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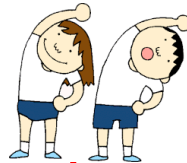
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Migration to ParentMail

When we return to school in the New Year, we will no longer be using ParentPay to accept meal and trip payments. To keep in line with the other two schools in the MAT, we are moving over to ParentMail. This system has the same concept as ParentPay, however it is a little more user friendly. There is an app you can download to your phone so whenever we send an update, it'll pop up on your phone screen like a text message meaning you'll hopefully not miss any communications from us. You will be able to book your child's dinners on the specific days they're needed, book Parents Evening slots, electronically sign consent forms and much more. We will of course release more information as the time draws nearer, but we're hoping by making parents and carers aware now, the change won't seem so daunting when the change happens.



Class PE days

Children must have two PE days a week as part of the school curriculum. Please find below a reminder of the days your child's year group need to come to school in their PE kits.

Monday - Y1, Y3 & Y4 (teachers)

Tuesday - Y3 & Y4 (Squirrels)

Wednesday - Y1 & Y2 (Squirrels)

Thursday - Y5 & Y6 (Squirrels)

Friday - Y2, Y5 & Y6 (teachers)



We are recruiting!

We have an exciting opportunity for an energetic individual to join our Trust as part of our site security and caretaking team. We are seeking to recruit a part time caretaker at Woodlands Academy. Please click the link for further details: https://www.woodlandsacademybristol.com/web/caretaker_permanent/571791

Alternatively, please contact Jo Parmenter, our HR Manager on 0117 377 2198.

Dates for 2021/22

Term 1 - 2nd September 2021 - 22nd October 2021

Term 2 - 1st November 2021 - 17th December 2021

Term 3 - 4th January 2022 - 18th February 2022

Term 4 - 28th February 2022 - 8th April 2022

Term 5 - 25th April 2022 - 27th May 2022

Term 6 - 6th June 2022 - 22nd July 2022

Inset Days

4th January 2022

28th February 2022

22nd July 2022



Year 4 Victorian day

Next Friday, 1st October, the children can come into school dressed as a Victorian to kick start their new History topic. Please don't feel as though you need to buy a dress up outfit for this - there are lots of ideas online which could be recreated with items you already have at home!



Data Collection sheets

Last Wednesday, your child was sent home with their data collection sheets. These are sent home at the beginning of every school year to ensure we have everyone's details up-to-date. Please only return this form **IF** you have made a change to any of the information we hold. Thank you.

Reception and Secondary applications for September 2022

Reception

The window for applying for Reception 2022 places opened on Sunday 12th September 2021, and closes on Sunday 15th January 2022. We will be holding an open day for all prospective parents on Monday 8th November. If you are aware of any friends or family who are looking for Reception places, please feel free to make them aware of this date. Applications for Reception places can be made here:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/primary-apply>



Secondary

The window for applying for Secondary 2022 places opened on Sunday 12th September 2021, and the window closes on Sunday 31st October 2021. You can make your application here:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

If you require a paper application but you don't have access to a printer, please speak to the school office and they will be happy to print one for you.



Reception Open Day

Our Reception Open Day is being held on Monday 8th November 2021. We have 4 slots available, so please call us to book a space on one as there is a maximum of 12 places per slot. We are asking that only one parent/carer comes along and no children please. Also, masks are advised. The slots are as follows;

9.30am-10am

11am-11.30am

1pm-1.30pm

2pm-12.30pm



Our PTA needs you!

Our current PTA team have sadly decided to retire from their roles, after many years of fundraising and activities organised and run by them to raise money for the school. This means we are now on the search for a new team! The PTA really help our school by raising money for things for the children that our school budget can't afford. If you are interested in becoming part of a lovely team, please come along to a meeting on Thursday 7th October at 2pm in school.



Stockwood Open Space bike track

I am sure you are aware of the new BMX track being built in Stockwood Open Space. This is an amazing opportunity for the community. We are hoping to work with the council on using this track when it is finished. We will keep you updated.



It has been great to have the children back in school and to return to some normality. We have been very pleased with the children's eagerness to learn and how hard they are trying. Although they sometimes find being with other children tricky, they are enjoying have more space to play in and are remembering how to play together positively.

I know there are a few positive cases in school and I would like to reassure you that we are following the current guidelines and enhanced cleaning continues.

Stay Safe.

Mrs Morris and the Woodlands Team