



Woodbury C of E  
Primary School

# Newsletter



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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:23-26

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Year 6 Leavers

Good bye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers. Well done to each and every one of you for demonstrating real resilience and maturity during these difficult last 18 months; we shall miss you all but know you are all more than ready to move on to the next stage of your education. Please make sure you pop back in to let us know how you get on.

## Goodbye from Mrs Lane

As I leave after 13 years as headteacher of Pinhoe CE Primary and 18 months as Executive headteacher of the Cedar Tree Federation, I wish to say a huge thank you to all of you for the support you have given to the schools and myself personally over the years. It has been a privilege to be at the heart of ensuring the very best learning opportunities for every child that has passed through the doors of our schools.

As I retire from Executive headship, I am excited about the next part of the journey for the Federation knowing that I leave it in safe and capable hands.

## A Prayer

Bless my eyes to see goodness,  
Bless my words to speak kindness,  
Bless my heart to feel compassion,  
Bless my soul to radiate love.

## Thank you from the School Council

Attached to this newsletter you will find a thank you note from our Year 6 School Council Representatives to the PTFA and everyone who has supported them this year.

## September – COVID

At present we are considering how we will start the autumn term; it currently looks like bubbles will not be implemented so children will be able to start and finish at the same time. However, we will send out information with regard to the start of the autumn term as soon as we receive confirmed arrangements through the government advice on school opening for September. We will email you any information needed in preparation for starting back and will also update our Facebook page and website.

## Updates/Reminders

**Woodbury School's Facebook Page** -  
<https://www.facebook.com/Woodbury-C-of-E-Primary-School-102568645045711/>

**Barn Dance**  
18<sup>th</sup> Sept - Afternoon

**Autumn Term 1**  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept – 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct

**Autumn Term 2**  
1<sup>st</sup> Nov – 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

### **Education Catch Up**

The department of education has launched an [information site](#) for parents, to support children of all age ranges and abilities catch up on lost learning from the pandemic. The site features advice and support for parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), as well as programmes, resources and activities for children and young people this summer.

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank the Woodbury School Community for the commitment they have shown throughout this difficult period. Everyone has been so positive and supportive, and I could not have asked for a more dedicated team of staff, parents, and children.

Everyone deserves a well-earned summer break; I hope that the sun shines and you all get to enjoy spending time doing the things you love, whilst spending quality time with family and friends.

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

Gillian Pyle,  
Head of School.

*“Learning to live life in all its fullness”.*

## A Note of Thanks from the Year 6 School Council Representatives

We wanted to say thank you to the PTFA and all the parents, children and families who have supported us this year in developing our plans for the school. With your help we have managed to put our plan of action for the year into place. At the beginning of the year we wanted to develop an animal ark and improve our outdoor spaces.

### **Animal Ark**

Our animal ark consists of:

- 4 hamsters
- A number of fish and water snails (we have lost count!)
- 10 stick insects
- 2 guinea pigs
- 4 chickens

We love having animals in school and we enjoy visiting the guinea pigs and chickens. They are also really good for helping children when they are feeling anxious or worried and great at calming children when they are upset. We are really excited to hear that the school will be having visits from 2 dogs next year and we hope that they can be trained as therapy dogs. We would love to come back and meet them!





### **Wildlife Area**

The pond area has been transformed, with thanks to a team of volunteers and a family who donated the new decking. We have had plants donated from the local community, all ready to be planted out in September. The newts are back in the pond and the children will be able to use the area for their learning from September. The wild life garden has become a real haven for all sorts of creatures. We have seen so many insects and birds and having the bird hide has transformed the area into a place of learning with binoculars, bug catchers and books, which has been great for everyone to use during playtimes and lunch times.





The next challenge is to build an outside classroom area near the bike sheds and to get some playground markings. We know that there are also plans to develop the small library area into a calm reading space.

We wanted to leave a lasting legacy because we have been very happy at the school and we feel that with everyone's support we have been able to do this.

Thank you everyone for your help.

From  
William and Florence  
(Y6 School Council Leaders)