



# Woodbury C of E Primary School

12<sup>th</sup> May 2017

## Friday Flier 29

Dear Parents,

It is a busy time in and out of school but as usual 'Team Woodbury' has risen to the challenge. In school, the May Day preparations are in full flow, the children are buzzing with the learning and the plans for developing the school grounds are beginning to be rolled out. Outside school, the PFTA are actively preparing many events to provide social opportunities for everyone as well as fund-raise for the children – a huge thank you to everyone who is involved.

### **Fantastic News!**

I am thrilled to be able to tell you that as part of the WWF's Earth Hour we have been chosen to work with the WWF to create a Climate Change Garden, designed and created for us in the school grounds. They have chosen us from schools across the UK and visited this week to begin discussing plans for the area. We will be working with a professional gardener over the coming months on this amazing opportunity to develop the existing wildlife garden and pond area. This will eventually create a fabulous new area for the children to use both to enhance their learning and to encourage wildlife into the school.

### **Devon County Show Competitions**

The children in Ash and Maple classes have been asked to enter two competitions run by the Devon County Show this year. Year 6 have worked to create a 'Bee Happy' planter for the Farmwise Garden Box competition which you may have noticed taking shape in the playground! Year 4 pupils have collaborated to create an entry for the 'Wheelie Wild Trail' competition which involved researching, designing and making a wheelbarrow themed on a given topic of angora goats! Both of the entries will be judged at the show next week, for which we have kindly been given a group pass for some of the children to attend. The children have worked very hard on their entries so please keep an eye out for them both if you visit the show yourselves next week!

### **Weekend Working Party**

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to join the working party this Sunday; if you do find yourself free to help out on the day please just turn up between 10am-12pm - the more helpers we have, the more we can accomplish from our list! Our main jobs for the day will be:

- Creating a forest school path (skimming off turf, laying weed fabric and border edging then covering with woodchip)
- Assembling three metal sheds and laying patio slab foundations for them to stand on
- Assembling seven plastic raised bed kits, skimming off underlying turf and then filling them with compost
- Clearing the pond area of nettles, weeds and brambles

If you have any of the following please bring them with you:

Digging spades/forks, screwdrivers, hammers and gardening gloves

### **Congratulations to all the Year 6 Children**

This week the year 6 children have completed the National KS2 SATs tests. I cannot over-state how proud I am of the way in which they have approached these with their positive attitude, perseverance, effort and support of one another has been inspiring. As a school, we do not 'cram' children for the tests and put them under undue pressure to perform – that is not what education is about and it is certainly not the way to excel in learning. However, children do need to be equipped to show what they can do in tests and learn the life skills involved in handling pressure, which we do by building upon the skills the children develop with Building Learning Power.

### **PTFA Update**

We hope that everyone can agree that last week's school discos were a great success. We say a big thank you to Kitty and Joe Mann for organising the excellent evening!

PTFA events for this term are not finished yet though! Tomorrow (Saturday 13th) is the long awaited mixed netball tournament. With six teams entered we are looking forward to a fun afternoon of sporting competition. There will be a bar, a BBQ and an obstacle course bouncy castle. So, even if you are not playing in the tournament, bring along all the family to watch the games unfold and enjoy the refreshments on offer. Please do also bring along your footballs, rugby balls, cricket equipment, toys, games, etc to provide further entertainment for the children whilst the adults play some netball! If it promises to rain – we will have a marquee, so you can still enjoy quality sporting entertainment in the dry!

### **Class Pages on the Schools Virtual Learning Platform**

We have set up on-line class pages for you to be able to see what your child's class has been learning. As we develop these, they will become an invaluable way for you to keep up to speed with what your child is learning and they will be used to book appointments for all future parent meetings. Next week you will be given log-in details for your child's Class Page which you can access via the 'login' tab on the website homepage. At this moment we are not intending to set homework online.

### **Reminder : May Day Celebration – 1.45pm, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Please can the children wear the following colours (at least on their top half):

Red = Chestnut, Ash and Beech

White = Willow and Cherry

Blue = Oak and Maple

If the weather is wet, the decision as to whether to postpone will be made at 10am and posted on the website. The 'back up' day is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

### **Attendance**

Thank you for your support in avoiding taking holidays during term time, it does make a big difference to the children's learning. Compared to last year the overall attendance figure for the school has improved which is excellent. If your child is ill and cannot come to school, please can you inform us each day of their absence.

### **Class Photos**

Advance notice that these will be taken on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Lost Property**

There is a considerable amount of lost property building up in school. Please can you check through and claim any items that belong to you as we will be disposing of it at the end of next week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sparks  
Head Teacher