



Woodbury C of E
Primary School

Newsletter

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VALUE

Our Value for this half term is Forgiveness

'Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.'

Matthew 18:21-22

Dear Parents/Carers

Music and Singing Concert

We were all treated to another fantastic Singing Concert this week, in which children from Foundation to Year 6 delighted us with their musical talents: from singing and dancing to playing the steel drums. The enjoyment experienced by the children when they sang was clear from their smiles and they relished the opportunity to perform in front of such large and appreciative audiences.

World Book Day

Children across the school enjoyed a day devoted to the love of books and reading, on this year's World Book Day. Children participated in a range of activities throughout the day, from making spider sandwiches, to acting in their own trailer for The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, to crafting their own books, and entering a competition organised by our Year 6 Librarians. The children's costumes were brilliant and so creative; they certainly prompted lots of discussion around the books, their chosen characters were from. Our World Book Day at Woodbury culminated in a used book sale, in which thanks to everyone's generous donations, we managed to raise £50, which will be put towards developing our cosy library.

Quicksticks Hockey Final

Niah, Evie, Florence, Daisy, Frankie, Jonah and Henry represented the school at the East Devon Quicksticks Finals at Kings School on Thursday. The children performed brilliantly showing real determination to battle against some very cold weather and some talented opposition. The children did really well to qualify from their group but narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals.

Achievement out of School

It has been brought to my attention that some children in the school have been demonstrating our School Values out of school through sport. Well done to Florence in year 5 and Jonah in year 4 for representing Exe Hockey Club as part of the Devon Championships last weekend. Also well done to Ellis in year 3 who ran in a 10K race in Plymouth. Finlay in year 3 is also very proud to be chosen to attend training within the Football South West Performance Association.

EVENTS / REMINDERS

- **WILLOW CLASS ASSEMBLY**
Wednesday 11th March
9.10am in the school hall.
Parents and Carers are invited to attend.
- **GIRLS YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL COMPETITION**
Rescheduled for Wednesday 11th March between 4.00-5.15pm at Woodbury School.
- **SPORTS RELIEF MILE**
Friday 13th March. Children to wear sportswear and bring £1.
- **TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL – Years 5 & 6**
Monday 16th March 3.30-5.00 at Exmouth Community College.
- **PARENTS MEETINGS**
To be held the week commencing 16th March. Book appointments through e-schools
- **ART WEEK**
Week commencing 16th March. Children need to bring old shirt to wear this week. Year 2 visiting Pinhoe School on Wednesday morning.
- **ART TRAIL**
Friday 20th March at 3.15pm-4.00pm. Parents welcome to view our gallery of art work and buy their child's canvass.
- **FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER – Mrs Dean**
Drop in sessions available on Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings. Please book through reception.

Coronavirus latest from Department of Education

Department for Education have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687 or email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes – also help in delaying the peak of the infection.

We will keep you informed, as and when, we get any advice or updates

Sport Relief

On Friday 13th March we will be celebrating Sport Relief by getting the whole school moving and having fun together whilst raising money to change lives across the UK and around the world. We are asking for the children to come to school dressed in 'sports clothes', bring a £1 (or more if you wish). Each class will be running/walking/hopping or jumping for 1 mile.

Arts Week

We are excited to share that we are having an 'Arts Week', in collaboration with Pinhoe C of E School, starting Monday 16th March. During this week, the children will be looking at the work of a range of artists who have depicted the theme of 'Peace and Unity'. Every child will be creating their own canvas inspired by a specific work of art and carrying out other creative 'arts' activities. Year 2 will be visiting Pinhoe School, on the Wednesday morning, to work collaboratively to create a mural based on the work of Kandinsky. Year 4 will be carrying out a parallel project at Woodbury School, accompanied by the year 4 children from Pinhoe. Can each child please bring an old, named shirt to school, that week, to use as a painting shirt. Also, we would be very grateful for any old, 'appropriate for school' newspapers or magazines that we can use to cover tables.

On the Friday (20th), from 3.15 until 4.00, we would like to invite you to visit our '**Art Trail**'. Each classroom will be transformed into a 'gallery' showcasing that class's canvases. We hope that you will explore all the classrooms to admire the children's creations. 'Art Trail' sheets will be available for £1 each. These will explain the learning that each class has engaged in and also contain a fun 'letter orienteering' course for the children to complete. This will involve finding the 'letter' hidden in each classroom and unscrambling these to determine the name of a mystery artist. There will be prizes awarded for 'winning' completed trails, drawn as a raffle, the following week. The children's canvases will be for sale from 3.45pm on the Friday for £3 each. This money will help contribute towards the resource costs incurred running the week. Please talk to your child about their creative learning during this week and come along and support us on the Friday.

Otter Valley Rotary Junior Young Musician Competition

This competition is open for children from Years 2-6 (Primary Schools, private tuition, groups, bands, choirs, soloists: voice or instrument). Musicians can enter and perform 2 contrasting pieces, but 1 is okay. The competition takes place on Tuesday 9th June at 19.00 hrs at St Mary's Church, Ottery St Mary. For more information or if your child would like to take part please contact Jax Ridgeway on 07802227436 (ridgeway1tt@btinternet.com)

Grounds Spring Clean

I would like to say a huge thank you to Iain Stevens for organising the school grounds spring clean last weekend. Thank you also the parent volunteers who supported him with this by either donating their time to help or with resources.

Best wishes,

Gillian Pyle
Head of School

"Learning to live life in all its fullness"