

Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

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LETTER FROM DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have continued to be very impressed with how well the children are coming into school, getting used to their new routines and really settling well into their classes. Lots of very smart children in their school uniform and happy, smiling faces around school, enjoying their new curriculum themes.

Phase	Curriculum Theme
EYFS: Nursery	This is me!
EYFS: Reception	Our Community
Key Stage 1: Years 1 & 2	Around Our World
Key Stage 2: Years 3 & 4	Extreme Earth
Key Stage 2: Years 5 & 6	Rule Britannia

The Curriculum Maps are now live on the website if you would like to gain an insight into what your child/ren are learning about this term. Please follow this link to view them: <https://www.woodstock.oxon.sch.uk/page/?title=Curriculum+Maps&pid=23>

Several of the classes have already had their Curriculum Launch Days to introduce the theme of the term, with other classes to follow soon.



There are many exciting visits and workshops planned for the forthcoming term for children across the school. We look forward to sharing these with you when they are fully confirmed with teachers.

Parents Evening & Parent Workshops

Parents evening will continue to be hosted online, on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October 2023, which will be an opportunity to hear from your child's class teacher about how well they have settled into the new school year. We will also be confirming shortly the dates of our English and Maths Workshops where you will be invited into school to hear about the school's approaches to these curriculum areas. It will also be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Info on both will follow soon.

If at any point you need to contact your child's class teacher, please email the school office and this will be passed directly to the teacher. This is the best way to get messages to them, because as you will appreciate, with teaching all day, staff may not be able to pick up emails directed straight to them. We hugely value parental communications, especially if there is a change in collection arrangements, if your child hasn't slept well or anything else you feel is important for the class teacher to know, so that they can best support your child. Of course, if there was anything you needed to speak to the class teacher about in person, they are at the classroom doors at the end of the day, or you can make an appointment with them via the school office on office@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

School Games Gold Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success, again.



We have had many sporting successes in the last academic year and are very much looking forward to what this year brings. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce, and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of Mr McKay and the children has been rewarded.

A special thanks to Mr McKay for continuing to inspire children across the whole school and working tirelessly to develop their love of sport, health, and fitness, whilst also raising the profile of children's mental health and wellbeing. We would like to also thank Mrs Leslie who regularly supports Mr McKay in attending local partnership events. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

New Blue Peter Reading Badge

Some of you may know that Blue Peter have recently launched a new Reading badge which we are promoting in-school. At Woodstock CE Primary School, we love reading! Reading is a key tool for life and is the single most important indicator of future success across all subjects. We place a huge emphasis on this with daily rigorous phonics sessions and our wonderful story times and book talk. No child is left behind and we aim to bring stories and the wonderful experience of being immersed in a text to life! During a school day, pupils are taught the skills of phonics, reading, writing, spelling and speaking and listening. Our aim is to ensure EVERY child leaves our school being able to read. Teaching children to become confident and fluent readers, by developing a lifelong love and passion for reading is a large and exciting part of what we do. Children can access a wealth of reading books and materials – supported by our rich and very well-resourced libraries. Each week, parents and volunteers listen to children read in school and we ensure reading books are carefully matched to ability.

We would like to support the new Blue Peter badge by encouraging as many of our pupils at Woodstock CE Primary School to take part in completing the application online.

To earn this badge, you must:

- Be aged between 5-15 years old.
- Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form, or click the 'get the Book badge' button above, to download the paper application form.
- Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the Privacy Notice and badge attraction terms and conditions.
- Tell us about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.
- Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.
- Let us know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.
- Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.
- If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.



If you receive a Blue Peter Reading Badge, please do bring it to school and we will share it in our end of week Celebration Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Poole'.

Anna Poole
Deputy Headteacher

Safeguarding Children Updates:

What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families



The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

Child Mental Health: click [here](#)

The Safeguarding Network: click [here](#)



Collective Worship Weekly Theme

Week Beginning: 18/9/23		Collective Worship	
Key Idea: My school			
Biblical Link:	Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (NIV)		
Biblical Value:	Faith	<div>Invitation prayer</div> <p>Dear God, Thank you for our school and all the people in it, who care for us, believe in us and love us, Help us to remember that it doesn't matter where we are, we are still a special part of our school, Amen</p>	
Understanding Christianity Theme:	 God		
Worship Song:	Praise Him		

Our World



Let's look at this week's story

More than 100 schools across the UK have been affected by a potentially dangerous concrete used in their construction between the 1950s and the mid-90s. The crisis has left some school staff struggling to find temporary teaching accommodation and forced many pupils to begin their academic year learning online. It's not just schools affected; more than 30 hospitals are also believed to be at risk, according to experts.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



UN Rights of a Child

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education should be free. Secondary and higher education should be available to every child. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible.



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ACCESS TO EDUCATION



British Values

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

There are many different people in school. Each of us is unique and special. I understand and respect that not everyone is the same as me and that we all need to be treated as individuals.

School Uniform

Details of the school uniform can be found on the parent section on the school website. Items are delivered to the school office termly:

Term	Order By	Delivery to school
1	Friday 6th October	Friday 13th October
2	Wednesday 6th December	Wednesday 14th December
3	Tuesday 30th January	Tuesday 6th February
4	Friday 15th March	Friday 22nd March
5	Friday 10th May	Friday 17th May
6	Friday 12th July	Friday 19th July

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Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to keep selling your raffle tickets return any stubs and money to the school office. Thank you.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

SPOT THE ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

PAUSE & THINK BEFORE POSTING

SPREAD POSITIVITY IN YOUR POSTS

GET PERMISSION BEFORE SHARING PICS

CHOOSE STRONG PASSWORDS

PUT ABUSIVE CHATTERS ON MUTE

PROBLEM? TELL A TRUSTED ADULT

REPORT BULLIES THEN BLOCK THEM

REPORT UPSETTING CONTENT

DON'T SHARE PERSONAL INFO WITH STRANGERS

Invite new classmates into chats & games

PUT THE PHONE AWAY AT BREAK TIME

AVOID SCREENS LATE AT NIGHT

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8 ACTIVITIES TO HELP BOOST YOUR RESILIENCE

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Spend time identifying your strengths and how you can use them on a weekly basis



Start engaging in problem solving to help you deal with practical worries you might experience



Identify 3 examples from the past where you have coped well with stress and write down what you did well



Find time and space to write down how you would like to be thinking during times of adversity ("I can do this, I can cope")



Identify helpful behaviours you would like to engage with during times of adversity



Each night write down 3 good things you have achieved from your day



Pick 3 new coping skills you would like to learn over the next month. Identify how you could use them during times of pressure or stress



Keep track of the good things in your life by engaging in a gratitude journal

