



Woodbury C of E
Primary School

Newsletter



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VALUE

Our value focus for this half term is **Trust**. We want to invite you to reflect upon how we trust in each other as a family and a community. And most importantly, how we can always trust in God to support us through both the joyful and challenging times in our lives.

*But those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.*

Isaiah 40:31

On our website under the 'Our School' tab follow the link to 'vision and values', here you can find some activities that link to this value.

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well another week has passed in these unprecedented times and unfortunately the weather has turned and although the rain will be welcomed by the farmers and gardeners, it is making it more difficult for those who are at home all day. Still, many are making the best of things and I have seen lots of you out and about dressed up in waterproofs and wellies, getting some fresh air and daily exercise. In school we have managed to dodge the rain clouds and have some time outside too.

Learning at Home

This week the teachers have continued to set learning via Google Classroom and we are frequently reviewing how this is being done to enable us to support you in the best way we can. If you are having difficulty accessing this please let us now via admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk. The teachers are enjoying looking at the learning and activities that are being sent in and it is great to see the older children continue to communicate through the chat function. If you have any questions about the learning you can also communicate via the email link to the class teacher who will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

From next week, we are introducing 'Feel Good Fun Friday' where the children can choose from a range of activities that will be on Google Classroom, such as making a den, having a karaoke session, designing a mini-beast hotel or learning some yoga – these days have been introduced to support the children's well-being during this difficult time. If your child wants to continue with other learning activities on a Friday, then there are lots of options that the children can access via our website or through extension activities set by the class teacher. Children may also have learning that they can complete from the week.

We have been sent a lovely resource, that has been made available on the Google Classroom, called 'My 2020 COVID-19 Time Capsule' it is a super activity for children to complete with ideas of adding photos and memories from this time. If you would like a copy of this we have put some in the foyer and you are welcome to collect one.

If children in KS2 would like to change their reading books, please come to school during normal opening hours and they will be let into school to exchange their books.

Website updates

This week we have added to our website:

PE & Keeping Active at home:	Boogie Beebies (BBC) – Foundation stage This is PE – supporting parents teaching PE at Home KS1/KS2 Primary Sports Home Learning Pack week 5
Learning at Home:	Outdoor Classroom Day – Lesson ideas for outdoors CBeebies – Help your child with Maths (KS1/Foundation) Top Marks – Maths (all stages) Time Capsule Booklet (activity) The Book of Hope (NLT) – short stories The World of David Walliams – Audible books
SEND	HelpKidzLearn – Multi sensory games and activities Children and Family Health – SEND support link
Mental Health & Wellbeing:	Heads Up Activities – Mindfulness & My Calm Wheel Children’s Guide to Coronavirus The Child Bereavement Network
ELSA	- Things to look forward to Jar - Positivity Jar - Poster 10 Strategies to help an anxious child
Government Advice:	Online learning platform to boost workplace skills (adults) GOV.UK – stay at home guidance (updated)
News – May - Community links:	Children and Family Health Devon – Funding & Money Matters Exmouth Community Larder information Devon County Council Bulletin
News – April	School Blog – week ending 24 th April
News – May	School Blog – week ending 1 st May Home Learning Blog - week ending 1 st May

Devon Libraries

If the children are already members of Devon Libraries they can access eBooks for free using their library card and PIN. If they are not sure of their PIN number they can email at topsham.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk. If they don't have a library card they can join for free online and make a temporary library account with an account number and PIN number (which can be converted to a physical card when we re-open) to access these resources on the Devon Libraries website the address is: <https://www.devonlibraries.org.uk/web/arena/join-thelibrary>. If people look on the overdrive link <https://librariesunlimited.overdrive.com/> they will be able to see what is available. The library currently has 1177 eBook titles.

Blog

We have updated the 'School Blog' with photos of the week and a short diary about what the children have been doing. Along with the learning set by the teachers, the children have also been following the theme of Animal Kingdom, undertaking art and craft linked to this theme. The spring window display has been updated with origami animals, rainbows and paintings/chalking of animals. If you would like to add anything to our spring display please pop it through the letter box.

We have also started a 'Learning at Home Blog', where each week some photos of activities/learning from the children sent to the class teachers will be displayed. You'll find both blogs under the News tab – May.

Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed because of the COVID-19 outbreak there are some support links on our website under the News - May - Community links section of the website.

If your child is now eligible for Free School Meals please contact the Free School Meals Team on <https://www.devon.gov.uk/supportforschools/services-and-contacts/free-school-meals>

Maths No Problem Books

We have put the new Maths No Problem work books in the foyer, but it seems that some have gone missing from the Year 3 section – 3B – we do not have enough for all the children in the class. If you have accidentally picked up too many books or the wrong year group please can you return them, thank you.

To support with your child's well-being this week the class teachers have started to ring home to speak to the children and they have enjoyed hearing what they have been up to and how they are getting on with the learning that has been set. If you have not had a phone call yet, then I'm sure your child's class teacher will be in contact soon. As always your child's mental health and well-being is paramount to us, please get in contact with the school via admin@woodbury.devon.sch.uk or tel. 01395 232614 if you have any concerns or are in need of any other advice or support. You can also contact your child's class teacher through Google Classroom, we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Gillian Pyle
Head of School

"Learning to live life in all its fullness"