

# Woodbury C of E Primary School



## Flier 4

27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents

### **School Leadership in January**

As you are aware I will be leaving the school at the end of this term. In January, the school will form Cedar Tree Federation with Pinhoe C of E Primary. Mrs Lane will be the Executive Head Teacher of the federation, with overall responsibility for both schools and she will split her time between each.

Miss Pyle will be Head of School at Woodbury and she will be responsible for the development of teaching and learning at Woodbury and the day to day running of the school. In many respects Miss Pyle's role is similar to that of a head teacher and she will not have a regular teaching commitment. A huge benefit to the school is that Miss Pyle has much experience of school leadership as well as having an extensive knowledge of the school and the children. Miss Bowyer will be the school's SENDCo and during this term she will be working alongside Miss Pyle.

We are currently in the process of recruiting an Assistant Head Teacher who will have a joint leadership and teaching role within the school. Once an appointment has been made I will inform you of the new member to the team.

A lot of work has already taken place, and will continue during the term, in preparation for January, so that despite the changes in leadership, the operation and development of the school continues in the same way as it is now.

### **Harvest Service at St Swithun's Church on Monday 2.15pm – Donations for Exmouth Community Larder**

We hope to see you at our Harvest service on Monday which will be led by the children in Cherry and Maple classes. This year we are collecting items of non-perishable food which will be donated to the Exmouth Community Larder who distribute the food to families in need. Tinned meat items such as curries, casseroles or pies, as well as cereals and pasta, would be particularly welcome and need to be brought to school on Monday. Thank you.

### **KS2 Cross Country at Bicton**

At the moment the cross country is likely to go ahead after school on Monday for the children who are competing, however, if it is cancelled due to the weather, we will text to let you know. Children will need to take a spare pair of shoes as the course is very wet and muddy.

### **Parent Meeting Appointments**

Appointments can be made to meet with your child's teacher before half term. To book your appointment you will need to log on to [eschools](https://eschools.org) (not [schoolgateway](https://schoolgateway.org)) and follow the link.

### **Census day**

The Autumn census is on Thursday 3rd October 2019. Please could we ask that as many children as possible have school dinners and if your child has Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals that they have a school meal on this day as it will help to increase the funding the school receives in the forthcoming year. If your child is in KS2 and doesn't have regular dinners, but would like a meal on this day, please send in £2.55 to the school office. The menu for the day is World Cup Rugby themed and a flier is attached with the choices.

### **Annual Pantomime**

I am very pleased to tell you that we have booked M & M Theatrical Productions, a children's theatre company, to come to school **on Monday 18th November to perform 'Beauty and the Beast'** to the whole school. The children always enjoy the pantomime and it is a great way for the children to experience a live performance without the need to travel. To cover the cost of this Christmas treat it is necessary to ask a voluntary contribution of £4.40 per child. If you would like your child to see the performance please give your consent online at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com), where payment can also be made.

### **PTFA AGM: 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in Chestnut Class**

The contribution of the PTFA to the school is invaluable, both in terms of providing funding for new equipment as well as organising events which are enjoyable and bring the school community together. A huge thank you to Bel Youldon and Sarah Hughes for all they have done for the school over the years in the roles of PTFA Chair and Treasurer. This year Sarah and Bel are stepping down from their positions so at the AGM, the PTFA needs volunteers to fill these positions, so if you are interested please come along. If you would like to support the PTFA, but not as a committee member please do come along as the strength of the PTFA is in having as many people as possible to help organise and run events. Without a chair/co-chairs and a treasurer the PTFA will not be able to continue which would be a huge loss to the school, so if you are able to support the school in this way please do come along.

### **Children with asthma**

In order for us to be able to look after children with asthma we require a copy of their latest 'Asthma Plan' provided by their doctor or specialist nurse at their latest review. If your child has asthma, could you please give a copy of the plan to the office (we can photocopy this if necessary) and if your child's plan is updated during the year please inform us of any changes. Please could you also ensure that the inhaler your child keeps in school is labelled and in date.

### **Beech Class photo**

A photographer from The Exmouth Journal will be coming into school on Wednesday morning to photograph the children in Beech class for their New Intake supplement.

### **Pixie's Holt presentation**

Ash class parents are invited to come into school next Friday at 2.50pm to welcome their children back from Pixie's Holt and to see the presentation of certificates, with a usual pick up time of 3.15pm.

### **Woodbury Living Advent Calendar**

Woodbury living Advent Calendar will be back again this year! The WLAC was organised for the first time last year and was a great success, raising money for FORCE cancer charity. A living window is created for each day of advent and maps can be bought to show the route to follow around the village to view them at any time. It is a lovely way to enjoy advent, meet others and celebrate Christmas around the village. This year funds raised will be divided between FORCE cancer charity and Woodbury School. The school will again be creating a window and if you would also like to create a window or help in any way there is a meeting in the church rooms on Monday 7th October at 7.30pm so please either come along, or see Helen Playfair on the playground. The WLAC team are looking forward to seeing you.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Sparks