



Woodbury C of E  
Primary School

# Newsletter



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## VALUE

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

'We love because he first loved us'

1 John 4:19

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope that you have all had a good week and are managing work, home schooling and all the other pressures that might arise at the moment. It has been lovely catching up with the teachers this week about the super learning that is taking place at home, thank you for the huge effort you are putting in with supporting the children with this.

### Clothing in School

Due to government guidance, we are ensuring the classrooms are well ventilated by having windows and doors open. Although we do have the heating on the children may be getting cold. Therefore, until the weather warms up, the children can come to school in their own clothes. Please ensure that these are warm items and layers may be best, likewise, children can still come dressed in their school uniform as well. If children want to wear shorts then I suggest they wear their school uniform.

### Critical Worker Children - Attendance at School

We have a much higher than national average number of children in school during this lockdown, please ensure you only send your child to school if it is absolutely necessary. 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 more quickly. Thank you.

### School Census

Next week, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, is a School Census day. This Census is especially important as the numbers of children on our roll determines the funding we receive for the forthcoming year. If your child/ren are in reception, year 1 or year 2, it will be a great help if they are able to have a school lunch on this day, as it is the school meals uptake that Government base their information on.

## Updates/Reminders

**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/>

**Parking** - please be mindful of local residents when dropping off and collecting children from school

**Spring Half Term**  
15<sup>th</sup> - 19th February 2021

**End of Spring term**  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Summer Term**  
20<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> May  
7<sup>th</sup> June – 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **Free School Meals**

Are you able to help the school attract precious additional funding? Do you qualify for free school meals? Please read the letter being sent out with this newsletter to find out more. It costs nothing to apply, and you don't even have to take the free school meals up if you find out you qualify, but by registering, the school gets the funding.

### **Parent Forum**

Our next parent forum meeting is booked for 26<sup>th</sup> January. At the meeting we plan to discuss how learning is going at home and any suggestions of further support the school can offer. If you would like to pose a question or raise a point please can you contact either [admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk) or contact one of our parent forum members below:

- Jo Carter (children in Beech and Oak)
- Gail Booker-Tyas (children in Beech, Maple and Chestnut)
- Sally Willox (child in Maple)
- Suzie Cowley (child in Chestnut)

If you would like to be part of our parent forum group, please let us know via [admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk) and we can add you the scheduled TEAMS invite. Information about the parent forum can be found under the parent's section of the school website.

### **Firewood**

One of the biggest expenses we have with our forest school is firewood. If you have any prepared small logs, kindling or know of someone who might be able to help with this please let us know. Likewise, we are in need of some more pallets, if you can help with this and deliver them to the school that would be appreciated.

### **Website Updates:**

**News:** Devon County Council Bulletin

#### **Learning at Home:**

Geography -World Explorers KS1 & KS2

SEND – Helpful videos for SEND & Challenging Behaviour

Reading- National Literacy Trust, virtual school library

Forest School-Home learning Lessons

**Mental Health & Well-being:** Mindfulness

Worry & Anxiety

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Gillian Pyle  
Head of School

## **PTFA NEWSFLASH**

Firstly, many many thanks to everyone who contributed to our fantastic **Christmas raffle**, both buying tickets and the generosity of those who gave prizes. It was the most fabulous effort and between us we raised a magnificent total of **£869**. This will allow the children to continue to develop their outside spaces and add to and maintain their growing ark of animals.

We were also given **£40** from Ollie Thomas' generous Christmas tree donations so thank you him and all who purchased Christmas trees through him.

Please, please keep using **amazon smile** and **easy fund-raising websites** to earn the PTFA money when you're buying online.

### **January lucky 100 club winners:**

1st prize Gail Booker-Tyas

2nd prize Ellie Richards

3rd prize Sally Willox

We're still very much here as a PTFA and will continue find ways of raising money to support the children at School, so keep your eyes peeled for new adventures coming up when possible.