



Woodbury C of E
Primary School

Newsletter



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VALUE

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

For God loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Please see our website about ideas of what you can do at home to support with this theme [Welcome to Woodbury C of E Primary School](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Holding – Assistant Headteacher

Mr Holding will sadly be leaving us at May half term as he has been offered a new leadership opportunity as Head of School, at Thorverton Primary School. He has been an outstanding member of the Woodbury Team and the staff, children and parents will miss him greatly. I would like to thank him for the guidance and support he has given the school and would like to personally wish him the very best for the future in his exciting new venture. Please see the attached letter from Mrs Sian Lane, Executive Head teacher.

Tree of Hopes

We have been inspired by the book Called 'The Book of Hopes' – Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain, that was written last year and would like to build our own 'Tree of Hopes' in school. We would love for the children at home to become involved by adding what their hopes and dreams might be for the future – whether this is the immediate future when we can get back to normal or wishes and hopes for when the children are older. In the front entrance foyer you will find some leaves for you to collect for your child to write or draw what these hopes and dreams might look like to them, there is also a template that you can use attached with this newsletter, and teachers will put this onto their Google Classroom as well.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week it is children's mental health week – please make use of the resources we have on our website:

https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/web/mental_health_and_wellbeing

Each class next week will be starting off one of the daily registration times with a mindfulness activity. Wellbeing continues to be of utmost importance and activities to promote the children's wellbeing are posted on each Google Classroom page. Please ensure you let us know if you are concerned about your child's well-being.

Updates/Reminders

Attendance – please ensure you contact the school if your child will not be attending lessons/school due to illness or internet issues

Forest School – Oak 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/>

Free school Meals- please let us know if your circumstances change and your child becomes eligible for FSM

Spring Half Term
15th - 19th February 2021

End of Spring term
1st April 2021

Summer Term
20th April – 28th May
7th June – 22nd July

To co-inside with children's Mental Health Week, we have received this opportunity for the children to take part in, please see the link for more information. <https://www.fivewaysdevon.uk/2021project>

RSPB

This weekend it is the annual 'Big Garden Birdwatch', please see this link [Big Garden Birdwatch | Join the fun - The RSPB](#) This link is full of ideas about how you and your family can take part, along with photos, footage, quizzes, facts and questions. We are busy working on our garden areas in school and developing them into bird and wildlife friendly spaces. Next week the children in school will be undertaking their own bird watch in our school areas.

Staff Lateral Flow Testing

This week we have introduced twice weekly lateral flow testing for staff in school, as advised by the government. It is possible that this could cause bubble closures if a member of staff tests positive for COVID. If this happens and your child's teacher is well, then learning will continue via Google Classroom, with teachers teaching from home, rather than in school. Please refer to our home school agreement within the COVID section of our website, also here you will find copy of the latest guidance about remote education and our updated COVID Risk Assessment: https://www.woodbury.devon.sch.uk/web/helpful_information/537737

Parent Forum

This week we held our Parent Forum Meeting– thank you to those who took the time to let your parent representatives know how things are going with the online learning at home. We welcome your feedback and thank you so much for the positive comments and development points that have been raised. We would welcome further feedback via this online questionnaire, please take a moment to complete this. Each questionnaire will be looked at as your views are very important to us. Please ensure you contact your child's class teacher; Mr Holding or myself if you have any concerns.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1rgNBAeeKkCR5WRfaQhnyLog2QwOEOhMtrJMg-dVBSRUME9GOVVCTIUxU0pDQjY0WEdGODFRMFJKUS4u>

Nightingale Hospital

Thank you for the lovely rainbow pictures you have sent in. We have given many to The Nightingale Hospital and have displayed the rest around the school. If you have yet to hand in your child's picture please pass them in next week.

Critical Worker Children - Attendance at School

Reminder, if you are a key worker please only book a space for your child on the days you work AND if you do not have anyone at home who can help. By reducing the number of children in school we will be supporting our community with infection control and therefore getting back to normal life that we all know and love. Please contact Jackie Doyle via admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk if you need to change/update days.

Website Updates:

Home Learning: History	BBC History for Kids
COVID-19:	Lockdown Video COVID Risk Assessment Providing Remote Education Information Daily prayers – re-established this week
SEND	Coronavirus and Lockdown support and resources

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
Gillian Pyle,
Head of School

"Learning to live life in all its fullness"

PTFA Newsflash

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the PTFA and the School, your efforts are very much appreciated.

A huge thank you to Liam Rutland our local tree surgeon for donating much needed wood chippings for the outside spaces.

Also, big thank you to Cathy Lane of Devonshire Lavenders and Herbs who has donated a beautiful array of bulbs and plants and Lavenders to come, for the children's nature garden and outside spaces. The children will be starting to plant these very soon, the plants will be perfect for the children to enjoy and encouraging wildlife into the gardens.

A special thank you to Ruth Driesen PTFA co chair for her tireless efforts and enthusiasm in fund raising and helping to improve the School environment for the children. Ruth has collected an enormous amount of support and resources for the School and it is very much appreciated by us all.

Happy Weekend