



Woodbury C of E
Primary School

Newsletter

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VALUE

Our Value for this half term is Love and Compassion.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" John 3.16

Dear Parents/Carers

The half term seems to have gone by very quickly and it has been lovely getting into all the classes to see what the children have been doing and how they are progressing with their learning. The children and staff all deserve a well-earned break.

Beech Class Assembly

Well done to the children in Beech Class for leading their class assembly this week. Unfortunately I was out of school at a meeting all day so missed it. However, I have heard that they did a wonderful job of celebrating some of the things they have been learning in their topic and English this half term. Thank you to all parents/carers who came to watch.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

These have been scheduled for the week beginning Monday 16th March. This is an opportunity for you to celebrate your child's learning and meet with their class teacher. These are booked through e-schools which will open from Tuesday 25th February.

Woodbury School Grounds - the Big Spring Clean!

As part of our drive to get the children using all of the fantastic spaces we have at the school we are looking for three practical volunteers for a range of tasks to tidy the school grounds on either 29th Feb or 1st March between 08.30 - 12.30 (TBC). Tasks include shrub trimming, timberwork and site clearing to leave the grounds safe and sparkling for Spring 2020. If you have the skills, basic PPE/tools, want more info or are happy to help, please contact Iain Stevens at iain.stevens@hotmail.co.uk. I would like to say thank you to Mr Stevens for taking the time to look around the grounds with me last week and his support in organising this.

Lost Property

There is still a lot of clothing and other items in our lost property box – this is located outside Cherry and Oak classes. Please come in to have a look as after half term we will be donating the items to those in need.

EVENTS / REMINDERS

• HALF TERM

Friday 14th February is the last day of this half term. We start back on Monday 24th February.

• MUSIC AND SINGING CONCERT

Monday 2nd March at 9.15am and one at 2.30pm in the School Hall. Parents/carers welcome.

• WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 5th March. Children to come dressed as their favourite book character.

• WILLOW CLASS ASSEMBLY

Wednesday 11th March 9.10am in the school hall. Parents and Carers are invited to attend.

• PARENTS MEETINGS

To be held during the week commencing 16th March. Booking available on e-schools from 25th February.

• FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER – MRS DEAN

Drop-in sessions available on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Please book through Reception.

Reading

Reading is an area that we are keen to develop and promote throughout the school. Mr Holding is taking a lead on this and you will have received a letter from him today explaining the importance of reading at home and the impact that not reading with your child can have in the short term but also long term. Further support and advice will be available, along with information about how we are supporting the children in school after half term.

Forest School

After half term the children in Years 2 and 5 will be having weekly forest school lessons on a Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has a change of clothing and suitable footwear on these days. This starts on the first Wednesday back – 26th February.

Willow Class Assembly

An invitation for Parents and Carers of Willow class children to attend their assembly. This will be held on 11th March at 9.10am in the school hall.

I hope next week you all have a safe and happy half term week and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,

Gillian Pyle
Head of School

CLUBS

A separate letter has been attached about the clubs available for the children next half term. Please sign up on School Gateway.

Thank you to all the staff who take the time to run these weekly activities.

“Learning to live life in all its fullness”

PTFA Newsflash

We are proud to announce a few upcoming fundraising events to put in your diary!

Fri 27th March: Easter tea with Easter garden and egg decorating competition after School

Sat 2nd May: Parents netball tournament 2pm at School. It's going to be fun!

Sat 5th Sept: Happy's Circus 2pm at School. Come and enjoy - early bird tickets already selling fast, see below for details:-

- Happy's Circus is a professional, all human circus show. The 2 hour show (with interval) features acrobats, aerialists, magic, clowns and speciality acts.
- A fun afternoon of entertainment for all the family, whilst also raising essential funds for our school.
- An early bird ticket offer is now available at £8.50 per person (+ booking fee) until Friday 27th March.
- Go to www.pta-events.co.uk/woodburyprimaryschool/ to purchase and download your tickets.
- (Under 2's sitting on a lap are free)

Have a great half term!
from the PTFA

INFORMATION SESSIONS

(Parents, teaching assistants, teachers, child-minders and any other interested parties all very welcome.)

1:30 – 3pm repeated 3:30 - 5pm in the community room at

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Topic	Date	Notes
PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance)	Friday 28 th Feb	Is this just Challenging behaviour or PDA? Is PDA different from Autism? Why is it so difficult to understand and cope with?
GIRLS WITH AUTISM	Friday 6 th March	Girls with Autism can present very differently from boys. We will look at some of the more subtle signs, also noting how a lack of a diagnosis can be counter-productive and lead to poor mental health in teen years.
THRIVE – Is it still useful? What are the alternatives?	Friday 13 th March	Learn more about this extremely useful way of interacting with children. Examples of activities for home and school. Useful in every relationship! ☺ Looking at BOXALL/ELSA/SDQ/etc too.
Understanding and managing stress; preparing your child for exams – including helping shy & withdrawn children	Friday 20 th March Retired Ed Psych co- presenting	Brilliant ideas for aiding concentration and ensuring children are ready to learn and remember (including executive function, MISP, flexible thinking, etc.) As anxiety is at the root of so many behaviours, anyone wanting a greater understanding of these would benefit from attending.
Am I maximising the potential of my gifted or talented child? ☺ Do they have sensitivities?	Friday 27 th March Retired Ed Psych co- presenting	'Gifted' refers to a child who has abilities in one or more academic subjects, such as English or maths. 'Talented' refers to a child who has skills in a practical area such as music, sport or art. Come and find out more!

To book a place or ask for further information, please call Clare Hollingsworth on 01395-263397 (**Please press 2 for SENCO extension.**) and leave a message if no answer, or email chollingsworth@wrpschool.org . Thank you. ☺ If in doubt, just turn up! ☺