



Woodbury C of E
Primary School

Newsletter

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VALUE

Our Value focus for this half term is Generosity

'A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed'

Proverbs 11:25

Dear Parents, Carers and the Woodbury Team

This year has not been what we have all expected, and certainly not what I anticipated to take on when appointed as Head of School! However, the school and community have really pulled together. The children have coped with so much upheaval and so many changes and have been a real credit to you all. Thank you for your help in supporting them to transition back into school life and also for your continuing support. Looking back over the year, and all we have been through and achieved, makes me very proud. I do hope that you manage to spend some time together with family during the Christmas period and that you get to enjoy doing some of the things that you love.

I would also like to thank all the staff for their kindness, enthusiasm and hard work - we are very lucky to have such a dedicated team at Woodbury, which helps to make it a special place to be.

Nativity and Carol Services

You should have received a link to the KS1 Nativity Service last week, please let us know if you did not receive this. For the families of children in KS2 there is a link on your child's Google Classroom to the Carol Service. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work in putting these together.

PTFA

I would like to thank the PTFA for their amazing fundraising efforts this half term. Their support in helping the children put their plans into action to have an animal ark and to develop the outside learning environment has been fantastic. We look forward to seeing the developments to the school grounds in the spring term. Thank you for supporting them with this too.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our poppy appeal, a total of £268.01 was raised.

Fun Family Festive Activity Challenge!

HO, HO, HO! Active Devon and the Devon School Games Organisers are hosting a FREE Virtual Festive Family Activity Challenge. See https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/web/december_2020/524864 for more information.

Updates/Reminders Reminder –

Facebook – Please take a moment to like and share our Woodbury Primary School Facebook page, we are updating this daily, so please take a look.

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

Spring Term Begins Tuesday
5th January 2021

Spring Half Term 15th - 19th
February 2021

Forest school

Year 5 (Chestnut) and 6 (Ash) have had a super time at Forest School, this half term –we had a few wet days that resulted in a lot of muddy children, which all added to the fun! Next half term it is the turn of Year 2 (Oak) and Year 4 (Maple) classes on a Wednesday. Children will need to come to school in their forest school clothes and bring a pair of wellie boots. **Forest School starts the first week back (Wednesday 6th January).**

PE

Next half term PE will take place on the following days. Children in KS2 can wear PE kit to school on these days, if they wish. Children in KS1 to wear trainers on these days.

Day	Class
Tuesday	Beech, Willow, Cherry, Chestnut, Ash
Thursday	Beech, Willow, Oak, Cherry, Ash
Friday	Chestnut, Maple

Clubs

Mr Murrin will be starting Dodge Ball club on **Tuesdays for Year 2 (Oak)**, 3.15-4.15pm and **Thursdays for Year 4 (Maple)**, 3.15-4.15pm. Clubs will commence on Tuesday 5th January and finish on Thursday 11th February.

Please give consent for your child at www.schoolgateway.com

A separate letter from Mr Clifford has been sent to Year 5 (Chestnut class) inviting the children to take part in the Forest School After School Club.

EARLY HELP - COVID WINTER GRANT FUND

A COVID Winter Grant Fund has been made available to local authorities and district councils to support families experiencing financial hardship over the 2020-21 winter. Children eligible for free school meals will be issued with food vouchers and district councils will be able to support families through their hardship grants.

Early Help will also be able to help families in this situation with a grant of up to £100 per family to support them to buy food and pay utility bills over the winter.

Who is eligible?

The criteria set by Early Help is as follows:

- You are a family (at least 2 people where at least 1 person is either pre-birth or up to 18 yrs old)
- You are not eligible for hardship grant funding through your district council or you have not yet applied
- You are experiencing financial hardship linked to or independent of COVID (e.g. unemployed, furloughed, being made redundant)
- You need financial help to pay utility bills or buy food and essential items for your family

If you think you may qualify for this support please do let us know and we will complete the necessary paperwork. Please email admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk all emails will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Track and Trace

Reminder to contact us at admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk if your child tests positive for COVID during the period of 19th December to 24th December.

COVID Isolation

If you or your child has symptoms then it is important that you isolate and get tested. The guidance for isolation period has been adjusted from 14 days to 10 days. Please see the most up to date guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> this link is also on our website.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS](#)

How long you need to self-isolate. Self-isolate immediately if someone in your support bubble has tested positive and either: you've been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before their symptoms started

www.nhs.uk

Website Updates

COVID - Mass testing in schools: your questions answered.

- Isolation guidance

Community – Summerleaze Video

News – December – Festive Activity Challenge.

On behalf of the Governors and Staff, we would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

Gillian Pyle

Head of School