



Woodbury C of E
Primary School

Newsletter



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VALUE Our Value focus for this half term is *Courage*.

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you". So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Hebrews 13:5-6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to the Year 6's

The Year 6 children have enjoyed their residential this week, spending three days at Osmington Bay in Weymouth enjoying various activities such as archery, buggy building and climbing followed by a morning kayaking at Haven Banks in Exeter. On Friday they had a great day in our forest school area. Thank you to Mrs Vernon, Mrs Blakesley and Mr Green for taking the children away, their time is greatly appreciated.

Sports Days

The children will be having the opportunity to participate in fun sports days this year, however we will not be inviting parents/carers into school. This is because of the COVID restrictions that are in place, limiting us to groups of 30 and also, because of the carousel nature of the activities, we cannot guarantee social distancing. Cherry and Maple classes will have their fun sports day on **Tuesday 29th June** in the morning and Beech, Willow, and Oak have theirs in the afternoon. Chestnut and Ash classes will have theirs on **Tuesday 13th July** in the afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and wearing their trainers on their designated day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Parent Forum

We had our latest meeting on Friday 18th June. The minutes are on the website. Please click the following link [Parent Forum](#) to see what was discussed. We will be looking for some further volunteers in September. We usually meet once a term to provide a voice for parents in school on issues that are important to them. If this is something that might be of interest, please let us know via admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk

Transition

As we move towards the end of term, we continue to consider support for transitions, particularly for children with SEND. Below is a link for a booklet that has been produced for parents/carers and children focusing on the key points of transition. [Transition - Early Years to Primary to Secondary](#)

In school we offer an enhanced transition package for our SEND children or those who are particularly anxious about moving to their new class. Please speak to your child's class teacher about what this involves and if this might help your child.

Updates/Reminders

Woodbury School's Facebook Page -

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

Forest School –
Wednesdays AM Oak Class
PM Cherry Class

Fun Sports Days –
Tuesday 29th June
AM Cherry & maple
Tuesday 29th June
PM Beech, Willow & Oak
Tuesday 13th July PM
Chestnut & Ash

Bike Ability - 28.6.21
Y5 group 2

Swimming lessons –
Maple
Every Tuesday – bring swimming kits in.

Dates:
Summer Term 2
7th June – 22nd July
Autumn Term 1
8th Sept – 22nd Oct

Autumn Term 2
1st Nov – 17th Dec

A transition day for the children to meet their new teacher and teaching assistants has been arranged for Monday 19th July. Teachers and teaching assistants are meeting over the next few weeks for handover meetings.

Unfortunately we have had to rearrange our planned transition for our new reception children starting in September, including parent welcome meetings. This is due to guidance that has been issued to schools. We will be in contact next week to inform you of alternative arrangements.

Reports

The children's reports are due out on Friday 9th July. In this report you will find out who your child's class teacher will be in September. Having read the annual report you are welcome to make an appointment with your child's class teacher if you have any queries about it. Reports will be sent electronically again this year. If you would like a paper copy please ensure you let the office know by emailing admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk

Introducing Florence and Eider

We would like to introduce you to Florence, a four month old labradoodle. Florence is owned by Mrs Hingston, our Business Manager and her family. Florence will be coming into school over the rest of the summer term and based in Mrs Hingston's office. We would also like to introduce you to Eider, a 14 week Collie. Eider is owned by Miss Bowyer. She will also be coming in over the rest of the summer term on a Friday and will be based in Miss Bowyer's office. This is so they can get used to the school building as we are hoping in the next academic year, they will become school therapy dogs and undergo training and a qualification, to allow them to work with children. For the moment, they will be walking around the grounds on a lead, a couple of times a day and only while the children are in class, accompanied by Mrs Hingston/Miss Bowyer at all times. They both have lovely temperaments and seem perfect for the job, so far!



Florence



Eider

Chickens – request from our School Council

We are very excited to announce that our chickens are arriving either over the weekend or next week. The school Council are asking if we can have any parent/carer volunteers to pop into school at weekends to let the chickens out, feed and water them and then shut them up at night. If you are able to volunteer your services, please email admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk letting us know which weekends you are available over the next few weeks. The School Council will then put together a timetable.

Exmouth Foodbank

Do you need support with emergency food? Please visit www.exmouthfoodbank.org.uk who can help anyone with free food and advice, signposting clients to local agencies to assist with the underlying difficulties that you may be experiencing.

COVID 19

The COVID pandemic is sadly not over and we still need to be following all the Government guidelines to ensure we keep the school as COVID free as possible. Please continue to be vigilant. Face masks must be worn on the school site unless you are exempt. Please keep socially distancing and leave the school area promptly. It is vitally important that you isolate your household if anyone is displaying symptoms. Please do not assume it is "just a cold". Although lateral flows are readily available, it's worth remembering that it is not ok to just use these when someone has symptoms. With symptoms you need a PCR. To book a test, visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119.

Please see the following guidance if your child has symptoms, tests positive or someone in your household has symptom's or tests positive.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/children-education/covid19-school-absence/>

Thank you for your continued support in helping to keep Woodbury School and the community safe.

Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy in September for a 1:1 Teaching Assistant. Please see [Teaching Assistant 1:1](#) for more information.

Website Updates:

News: Devon County Council Bulletin

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Gillian Pyle,
Head of School.