



**Woodbury C of E  
Primary School**

# Newsletter



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## VALUE

Our Value focus for this half term is Respect.

*'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Honour one another above yourselves.'* Romans 12:10

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely spending time in classes this week, from seeing Beech class dressed up in their outfits on Tuesday to enjoying some time in forest school and chatting to the children about their learning. We are certainly back into the full swing of school life and all that it entails.

## Free School Meals and Funding

Are you eligible for free school meals? Did you know you may be able to help our school with additional funding?

It is not known by many parents and carers, but for every school family that puts in a claim and qualifies for Free School Meals, our school receives additional funding, called Pupil Premium. This helps enormously in allowing us to provide additional time and resources to your child's education.

For this reason, we are asking **every** school family, even those that have children who qualify for the Universal Free School Meals Scheme in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, to please apply if you are currently in receipt of, or due to a change in your circumstances, are about to claim for any of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit' Support under Part Vi of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on

If you are not sure you qualify for any of the above, please apply anyway as there are lots of families that now fall into one or more of these categories and are entitled to financial support.

You apply via a portal which can be easily accessed at:

<https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>

If you are not sure how to access this, please call the school office and we will be happy to help you.

## Updates/Reminders

### Coats

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day

### PE

Please can children wear trainers to school on P.E days. PE kit not required.

Day	Class
T	Oak, Cherry, Maple, Chestnut, Ash
Th	Willow, Oak, Cherry, Ash, Chestnut
F	Maple

### Forest School

Wed am - Beech

Class

Wed pm – Willow

Class

### Parents Evening Meetings

These will be held week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> October – please sign up

### Half Term – week

beg. 26<sup>th</sup> October

**End of Term** - Friday

18<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term Begins

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
2021

### **Exmouth Larder**

In our whole school and class worship this week we have continued to think about Harvest and how we can help others who might be in need. The children have also learnt about the role of a food bank. Thank you to all the families who have brought in an item for our Harvest collection, which this year will be donated to Exmouth Larder. If you have yet to bring anything in, and would like to, please do so next week.

### **Face Masks**

Please can I remind you that we request all parents, carers and visitors to wear a face mask if coming into the school building. This includes the front reception area.

### **New Staff Welcome**

I would like to welcome two new members of staff to the Woodbury Team. Firstly, to Mrs Dockrey who will be teaching Beech class on a Friday and across the school on a Monday; and secondly, to Miss Green, who is covering for Miss Davey whilst she is on maternity leave. I would like to welcome them both and hope they enjoy their time at our school.

### **World Mental Health Day**

Our Year 6 Mental Health Ambassadors would like the school community to come together in support of *#HelloYellow*, to celebrate World Mental Health Day. This will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We would like the children to wear something yellow to school, it could be a badge, scarf, hair bobble, t-shirt...please help us to support this important event.

### **FOUNDATION GOVERNORS WANTED**

Cedar Tree Federation, which comprises Pinhoe C of E School and Woodbury C of E School, currently have vacancies for three Foundation Governors to serve on the Governing Body. This is an extremely rewarding and valuable role. If you feel that you would like more information and would be interested in applying then please go to our website to learn more.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to Mrs Chapman and her husband who have offered to take away the garden waste from the wildlife garden area.

### **COVID 19**

Please see our new COVID-19 tab on the home page of our website for up to date information and advice. This week we have added a link to the See, Hear, Respond support hub which is a central place that you can explore, where you can find information, resources & tools - from practical advice on how to talk to your children about the pandemic, to tips on managing anxiety and much more.

[https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/web/latest\\_guidance/508670](https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/web/latest_guidance/508670)

### **Oak Class Hedgehog Protection Team**

Oak class have been learning about hedgehogs in their topic of habitats this term and would like the help of the Woodbury community! Please could you let the school know if you have spotted some hedgehogs in your garden and Oak class will plot it on a map of Woodbury to see where the hedgehogs have been visiting. You can email the school on [admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk) for the attention of Oak class and it will be forwarded to Mrs Sommers. We would like you to tell us roughly where your house is so that we can plot it on our map.

We have begun this project in connection with Wild Woodbury and Tony Bennett who kindly showed the children all of the different habitats that are growing within the churchyard. The children enjoyed a very informative afternoon finding plants and insects that live in the mosaic habitat of the churchyard. They were extremely excited to talk about hedgehogs and they have come up with the idea of a hedgehog protection team who can monitor the hedgehogs and promote hedgehog friendly gardens. We hope that the Woodbury community will be able to help us in our investigations. Thank you in advance!

**Forest School**

The forest school site is always in need of branches, logs or wood offcuts for burning or construction. Old pallets are useful for building or sawing up. We are also in need of the following:

- Empty clean baked bean cans
- Empty clean yogurt pots or similar
- Empty matchboxes
- Old buttons and beads
- Old white cotton tee shirts
- Kindling

If you are able to help with these items please bring them to the main gate of the school and drop them with the member of staff who is welcoming on that day.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

**Gillian Pyle**

Head of School

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