



# Woodbury C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope this newsletter finds you, your families and friends well and that you have had a good couple of weeks. The weather has been glorious so I hope you have managed to enjoy the sunshine by spending some time relaxing in your garden or during your daily exercise.

## Google Classroom

Before the Easter break, I mentioned that we were working on a different way of communicating home learning with you. Over the last two weeks we have spent some time setting up Google Classroom. Teachers will use Google Classroom to send announcements to classes, share resources, PowerPoints and set all home learning. Pupils can use it to access the learning and activities that have been set and submit their learning to their class teacher. It is a free resource that can be accessed from any device connected to the internet - laptops, desktop computers, chrome books, tablets or mobile phones. In the coming weeks teachers will be spending some time each day responding and marking learning that is sent in. We do not expect children to send all of their learning each day but teachers would like to receive some aspect of learning each week from all children in their class.

Further details about setting yourself/your child up with Google Classroom has been emailed out accompanying this newsletter. Please try to set yourself up with this in readiness for receiving home learning on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, however for the first few days we will still email out learning in case any of you have any glitches. If you struggle to set Google Classroom up, please let us know by email and we will get in contact.

On our website we have made some changes to try to make access to resources easier to find, on the home page under the **News** section there are two Months – March and April. Here you will find letters, government announcements, the Executive Head Teachers blog, links to the community and our daily prayer. Also, on the home page we have added three tabs – **Learning at Home** this is where you will find information about setting up Google Classroom along with links to websites that we think could be helpful to do any additional learning at home if you so wish. There is also a **PE and Keeping Active** tab and a **Mental Health Well Being** tab.

If you would like a new work book or to change reading books please email the office and we will get back to you.

## Well Being and Physical Activity

Well-being is always of paramount importance to us and especially so during these unprecedented times, with the safety and happiness of all your children in the forefront of our minds. We have spent some time adding links about well-being to our website over Easter, please have a look as there are some lovely ideas and activities that you can do with the children.

Miss Hogan has also been busy finding ELSA support activities and these will be put on the website also.

Likewise, you'll see a PE and Being Physically Active Tab that has been added, again please take a look at the ideas and try to incorporate these into your day.

If you have any concerns about your child's well-being, whether it is sleeplessness, anxiety about the Coronavirus, or not coping with the changes in routines or you are just in need of some advice or support, please do not hesitate to email the office and we will get back to you promptly.

### **Child Care Over the Easter Holiday**

We have been open for a handful of children over the Easter break, the children have had fun being outside in the forest school area, spiritual garden and undertaking art and craft activities. If you have walked past the school you may well have seen a developing transformation of the main window in Castle Lane, we are turning this into a wonderful art scene to reach out to yourselves and the community. As you see it develop, your child may wish to make something at home to add to the display – just pop it through the front door and the next day you'll see it appear in the window!

### **Continued Child Care for Children of Critical workers - Registered parents only**

We remain open for children of critical workers if you have not yet done so, please email [admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk) to let us know when you require child care. If possible, we would like to know by midday of each Wednesday your requirements for the following week so planning for staff can be put into place. However, we are aware that shift patterns change and so can be flexible.

Until further notice, the breakfast and after school club continues to be closed, however we will be able to provide some before and after school care so it is important that you include the following information when requesting a place for your child at school.

1. **Name** of child and their **class**
2. The **days** and **times** you require child care

We will be in touch by email to let you know if we can offer the days and times you require.

If your child is coming into school please can you send them in with their reading books and reading record along with their Maths No Problem book and the work book they are using at home.

Children do not need to wear school uniform whilst we are partially open, but please ensure that they come to school in sensible footwear, such as trainers and that they bring a coat, hat and, if this warm weather continues, sun cream. We will not be able to provide school lunches so please can children bring a packed lunch. a drink and a snack.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Easter weekend and to thank you for your ongoing support during this difficult time.

With Best Wishes,  
Gillian Pyle (Head of School)