



Woodbury C of E  
Primary School

# Newsletter



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Our **Value** focus for this half term is **Generosity**.

*'In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'*

*Acts 20 verse 35*

Dear Parents,

## Anti-bullying Week

The children started the week by wearing odd socks to school and in class they have had assemblies, lessons and discussions following this year's theme '**One Kind Word**'. The School Council have met and reviewed the anti-bullying leaflet that they will show to their classes next week.

## BBC Children in Need Day

Our dress up or down day brought a very different set of children and staff to school today! Thank you to everyone that donated cakes. We will let you know next week the amount that has been raised to support in changing the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

## Book Donation

A few weeks ago, we were lucky enough to be awarded a grant through Bridge Books, in Exeter, and the charity Speaking Volumes, to buy a considerable number of books for our library. The beautiful books are modern versions of Christian stories and tales. The Y6 librarians will be putting them on the library shelves next week for everyone to enjoy.

## Wildlife Garden

We have had another car boot full of plants donated by Mrs Keep. Year 2 have enjoyed planting these out in their gardening club and our wildlife garden is now looking amazing. *We could do with a couple hours help to lay some weed matting and put down some woodchip. If you could help with this, please let us know.*

## Nativity and Carol Services

Due to the ongoing concerns about COVID rates, the difficulty in being able to socially distance because of the size of the hall/church and popularity of these services, we have decided to film these, like last year. You will all be informed in the next couple of weeks further details of when this will be available. Class teachers will be in contact about costumes, if they are required, and I am sure you'll soon start hearing the children singing the songs and Carols at home as rehearsals will be starting shortly!

## Updates/Reminders

**26<sup>th</sup> November** – Non Uniform, see PTFA Newsflash

**29<sup>th</sup> November** -Ash class trip to Dalditch

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – PTFA Christmas Outdoor Market 3.15 – 5.00pm

**15<sup>th</sup> December**-Christmas lunch

**Forest School** Chestnut and Maple Class – Wednesday please come to school suitably dressed and with a change of footwear.

## Woodbury School's Facebook Page–

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

**Newspapers** – we are still in need of newspapers to use for our chickens and guinea pigs -please bring to the office.

**Parking** - please be mindful of local residents when dropping off and collecting children from school.

## Dates:

**Autumn Term 2**

Nov 1<sup>st</sup> -Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Term 1**

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

**Spring Half Term**

21st Feb-25th Feb

**Spring Term 2**

28th Feb -8th April

### **School Admissions and Education Transport Consultation 2023/24**

We are consulting on the admission arrangements for 2023-24 for this school. We are not proposing any changes from our 2022-23 policy. This consultation is hosted at [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements) and includes the admission arrangements and education transport policy for Devon County Council and all other state-funded schools in the county.

The consultation ends on 7 January 2022. We will publish the final version by 15 March 2022. Comments and queries can be made to the school or to [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or to Admissions and Transport Policy, Room L60, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QG

### **Maple Class have exciting news!**

Maple class have been delighted this week to get some new pets to look after in class – Giant African Land Snails. They have been named **Shelby** and **Gary**. I am sure they will show them off to the rest of the school once they have settled into their new environment.

### **Foundation Governor's required**

#### **Could you help support your local school? Do you have 4-5 hours spare each month?**

The Cedar Tree Federation, which comprises of Pinhoe C of E School and Woodbury C of E School, currently have vacancies for three Foundation Governors to serve on the Governing Body.

Foundation Governors play a specific role in ensuring the schools' Christian character is upheld. Their responsibilities include preserving the links between Church, School, and the Diocese, taking an active role in the SIAMS process and ensuring that collective worship and religious education at the schools are appropriately monitored and follow the appropriate guidelines and/or syllabus. Foundation Governors ensure that the Christian ethos of the schools is encouraged throughout their communities and is reflected in their policies and protocols, the curriculum, and activities. Foundation Governors represent the Church of England and so, whilst it is not essential that all are communicant Anglicans, it is preferred that they demonstrate they have Christian commitment and values.

The responsibility of the Governing Body is collective, and Foundation Governors have the same general responsibilities as other governors - that is to have strategic oversight of the schools, to monitor the pupils' achievement and attainment, to oversee the teaching and learning, to review the staffing patterns and to oversee finances.

Governors are expected to develop a detailed knowledge of the schools and their educational task as well as the school communities as a whole and to be supportive of the schools, its Headteachers and staff. The Governing Body get to know the schools through developing knowledge of key data and information and through focussed visits and attending meetings of the Governing Body and such committees as they are appointed to.

This is an extremely rewarding and valuable role. If you feel that you would be interested in more information, please contact Rachel Phillips, one of our foundation governors, in the first instance by emailing: [rphillips@woodbury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:rphillips@woodbury.devon.sch.uk)

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Gillian Pyle,

Head of School.

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

## **PTFA NEWSFLASH**

### **Quiz night**

Thank you to everyone who attended the quiz last Saturday night, donated/ bought a pudding or helped with the organisation. Special thanks go out to Cat Luke and Jon Breeze for being such excellent quiz comperes, as well as Ellie and Martyn Richards for stocking and running the bar! The evening made a profit in excess of £600, which will be shared between Maytree pre-school and Woodbury Primary.

### **Doughnuts**

After a trial week of selling doughnuts, the PTFA have gaged the number of doughnuts needed, plus a bakery that will let us pre order! We now just need everyone's help.....

Each week we will assign a year group to ordering/purchasing the doughnuts (plus a 'free from' option if possible) from Lidl and selling them after school on the Friday. Costs will be reimbursed immediately upon providing a receipt and a float tin will be supplied. A message will go out on that year group's social media pages asking for volunteers to help with the roles, at the beginning of the week. We would like Year 6 to start the rota by selling on Friday 26th November.

We would really appreciate your help in offering treats to the children, as well as raising funds for the animal's upkeep.

(Should your class prefer to make cakes for their Friday sale, that would be brilliant).

### **Non-school uniform day- 26th November**

It has been agreed that children can come to school next Friday in non-school uniform, in exchange for a bottle and chocolates. Collected items will be used for the Tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre on the 3rd December. Crates and boxes will be available at both school entrances for the donations. Thank you very much in advance for your generosity.