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Newsletter 8

Wednesday 8 February 2017

Dear parents and carers,

Farewell to Mr Woodhouse

It seems as if Mr Woodhouse has only just joined us but it is already time to bid him farewell! Mr Woodhouse will complete his second placement, which has been in Chestnut Class this term, on Thursday. We have very much enjoyed working with Mr Woodhouse and wish him all the very best in the future.

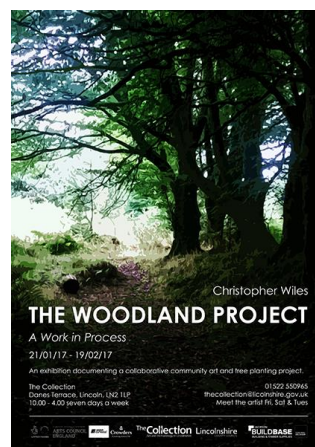
The Woodland Project

A message from Chris Wiles (artist and parent at our school):

After a lot of hard work - including from all of you and your children - The Woodland Project exhibition is finally here at The Collection, Danes Terrace, Lincoln, LN2 1LP (21/01/17 - 19/02/17).

*I would like to invite you to a private view on **Saturday 11th Feb 1.30pm - 3.30pm**, there will be the opportunity to plant some trees in the courtyard (weather permitting), refreshments and more. You can see the collaborative artwork, my recent paintings and The Woodland Project film edited by the fabulous I See Tigers. Be part of the process and see how it's grown.*

Chris Wiles



Parent governor

A vacancy for a parent governor has arisen at school. If you are interested in being a candidate please complete the nomination form which can be found on the "governors" section of the school website. Please return to Mrs Lee by **22 February 2017**.

Parents' evenings

There will be two parents' evening sessions for children in Chestnut, Willow and Oak which will take place between 3.45-6.45pm on **Wednesday 15 March** and between 5-8pm on **Wednesday 22 March**. To book an appointment, you will need to use your ParentMail account. Bookings will open **Friday 10 February** and will close 7 days prior to the date of each parents' evening. To book an appointment, please log into your ParentMail account on a computer, or by using the ParentMail app on your phone/tablet. Once logged in, click/tap on "Parents' evening" then on the evening date that is most convenient for you then select a suitable time from the list available. If you encounter any difficulties in booking your appointment online, please contact the school.

Peacemakers

A reminder that on **Monday 6 March**, there will be an information session for parents about "peacemakers"; an approach to building, maintaining and repairing relationships in school. If you are able to come, please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the "peacemakers" letter which is available to download from the "letters" section of the school website.

Attendance

Our expectation as a school is that all children achieve 100% attendance during the school year. This is why it is important that holidays are taken during allocated school holiday times and not during term time. Government guidelines state that all children with an attendance of below 90% are classed as a "persistent absentees". Emma Shepherd, the school's Education Welfare Officer, visited school this week to look at attendance figures. Although there are often mitigating circumstances, she has requested to meet with the parents of all children with attendance below 90% for this academic year. I will therefore be sending separate letters about a date and time for these meetings separately to those parents affected.

Community collective worship

Please join us for community collective worship on **Monday 20 February** (the first day of term 4) at 3pm in St Mary's Church. All welcome.

Goalball

Our brilliant goalball team represented the school at the county finals last week in Nocton having won the recent tournament against nearby local schools. They finished fifth overall in the county. Congratulations to all of the children who took part in both competitions.



Sainsbury's Active Kids

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers in school so please bring in any you may have been given by the end of June. Thank you.

Friends AGM

The Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place in school on **Tuesday 14 March at 6pm**. All parents are invited to attend. Members of the School Council, Nature Reserve Group and the new Spiritual Gang will also be invited to attend so that they can talk about what they do and how the money raised has helped the school. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the new committee (which will be elected at the AGM) please phone the school or pop in to see me.

Easter service

Our Easter service takes place on **Tuesday 28 March at 2pm in St Mary's Church** and will feature a performance of "Amazing Love" starring the children in Chestnut and Willow. Please do join us if you are able.

Term 3 ends this Friday. I hope you have an enjoyable holiday and I look forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on **Monday 20 February**.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Morley
Headteacher