



Woodbury C of E  
Primary School

# Newsletter



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## VALUE

Our Value focus for this half term is **Courage**, which is very pertinent in these times of global pandemic. The children will be learning how key characters in the Bible have shown great courage and have been strengthened by their faith and belief in God.

***"Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it."***

**Mark Twain**

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

The year 6 children have been delighted to return and have enjoyed their days in school. It was lovely to see how pleased they were to be back and it has reminded us what an exemplary year group they are. We are so pleased we are able to see them for a few weeks before they leave to go to secondary school.

## School Uniform

Proserve, our school uniform suppliers have been in contact explaining some changes to selling school uniform. Please see our website for full details.

## Free School Meals

Did you know you may be able to help our school with additional funding? 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. Please apply if you are currently in receipt of, or 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 many families that now fall into one or more of these categories and are entitled to financial support.

## UPDATES

### School and Class Blogs

These are on the Website for you to view at the end of each week.

### Proserve

Website updated under Our School - Uniform - with latest information of how to buy.

### Free School Meals

Don't forget to register using the online portal - see further information in this newsletter and on our website.

### Devon Virtual Games

See your child's Google Classroom page for more details of how to take part.

### Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to this, we are currently looking at all the responses and will feedback on the next newsletter. There is still time to complete the survey, please see the link attached or on your child's Google Classroom page.

### Transition

We are currently planning out which year groups the teachers will be in for September. We hope to be able to finalise this with you next week.

You apply via a portal, which can be easily accessed via <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals>.

You will also benefit by having a weekly food voucher, from a supermarket of your choice during the COVID-19 outbreak, this will be continuing over the summer holidays.

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

### **Devon Virtual School Games - Woodbury Winners!**

During the summer term, each year, schools from across the county come together to compete in different events at the Devon School Games. This year, due to the lockdown the event could not take place as usual. However, East Devon Schools have worked together with Active Devon to create a virtual alternative, open to all pupils in East Devon schools. The Devon Virtual School Games is made up of a range of different sporting activities that can be completed at home. The first event from the Virtual School Games closed on 14th June. It was the 'Walk, Jog, Run Challenge', and as the name suggests, children were asked to either walk, jog, or run accumulating distances over a 4-week period. We are delighted that six children from Woodbury School entered the challenge - a huge well done to **Caspar**, who achieved a bronze medal for completing 20 miles, and to **Jonty, Florence F, Finlay C, Max C and Finlay W**, who all achieved gold medals for completing 40 miles.

If you would like more details and instructions on how to enter the next round of competitions, then please check the PE section of your child's Google Classroom.

### **Forest School Plea**

We have started up forest school sessions this half term and these will be continuing in the autumn term. We are in need of a few items: empty match boxes, water pistols, bailer twine or kindling, if you have any of these items we would really appreciate it if you could drop them into school.

### **Website Updates**

Here are this week's helpful links and new resources added to our school website:-

#### **PE & Keeping Active at home:**

KS 1 & 2 Primary Sports Home Learning Packs week 8  
Activities at Home dated 15<sup>th</sup> June and 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
National School's Sports Week – challenges/activities all sports  
Including NSSW Netball challenge

#### **Mental Health and Wellbeing**

Mentally Healthy Schools – from the Anna Freud Centre for families  
Duchess of Cambridge's Kindness Assembly  
Collective Worship KS2 – David and Goliath

#### **News (June) - Government advice for Parents -Community Links**

NHS Advice – on best way to wash your hands  
Devon County Council Bulletin 17<sup>th</sup> June  
Online Parenting Courses available – Solihull approach  
RNLI link – Beach Safety Campaign  
DCC Community Scam Awareness week and Domestic Abuse Toolkit

As always, if you are in need of any help or advice please do not hesitate to get in contact. Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

**Gillian Pyle**  
**Head of School**

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