

BITS & PIECES NEWSLETTER 16 2019/20

14th February 2020

Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March 2020

Thank you to those parents who have now signed up for Parents' Evening. If you haven't already done so, please call in or 'phone the office on 01453 542304.

Woodmancote House

Congratulations again to Woodmancote for winning the highest number of points this half term. I hope they enjoyed their non-uniform today.

INSET Day

Just a reminder that the first day after half term is an **INSET Day** – that is **Monday 24th February**, so we look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday 25th February.

Change of May Day Bank Holiday

Another reminder that the May bank holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to **Friday 8th May 2020**.

Pancake Races – Club Cancellations

Some after-school clubs will be cancelled on **Tuesday 25th February** because of the pancake races. Those affected should have received a text message. Y5/6 Hockey Club with Mr Neale will still be running.

Upcoming Events

17th to 21st February – Half Term

Monday 24th February – In-service Training Day

Thursday 27th February – Wednesday 4th March – Scholastics Book Fair

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 13th March – Sport Relief

Thursday 26th March – Reception Trip to Redwood



New Age Kurling Competition 2020

After many closely contested matches with around 60 children from Key Stage 2, we eventually got down to the final five pairs. Once again, some very close and skilful games took place. In the end Jess and Lena became our 2020 champions. Congratulations to all the children who took part in a wonderful competition.

Request for Donations

Oak, Larch and Cherry Class would like donations to help them with a DT project after half term. Please can children in Oak, Larch and Cherry bring in small cardboard boxes, cardboard tubes and yogurt pots on the first Tuesday back. The children will be making their creations on this day so no donations after Tuesday please as they won't be used. Thank you!

Another request for Donations!

Our Reception team has also asked for donations of any wild animal onesies your children may have finished playing with to use in role play for their new topic after half term. Many thanks.

Holidays During Term Time

Whilst I realise absence through illness is unavoidable, I do have concerns about children missing school through holidays and the impact this makes on their learning. Children also need to be present for important assessments throughout the year – **there are particularly important tests for Year Six and Year Two in May and Year One in June. I cannot, therefore, authorise any requests for family holidays except in exceptional circumstances.**

Sport Relief – Friday 13th March – Giant Danceathon

We are really looking forward to taking part in fundraising for this great charity. Each **Thursday** after half term running up to Sport Relief day, we are inviting parents, grandparents and any other family member who would like to join us, into the gym at **8.30am** to learn the **Sport Relief Dance** (the children will also be learning it in school). We will all then have a massive **Danceathon** in the Junior playground on **Friday 13th March at 2.30pm**. During the run up, we will also be selling biscuits and fruit for **20p** per item in the Infant and Junior playgrounds during morning break every **Thursday** and **Friday** morning. On the day itself, we will be asking children to come to school in **sports gear** in exchange for a donation, but your child doesn't have to take part if they don't want to. These are the Thursdays we are inviting families in to learn the dance:

Thursday 27th February

Thursday 5th March

Thursday 12th March



Messy Church

St James' Church in Dursley is holding a Messy Church session this **Saturday 15th February from 10.30am until 12 noon**. A warm welcome is guaranteed to children, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and friends. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be arts and crafts, things to make and do and refreshments to share.

Prema

Prema in Uley is running a half term holiday club from Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st February, 10am-3pm. You can book online at www.prema.org.uk.

Hartpury Netball Youth Camp

Children aged 9-11 years are invited to attend a Netball Youth Camp at Hartpury during half term on **Tuesday 18th February, 9am-5pm**. For more information, go to <https://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/NYC>

School Association

Cake Sale – thank you to Oak and Sequoia Class children and parents for providing cakes – you raised an amazing **£97.50!**

Pancake Races – we will be holding pancake races in the **Junior** playground straight after school on **Tuesday 25th February**.

Take a look at what we're all about on

<https://www.facebook.com/dursleycofeprimaryschool/association>.

Paul Daniels

Together we shine brightly

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