



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

Dear Parents,

## COVID Update

I am pleased to say the number of Covid cases in school have started to decrease this week. Thank you to those who have supported us with this by ensuring your children are taking daily lateral flow tests. We will remain vigilant in the coming weeks and will update you of any changes if needed.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119) rather than a LFD and remain at home at least until the result is known and they are fever free (without medication) for at least 24 hours.

- If negative, the child can end self-isolation and return to school once well.
- If positive, the child should isolate as a positive case (see below)

People who test positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate at home until they are well (48 hours fever free) and *either*:

- 10 full days have passed, *or*
- They have produced two negative LFD tests at least 24 hours apart, with the first taken no earlier than day 5.

Please see our website for any updated information [Latest Guidance](#)

## Breakfast and After School Club

Unfortunately, due to a staff outbreak of Covid, breakfast and after school club will be temporarily closed next week until at least Wednesday. Jenna will keep you all updated as to when it will re-open. Sorry for the inconvenience.

## Inventry Sign in System

We have a new sign in computer system at the school, which has been installed this week. If your child is late, please bring them to the school office to sign them in. You will be asked to input a reason for the lateness and confirm their lunch requirements. A member of the admin team will be on hand to support with this if needed.

## Updates/Reminders

### Woodbury School's Facebook Page–

<https://www.facebook.com/Woodbury-C-of-E-Primary-School-102568645045711/>

**Forest School** – Ash and Cherry Class – Wednesday please come to school suitably dressed and with a change of footwear.

**7<sup>th</sup> February** Toy, book & Cake sale 3.15pm

### Dates:

#### Spring Term 1

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> – Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Spring Half Term

21st Feb - 25th Feb

#### Spring Term 2

28th Feb - 8th April

#### May Bank Holiday

2<sup>nd</sup> May

#### Summer Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> May

#### Summer Term 2

6<sup>th</sup> June – 21<sup>st</sup> July

### **RSPB - Big Garden Bird Watch Weekend**

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is here!

Pick a time over Friday 28 to Sunday 30 January, and watch the birds in your garden, from your balcony, or in your local greenspace for one hour. It doesn't matter what time you do your Big Garden Birdwatch, but you're likely to see more birds if you do it first thing in the morning.

To find out more visit [The Big Garden Birdwatch](#)

### **Save the Children**

Some children in Cherry class (Year 3) are organising a Toy, Book, and Cake sale to raise money for Save the Children. The sale will be straight after school, **3.15pm on Monday 7th February**. If you have and good quality books or working toys that you would like to donate, please can you pass to Mrs Vernon in Ash class (Year 6).

### **NAS 'Free' parent autism training**

Please see the following link that gives you information on free training programmes for parents with autistic children. [Early Bird parent sessions \(autism.org.uk\)](#)

### **Free School Meals and Funding**

Are you eligible for free school meals? Did you know you may be able to help our school with additional funding?

It is not known by many parents and carers, but for every school family that puts in a claim and qualifies for Free School Meals, our school receives additional funding, called **Pupil Premium**. This helps enormously in allowing us to provide additional time and resources to your child's education.

For this reason, we are asking **every** school family, even those that have children who qualify for the Universal Free School Meals Scheme in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2**, to please apply if you are currently in receipt of, or due to a change in your circumstances, are about to claim for any of the following benefits.

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit' Support under Part Vi of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on

### **New starter pupil premium**

The pupil premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

There are 4 elements to pupil premium:

1. Free school meal eligibility
2. service children
3. adopted from care, special guardianship order and residence order
4. children in care

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility (based on the free school meal criteria) will help raise pupil premium money for the school.

### **Do I need to apply for pupil premium? (Based on free school meal criteria)**

You only need to apply if you have a child in reception, year 1 or year 2 and both if the following apply:

- you do not have an existing free school meal claim

- you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits (see [School meals](#) for a list of the qualifying benefits and how to apply).

If you are not sure you qualify for any of the above, please apply anyway as there are lots of families that now fall into one or more of these categories and are entitled to financial support.

If you are not sure how to access this, please call the school office and we will be happy to help you.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Gillian Pyle,

Head of School.

*“Learning to live life in all its fullness”*