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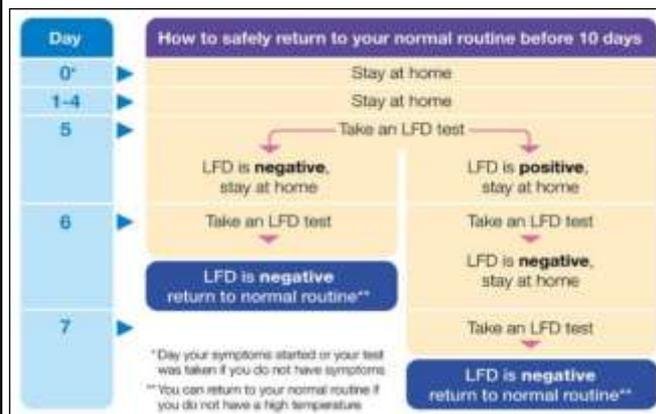
Welcome to the first newsletter of March (!) and apologies that it's our first publication in a little while!

Unfortunately, we seem to be rather inundated with positive cases of COVID-19 —amongst both pupils and staff. We're working hard to keep things running smoothly and as consistently as we can for our pupils and families but this does mean that our staff are covering many different roles. There have been lots of exciting things happening in school but time has been scarce to capture them in writing and photographs.

Before we share news of what we've been up to, I'd like to say an enormous THANK YOU to all of our brilliant staff. The last couple of years have not been without their challenges and every time we think there's 'normality' around the corner, something more seems to happen. Whilst we all absolutely appreciate that there are far more pressing issues dominating the news at the present time, on a local level the disruption caused by COVID-19 is ever-present. I just wanted to take the time to acknowledge the part that everyone is playing to wear numerous different hats, step into alternative roles, roll up their sleeves and keep things going in the usual Woodborough way! Thank you also to our families and friends for your patience, understanding and for muddling along with us! ☺

Keeping up with the guidance...

Whilst there is no longer a legal requirement for people with COVID-19 to isolate, **we are still following the public health guidance in school.** This STILL advises people to stay home for 10 days (or until they have 2 negative LFDs on consecutive days from day 5).



Please keep an eye out for symptoms, keep testing as appropriate and keep us apprised of any positive cases. Thank you!

News of new arrivals...



Welcome to Paul Skipp, CEO

The Trustees of EQUA MAT have recently completed the appointment process of our new CEO. Paul will commence the role of CEO in September, when our current CEO, Sarah Lowkis, steps down to take on a part time role within the Trust.

[You can read a reminder of the recent CEO announcement letter here.](#)



This week, we're delighted to bring you news of **Mrs Abbott's** new baby.

Kensi Mataya Abbott arrived on 7th March at 12.24 pm and weighed in at 7lb 3oz. and we can't wait to meet her!

We can't wait to meet her and are sure you'll all join us in sending our very best wishes to the whole family.



This term we are focussing across our school on the value of **FORGIVENESS.**

Learn more about this theme in Mrs Needham's RE and CW newsletter.



Vale of Pewsey Churches

Click on the link above to read about worship in the Vale of Pewsey and find this week's **Sofa News** below:

[13th March](#)



After-school clubs...

We're sorry for the current dearth of after-school activities on offer at present.

We're really hopeful that the summer term will see a topping-up of staff energy levels and sufficient hands-on-deck to ensure continuity.

If any parents or wider friends of the school have time and interests they'd like to share to widen our summer term extra-curricular activities offer, please let Miss Bolwell know.



Volunteers needed to hear children read, please...

We're very much hoping for a complete return to welcoming regular adult helpers in school. Our teachers are always grateful for adult support to hear children read. If you can spare some regular time and would like to join the team, please let Miss Bolwell know.

We are required to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service check before volunteers can work alongside our children. [A checklist of documents required for the check can be viewed here.](#)

Would you like to be a strategic part of the Woodborough Magic?

We have vacancies on our governing body for a parent governor and foundation governors. Governors are volunteers who dedicate time to the next generation, to ensuring that education provision is the best it can be, and to assure the correct governance of the school. It is a strategic role that is challenging but rewarding, with a formal time commitment of 6 evening meetings a year, school visits and plus some report writing. You do not need any formal knowledge of the education system.

All of our governors have the same responsibility within the governing body and work collectively in support of the school. Foundation governors also have a focus on the Christian ethos of the school. Foundation governors are drawn from our community, including parents, some of whom are regular worshippers, others who are committed to supporting our school in its Christian distinctiveness.

Would you be interested in joining our governing body?

We will be putting out a formal advert for the parent governor vacancy next term so please do look out for the notification.

If you are interested in the role of foundation governor or know someone who might be, or you want to know more about the work of the governing body and what it entails please email clerk@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk who will provide you with further information and can pass your details to members of the governing body who will be happy to discuss the roles with you.



Musical opportunities...



Children in **Years 3, 4 and 5** recently enjoyed a visit from a representative of the **Music for Schools Foundation**. Tony, aka 'the Music Man' led a special assembly and taught the children about music and instruments.

Flyers about the MFSF were sent home with the children in Cherry, Elm and Lime Classes and further information can be found by visiting <https://www.mfsf.org.uk>

Our violin teacher, Sharon Lindo, also has a few available spaces for pupils who would like to learn to play the violin.

You can find contact details for Sharon, together with our other music teachers, on the school website here: [Music Teachers](#)



Musical success...

In keeping with our musical theme, we'd like to say a great big WELL DONE to Winnie (Y6), who recently achieved a merit in her Grade 3

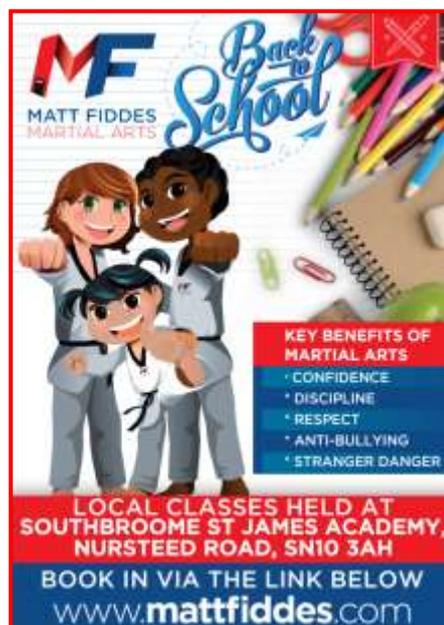


Anyone for Martial Arts?

Children in Elm Class (Y4) are currently enjoying weekly Martial Arts sessions, as part of their spring term PE.

Last term children across the whole school enjoyed a taste of Martial Arts with a representative from **Matt Fiddes Martial Arts School in Devizes**. They learned that alongside physical skills, Martial Arts also teaches life skills such as respect, kindness and self-confidence.

We've been asked to share the following flyer in case any of our families are interested in Martial Arts sessions outside of school...



In other news...

Mrs Kinderman has asked us to say a great big THANK YOU to everyone who gave so generously to the cake sale in support of people in Ukraine.

A grand total of £255 was raised!



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays since our last newsletter and during this week...



Stephanie, Lily H, Amelie B, Luna, Fiona, Harry B, Ella M, Evie M, Michael, Max H, Alex H, Ivo E, Anya, Robert, Albert G, Dexter, Thomas, Nathan LC, Inigo, Esme F, Ottilie G, Arabella, George A, Maddison T and Connor.

A round-up of recent Woodborough Magic...

Book Week was BRILLIANT!

Thank you to all of the families and friends who joined us for our first School Meeting in a very long time, in a grand finale to our fabulous Book Week.

This year's theme was 'Shakespeare' and what a brilliant time we had...

Oak Class found glitter and sparkly footprints in their classroom and discovered that they had been visited by fairies. As the week progressed, the fairies moved into the outside area and children made their own fairy doors for their gardens at home.

Sycamore Class focused on 'spells and potions' and looked at **Macbeth** and **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. They designed their own potions, created magical flowers and wrote and performed their own class poem.

Maple Class took the theme of 'love', made masquerade ball masks and enjoyed performing parts from **Romeo and Juliet**.

Cherry Class traded Shakespearian love confessions and insults as they untangled the complicated plot lines and character twists and turns in **A Midsummer Night's Dream**. This culminated in a very clever freeze-frame performance at the end of the week.

Elm Class travelled to Egypt in a study of **Antony and Cleopatra**. During a very busy week they made a barge in their classroom, acted out Enobarbus's speech and sampled Egyptian food and games.

Lime Class wrote letters to **Hamlet**, studied soliloquy and created wonderfully detailed chalk pastel images.

Finally, **Willow Class** explored **Macbeth**. They dramatised key events and then focused on Act 1 where Macbeth and Banquo meet the witches. Their end-of-the-week performance incorporated handcrafted masks, narration, acting and musical accompaniments.

The busy week was punctuated by a variety of remotely hosted author visits from the likes of **Catherine Rayner, Jo Empson, Emma Carroll, Sophie Kirtley, Lindsay Galvin** and **Michael Rosen**.

Alongside all of the above we also enjoyed 'The Big Book Swap', book sharing with other classes and plenty of entries in the 'dress up a toilet roll tube as a book character competition'!

What a wonderful week we all had! Thank you to everyone for their support; Mrs Wren for masterminding another great themed week; our staff for their creative interpretation; and the children for entering wholeheartedly in another week's worth of Woodborough Magic!



Our FABULOUS day at the opera!

On Thursday, thanks to the generous support of **Wiltshire Music Connect**, we were joined by **Lynsey Doherty of 'Celebrate Voice'** and her team—**Anthony Flaum and Michael Waldron**. Together they introduced the whole school to the world of opera.



Thursday morning's whole school assembly began with a visit from a group of building inspectors (Lynsey and her team) who burst into spontaneous piano playing and opera singing... quite a surprise for all children and a number of adults too!

Elm, Lime and Willow Classes were then treated to opera singing workshops which ran throughout the day.



The grand finale brought the whole school back together again for performances from Y4, 5 and 6, followed by participation from everyone in some final, highly animated opera singing.

The whole day was quite extraordinary, completely exhilarating and, at times, quite overwhelming! An absolute treat that will be remembered for a very long time!



On 1st March, Maple Class took their amazing dance moves on tour to **The Wyvern Theatre, Swindon**, where they performed alongside other schools in the **Wiltshire and Swindon Dance Festival**.

Dressed in spectacular lion inspired costumes - **thank you, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Johanson** - the children performed a well-choreographed routine to Kay Perry's hit song 'Roar' - chosen for the values of courage and self-belief that it promotes.

*Congratulations Maple Class
you were completely ROAR-SOME!*

The music didn't end there, because on Friday, **Lime Class** completed a workshop day with **Alice Poppleton and Frances Leith** from the **Thinking Music** project. At the end of the day they treated the rest of the school and their parents to a splendid performance during our school meeting.

Thinking Music is an initiative which seeks to provide musical opportunities that enable primary and higher education institutions to work together. Together with undergraduates from the University of Bristol, Alice and Frances have been working with Mr Dyson and our Year 5 pupils to compose an set their classwork to music. The project will culminate in a visit to the University of Bristol for both a performance and also the chance to learn a little about university life.



And so to this week...

We'd like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Louise Worsley who joined us on Monday for some very important First Aid training across the whole school.

Children in Oak Class learned how and when to call 999; Sycamore and Maple Classes revised how and when to call 999 and were taught how to put someone into the recovery position; Cherry and Elm Classes learned how to bandage bleeds; and Lime and Willow Classes were taught how to assist someone who is choking.

We hope the children returned home and shared news of their new skills and we look forward to Mrs Worsley returning in the future to progress the children's First Aid skills some more.

Many thanks are also due to our PTA who funded the workshops.



It's great to see a return to PTA events at last...

This week we're kicking off with Popcorn Club on Friday.

Pre-booking was essential and it looks as though there'll be plenty of viewers at the Woodborough Multi-Screen Cinema for this week's screening of **ENCANTO**...

MUFTI DAY

Thursday 24th March is Mufti Day in readiness for the Easter Bingo...

Pupils are invited to wear mufti into school in exchange for the donation of an Easter Egg or Easter themed small gift to be used at the PTA's Easter Bingo event.

Join us for plenty of Easter Bingo fun on Friday 1st April

Venue: School Hall

Timings: 5.30—7.30 pm



Tuesday 29th March, 3.30—6.00 pm

&

Thursday 31st March, 5.00—7.30 pm

We're pleased to be hosting this term's Parents' Evenings in person and are very much looking forward to seeing everyone...

Look out for the Weduc message and be sure to sign up!

Below is a reminder of next week's menu. All lunches should be booked via Weduc (£2.30 per meal for pupils in Cherry, Elm, Lime and Willow Classes).



Woodborough Primary School

Lunch Menu - Week 2

MONDAY

Pasta Carbonara
OR
Mau & Cheese
OR
Soup and a Roll
Sides: Garlic Bread, Fresh Broccoli & Salad
Dessert: Eton Mess OR Fruit Salad

TUESDAY

Chicken Korma
OR
Vegetable Korma
OR
Spanish Omelette
Sides: Rice & Peas, Naan Bread & Salad
Dessert: Raisin Flapjack OR Fruit Salad

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon
OR
Veggie Roast
OR
Soup and a Roll
Sides: Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy
Dessert: Jelly Or Fruit Salad

THURSDAY

Spaghetti Bolognese
OR
Quorn Bolognese
OR
Jacket Potato with choice of filling
Sides: Garlic Bread, Green Beans & Salad
Dessert: Chocolate Sponge & Custard OR Fruit Salad

FRIDAY

Battered Fish
OR
Margherita Pizza
OR
BBQ Buns
Sides: Wedges, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans & Salad
Dessert: Ice Cream OR Fruit Salad

Join us to celebrate
Mother's Day
Friday 25th March
2.15 pm

everyone welcome...

We'd like to invite mums, sisters, grandmas, aunts, nieces... to send us a photo for inclusion in our celebratory iMovie to be shown at the above event. If you'd like to be included please a photo to your child(ren)'s class email address, e.g. oak@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk

