



Woodbury C of E
Primary School

Newsletter



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VALUE

Our Value focus for this half term is Respect

*'Gracious words are a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones'. Proverbs 16:24*

Dear Parents and Carers

School Council

Congratulations to Florence and William, in Ash Class, for being voted as our School Council leaders by the rest of the school. I was amazed by the fantastic response we had from the children in Ash Class wanting to have this responsibility, any one of them would have made a great leader. All the Year 6 children have been allocated mentor roles and I know that they will be making a positive impact and supporting the school through these roles and responsibilities.

At the first School Council meeting it was discussed that the children would love some animals in the school. They are currently researching which animals are suited, but excitedly we already have fish – quick work School Council! **Thank you to 'The Harris Family' for the contribution with this!** The PTFA are keen to support us with this and together they have suggested we have a non-uniform 'dress up as an animal day' to start raising funds for buying the animals and to support in their upkeep. *Please see the PTFA update at the end of this letter for further ideas.* Having animals in school is a very exciting project and something close to my heart and I am looking forward to working with the children to fulfil their ideas.

Parent Forum

At the beginning of last year, I set up a parent forum, but due to COVID and school partial closure we only had the opportunity to meet once. I would like to restart this forum and am asking, if you are interested, that you email me via admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk giving me your name and best contact details. There is more information about this under the 'Parents' tab on our website. Please have a read, as it gives you details about what a parent forum is and how you can be involved.

Flu Immunisations

Some parents have received a letter from the NHS about flu immunisations. We have spoken to the immunisation team and the flu immunisations are still booked to go ahead on 19th November, as previous planned. Please use the link below if you have yet to sign your child up and would like to do so.
<https://schoolsimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2020/devon>

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 19th October – please sign up

Half Term – week beg. 26th October

End of Term - Friday 18th December

Spring Term Begins

Tuesday 5th January 2021

Spring Half Term 15th - 19th February 2021

COVID-19

This week we have started to ask all staff in school to wear a mask in communal areas. Therefore the children will be seeing adults around the school in masks and face visors. Please can I remind you to wear a mask if you are entering the school building, including the front office foyer area.

A reminder that currently only people with COVID-19 symptoms need to get tested.

In addition to information on the parent leaflet which has been circulated previously, we have the NHS definition of Covid symptoms which are:

- A high temperature
- **OR** new, continuous cough (**usually dry, with no mucus or phlegm produced**)
- **OR** loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Reminder about collection and drop off times

Please ensure you stick to the times for dropping off and collecting your child, unless you have pre-arranged a different time with your child's class teacher. Below is a reminder of these times. We are encouraging you to leave your children at the gate, if they are able to do this, at drop off time in the morning.

Class Year Group	Entrance/Exit	Arrival Time	Collection Time
Beech Class Foundation	Main Playground Gate	9:00am – 9:05am	3:15pm – 3:20pm
Willow Class Year 1	Main Playground Gate	8:45am – 8:50am	3:05pm – 3:10pm
Oak Class Year 2	Main Playground Gate	8:55am – 9:00am	3:10pm – 3:15pm
Cherry Class Year 3	Front Door	8:55am – 9:00am	3:20pm – 3:25pm
Maple Class Year 4	Front Door	8:45am – 8:50am	3:10pm – 3:15pm
Chestnut Class Year 5	Town Lane - am Front playground - pm	8:45am – 8:50am	3:10pm – 3:15pm
Ash Class Year 6	Town Lane – am Front playground - pm	8:55am – 9:00am	3:20pm – 3:25pm

Uniform

Please can you ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school each day. With the exception of PE days children should be wearing school shoes rather than trainers. If children are cold in class then we ask that they bring in a sweatshirt that is in addition to their green jumper rather than instead of.

Secondary School applications – deadline 31st October

Parents of children in Year 6 will be thinking about the schools they will be sending their children to in September 2021. Any families that still need to apply need to do so **before 31st October**. The easiest way to apply is online by visiting www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline If you are unable to apply online, then you can contact the admissions customer service team on 0345 155 1019.

Many schools are not able to undertake the normal tours so are putting all the information onto their websites - please take some time to explore the websites to enable you to get a feel of each school. Any information we receive from local secondary schools will be emailed out to you.

Parking

Please can we ask that you do not park between the white house opposite the school and the white line. I am noticing it is a hazard for children crossing and despite putting traffic cones out to ease the situation, some parents are ignoring this and parking in front of the cones, particularly at drop off time. We have contacted the local council to ask them to make this an official no parking zone for safety reasons.

School Photos

The Tempest photographer is booked to be in school on Friday 6th November for individual photos. There will be the opportunity for siblings in different year groups within school to be photographed together, however, we are unable to invite additional siblings in to school at this time.

Lost Property

We have looked through the lost property box this week and returned any named clothing to children. However, there are still lots of items that are not named. Please can you ensure that you name all your children's clothing otherwise it makes it very difficult to return. We have some coats, shoes, salopettes, a lovely dinosaur bag, football boots, an umbrella...just naming a few items, along with 40 jumpers or cardigans – *all without names*. If you think your child has lost something please ask them to go to the lost property box to claim their items.

Norse Vacancies – Woodbury C of E Primary School

Caretaker

Devon Norse are currently looking to recruit a **Caretaker** to join the team based at Woodbury Primary School. As Caretaker of the facility, it will be your responsibility to ensure the site is kept clean secure and maintained; undertaking a number of cleaning and repair duties as required. The position is for 10 hours per week, 52 weeks per year, Monday – Friday between 07:00 AM - 09:00 AM, at an hourly rate of £10.01.

Cleaner

Devon Norse are currently also looking to recruit a Cleaner to join the team based at Woodbury Primary School. This position is a part time role offering 10 hours per week over 41 weeks between 16:00 PM - 18:00 PM, Monday – Friday, at an hourly rate of £8.72. In this role, you will be part of a team responsible for maintaining the agreed hygiene and cleaning standard around the site. You will be expected to undertake routine and un-planned cleaning as required locally by the client and will have access to a full range of products and equipment to carry out your duties.

If you are interested in either of these positions please contact the Area manager, Roger Cox at Roger.cox@ncsgrp.co.uk, 07825 546338.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Gillian Pyle
Head of School

“Learning to live life in all its fullness”

PTFA NEWSFLASH!

A huge thank you to everyone who came to our first PTFA zoom meeting of the year! It was great to see everyone and to hear the children's inspiring ideas through Miss Pyle and her own vision for the School this year. A strong focus for this term is to get started with keeping animals. We are working with the School Council to develop ideas on the best animals that we can have in school and we need to get fund raising in order to help with these projects.

We are proud to announce:

Animal themed non uniform day - Friday 16th October. Bring £1 and come in anything from full tiger outfit to cat ears.

School uniform sales can begin! We have sorted the uniform in to age groups. It is now off of the school site and available to buy from any of the PTFA members. Please email us at ptfawoodburyschool@yahoo.com to put in an order with details of what you need and age - we can then arrange collection.

The Woodbury PTFA are launching a 100 Club to start in November 2020! The 100 Club is a simple, effective way for us to raise money and even more so in the current situation, where we have had to rethink ways in which to raise much needed funds, due to restrictions and cancellation of planned events. This is not to say we are not trying and can only do so with your help and support!

The 100 club is open to staff, families and friends of the school and can cost as little as £12 per year to join; entitling you to one draw number which would be entered into twelve monthly draws.

- The draw takes place every month (November to August with 2 added bonus draws.)
- You can subscribe to more than one number!
- 50% of monies raised from the 100 Club will be placed in the PTFA funds and 50% raised will be used towards the prize fund.

This means that if we are able to fill all the numbers from 1 to 100, we would make £600 to go straight to our school! These funds will help to buy equipment and provide exciting learning experiences which benefit our children directly. Please help us to make school fundraising easy, we can't promise to make you a millionaire, but the odds are certainly better than the lottery!

To join the 100 Club you just need to email your full name and number to the PTFA at: ptfawoodburyschool@yahoo.com with payment made by BACS to the following account details (using your full name as a reference):

Woodbury School PTFA

Lloyds Bank Sort code 30-93-14

Account No. 01144009

You can enter as many times as you wish and each entry will qualify for the monthly and bonus draws. For any queries, please contact us at the above email address.

Next PTFA meeting: Tuesday 3rd Nov 8pm via zoom. Let us know if you'd like to come.

Keep a look out we have more ideas to come next half term.

Thanks for all your support. Happy weekend from all of the PTFA