-5pm & KS2 5:15pm-6:15pm)** - Disco  
**Thursday 28th March** - Break up for Easter Holiday  
**Monday 15th April** - Return to School After Easter Holiday  
**Monday 15th April 3:30pm - 6pm** - Parent Meeting (Year 4)  
**Wednesday 17th April 3:30pm - 7pm** - Parent Meetings (Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)  
**Thursday 18th April 3:30pm - 6pm** - Parent Meetings (Year R, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6)  
**Thursday 2nd May** - INSET DAY  
**Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday  
**Thursday 27th June** - Sports day  
**Saturday 29th June 12pm - 3pm** - Summer Fair (on the school field)



### Pre-loved Uniform Hub

We have lots of pre-loved uniform - you can swap clothes or just take what you need (small donations are completely voluntary).

Contact our Family Support Co-ordinator, Mrs Wood, via the school office., if you would like to browse our pre-loved uniform. Alternatively, look out for her on the playground, at the start of the day, and she will arrange for you to come in and take a look.



### Primary age children undertake the following National Assessment Tests:

#### Year 1

National Phonics Check

**Week commencing 10th June 2024**

#### Year 4

Multiplication Checks

**Week commencing 3rd June 2024**

#### Year 6

Key Stage 2 SATS

**Mon 13th May – Thurs 16th May 2024**

**Please note** - Guidance from Hampshire County Council states that parents will be fined if children miss a national test for any unauthorised reason.

### Attendance

If your child is unwell, please phone, text or email [adminoffice@woodcot.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@woodcot.hants.sch.uk) We must be notified on each day your child is absent.

The school or local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school

If your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, within the last 100 possible sessions, a penalty notice (fine) can be issued.

**Holidays will not be approved unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

You can request a leave of absence form via email or pick one up from the school office.

### Holiday Dates

Click the link below for our school term time and holiday dates:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>