

Woodbury C of E Primary School



2nd November 2018

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Dear Parents

I hope that you all had a good half term, the children have returned refreshed and on good form. During the week I had the pleasure of showing several head teachers around the school, including Mr Davis from Exmouth Community College. It was a pleasure to see the children in every class working so enthusiastically, sharing their ideas and engaged in various activities – everyone was very complimentary and left with an excellent impression of the school.

School Development Plans for 2018-2019

Each year we plan the areas we will be focussing upon to improve. This decision is informed by how the children are progressing in their learning, how we wish to build on previous successes and what we feel the children need to develop into healthy well rounded individuals. The school development priorities for this year are:

1. To embed a consistent mastery approach in the teaching and learning of maths.
2. To raise standards of phonics and spelling.
3. To support the mental health of children by equipping them with strategies to cope with life's challenges.

During the year we are looking forward to sharing with you what this involves at various workshops where we will show you what the children are learning in school and how you can support your child in these areas.

Poppy Appeal

From Monday, poppies and other 'poppy' items such as rubbers and pencils will be available for the children to show their support for the British Legion Poppy Appeal in return for a suggested minimum donation of 50p. Please can you help your child understand that they are making a donation and how this is different from shopping. They will be able to choose **one item** in return for their donation.

On Friday 9th November Ash class and Reverend Sid will be leading our collective worship with the theme of Remembrance.

PTFA - Christmas Fair Meeting

We will be meeting on 7th November, 8pm, at Woodbury School to discuss plans for our upcoming Christmas Fair. We promise by coming along to the meeting you won't have to make a huge commitment, but if you could help us to organise the fair and make it a success to raise lots of money then that would be fab! Hope to see you there.

Scholastic Book Club

Your child has a copy of the Scholastic book club catalogue. Should you wish to buy any books, please return your order in a named and sealed envelope to the office (via the class teacher or directly into the green post box) by Monday 12th November. The school will receive commission on the total value of the sales and this will be used to buy more books for the library.

School Photos

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Monday 12th November to photograph the children. Any order you place should be with you in good time for Christmas. We will also arrange for siblings to have their picture taken together. If you have a child who is younger than school age and would like a group photo, please all come to the hall from 8.30am and this can be taken.

Reminder: Shoe Box Appeal for Christian Response

We have extended the date to Tuesday 6th November so there is still time to bring your shoebox in to school. These will soon be collected by Livi Ju to organise the distribution. For more information, see the attached poster.

Reminder: ASC Christmas Card orders

Your child should have brought home their Christmas Card sample. All orders need to be handed in to school in a sealed envelope by Monday 12th November at the latest.

Team Point Reward for the Yellow Team

As you know the children earn team points for a range of positive behaviours such as good manners, being helpful, demonstrating any of the learning muscles when they are working. Having spoken with the School council we have decided it would be a good idea if the team which has been awarded the most points each term has a reward to recognise their achievements. The children, through School Council, have chosen to have a 'Forest School Party'. The team who won this award last term was the yellow team – **so all children in Years 1 to 6 who are in the Yellow team will need their wellies or outdoor footwear on Wednesday 14th November.**

Year 5 and 6 Cyclo-Cross

This week we have been fortunate to be able to take two teams, instead of the usual one, to the cyclo-cross event at Bicton. Sixteen children, from years five and six, all gave their best at racing around a muddy track and supporting each other. I am delighted at the positive feedback I received about the conduct of the teams which was exemplary. At the time of writing we are still awaiting the results.

Year 5 Football Match

On Thursday we held a friendly match against the Year 5 team from St Peter's School, Budleigh, under the direction of Mr Troman. The children enjoyed a great match with both teams winning a game each.

Reminder: Pantomime

The time for the annual pantomime is nearly upon us. If you would like your child to attend then please could you give your consent and make your contribution online at www.schoolgateway.com as soon as possible.

Reminder: Forest School Lessons

This half term Maple, Chestnut and Ash class will be doing Forest School lessons and the children will need welly boots. If you have any spare wellies which are in good condition please could you donate them to school via the office. Chestnut's lesson will be on Mondays, Maple's lesson will be on Wednesdays and Ash's lesson will be on Fridays.

Woodbury School PTFA 100 Club

Thank you to everyone who has supported the 100 club. This month the lucky winners are:

1st Prize Number 83 Janet Sayers
2nd Prize Number 66 Kate Clarke
3rd Prize Number 39 Steve Fordham

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Sparks
Head Teacher