



Woodbury C of E  
Primary School

# Newsletter

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## VALUE

Our Value focus for this half term is **Forgiveness**

Luke 6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back this week. Seeing the children's smiling faces when coming through the gates and meeting their friends again has been lovely. The school has a fantastic 'buzz' about it that we have all really missed.

## Parent Survey

A few weeks ago we asked you to complete a survey about home learning. The results were very positive and thank you to everyone who took the time to complete this. Full results can be found on our website:

[https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/web/parent\\_survey\\_results/224252](https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/web/parent_survey_results/224252)

## End of School Day

We have noticed that there is some congestion and mixing of bubbles at the main entrance at pick up time. To help to alleviate this problem, the collection time for **Cherry Class** has been changed to **3.15pm-3.20pm**. Please could you keep your children with you whilst you are waiting for their siblings.

## Red Nose Day, Comic Relief – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March



The Ethos Group have organised a range of activities, which will help us raise money for this worthy charity. The theme for this year is exploring the power of funny, as laughing and being happy is essential for our mental health and wellbeing. So there is a competition for each class to come up with the funniest joke and a prize will be given to each winner. Also the children can buy a quiz or wordsearch for 10p and the first 15 returned to each class will receive a small chocolate prize.

Children can come to school, either wearing something red, or they can dress up as a superhero (think about what your super hero power is: is it to make people laugh? Being kind? Being a great friend?). All we ask is that they make a donation of 50p. We look forward to sharing our jokes with you and hopefully we can prove that Woodbury School's super power is the power of funny.

## Update on new class teacher for Maple Class

As you are aware Mr Holding will be leaving Woodbury School on 28<sup>th</sup> May to take up his new appointment as Head of School at Thorverton. From Monday June 7<sup>th</sup> Mr Green will be teaching Maple Class 3 days a week, Monday, Tuesday and Friday. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, Mrs Simpson will be teaching the class. Mrs Simpson is an experienced teacher who is looking forward to working at Woodbury.

## Updates/Reminders

**COVID testing for families** – you can collect tests from Maer Road carpark, Exmouth between 1.00pm – 7.00pm

**Forest School** – Cherry and Chestnut classes – on Wednesday, please come to school in suitable clothes and bring a change of footwear

## Woodbury School's Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Woodbury-C-of-E-Primary-School-102568645045711/>

## End of Spring Term

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

## Summer Term

19<sup>th</sup> April – non-pupil day

20<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> May

7<sup>th</sup> June – 22<sup>nd</sup> July

## School Grounds

In the autumn term the Y6 environment mentors and School Council put a plan together to develop our outdoor spaces, as well as having animals into school. Over the past few weeks the children have been working hard on putting these plans into place.

The **wildlife garden** and **bird hide** have been transformed into a wonderful space for lunch, play and lesson times. Over 100 flowering bulbs have been planted, grasses and heathers planted, weeds dug up, weed matting and wood chip laid, insect, bird and hedgehog homes set up, log seats arranged and the bird hide set up with resources that the children will need to hunt for bugs and birds. In the allotment areas we have been busy preparing the area for our animals by moving the vegetable beds, laying weed matting and woodchip and sorting through the garden shed. We have also started to prepare the beds for planting.

The **PTFA** have been fantastic in supporting the children by buying the requested resources and helping with some of the hard work as well. A particular thank you to Ruth Driesen who has been instrumental in ensuring that the resources have all been put into place, as well as organising the wood chip and compost. Thank you also to Grant Carter who helped Ruth moving a trailer load of woodchip to the allotment area.

Greg Boon has also donated many garden tools to the school to enable these activities to take place and carrying out some maintenance to our forest school 'sail' and the pond area.

Many of you may have seen our post on the School Facebook page showing that our pond has become unusable. This is the next stage on the plan to develop in the coming weeks. We would like to put in a hard pond base to replace the ripped liner and then add some plants to attract more wildlife. Chicken wire needs to be added to the decking so it is not slippery when wet, once this is in place the children will be able to use the area fully. The fence and decking around the pond also needs parts replacing as some are rotten.

If anyone is able to help the children with their plans please do get in contact. It is so important for the children to be getting outside and using all parts of our school grounds, now more so than ever.

## School Facebook Page

We are using this to celebrate the learning that the children are doing along with sending reminder messages or updates. If you do not wish for your child to be in the photos please can you email [admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk) to let us know.

## Message from the Woodbury After School Club

The Woodbury After School Club is looking for new committee members.

With the current chairperson and secretary due to stand down at the next AGM, we are particularly looking for committee members in these required roles, although we are also in need of further general committee roles.

The committee meet twice a term for approximately an hour and hold its AGM usually in the Spring term. As a charity, the club cannot run without a committee, so if you are interested in becoming involved and helping this well-run and important community provision to continue, please contact the After School Club manager Jenna Walker [woodburyasc@yahoo.com](mailto:woodburyasc@yahoo.com) or the current chairperson Kevin Hughes [chair.woodburyasc@gmail.com](mailto:chair.woodburyasc@gmail.com) for more information.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

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Head of School

*"Learning to live life in all its fullness"*