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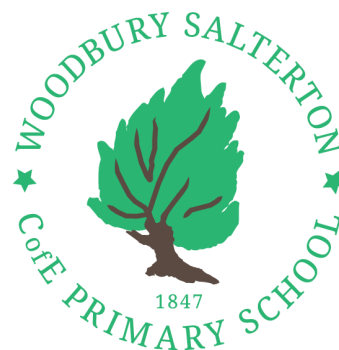
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March Newsletter

Message from the Head of Learning

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all had a restful and peaceful half term.

The last month has been such a lovely and busy month for us in school. We have enjoyed taking part in the NSPCC Number Day, Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week, Wearing Red, White and Blue to celebrate our Queen's 70 years on the throne and our KS1 children took part in a Aesthetics Festival at Exmouth Tennis Centre. We have also been lucky enough to have Rev Bill and the ICE Team visit us to support our collective worship.

We have many more exciting things planned for this half term, so please check the dates for your diary closely.

As ever, we are extremely proud of your children's learning and attitudes to each other and the world around them. We are very lucky to have such a caring and supportive community.

Kind regards,

Mrs Tout

Class One Update

KS1 attended the Aesthetics festival at the tennis centre. They took part in various activities practising their balancing, jumping and movement skills. During the morning the children learnt a short dance and then performed it alongside other schools from the area.





In music, we have been learning about pitch. During continuous provision, some children decided to make their own instruments. We have been thinking particularly about how we can change the pitch on our instruments such as using thinner or thicker elastic bands as strings for a guitar.

In Maths, Year 1 have been exploring numbers to 50 and looking at ways to represent numbers using a variety of manipulatives. We have thought carefully about tens and ones in a number and what numbers are one more and one less. Reception have been learning about composition and ways of making numbers in a variety of ways whilst knowing the number remains the same.

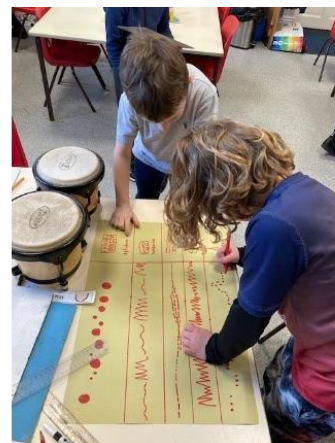
As the weather is getting nicer, we have spent more time outside and have enjoyed playing in the mud kitchen and creating cake and ice cream shops. The children have been writing menus and paying for their cakes using money.



Class Two Update

Class Two have been continuing their theme of Rocks, Relics and Rumbles. We have started learning about Mary Anning and the important work that she did, which we will be writing about as part of our Literacy topic.

Music has been very exciting this term as we have been reading, writing and performing using our own graphic scores. We started by listening to the sounds of a volcano and then experimented by making our own.



As part of our RE unit on Judaism, we have been learning what 'repentance' means and the times that Jewish people ask for forgiveness. We thought of our own 'sorry' messages for something we have said or done and wrote these onto cardboard boats to float away.



We have made our sand carriers in DT and are really excited to try them out now, by helping Class 1 move their sand tray. A lot of thought went into the design of our containers to ensure that they would be strong enough to hold sand, waterproof in case the sand is wet and has a suitable handle attached to make it easy to carry.

In Maths we have started our new topic of Statistics and have been learning how to draw tally marks, draw pictograms and interpret bar charts!



It was Mental Wellbeing week this month so we have been doing extra mental health activities to remind us how to keep our bodies and minds healthy. Some of our activities including sending each other compliments, writing thank you messages and doing some yoga.

PE for Class Two will be on **Tuesdays & Wednesdays this half term**. Please make sure your children come dressed in their PE kits on those days. Thank you.

Class Three update



Class Three have enjoyed designing and making their own pieces of wallpaper in the style of the Victorian artist William Morris. After studying his works of art, the children drew various pictures in his style in order to design a tile for a print that they then used to make a repeating pattern. Some children have started to paint their designs and we are looking forward to creating a gallery of the finished pieces of work.



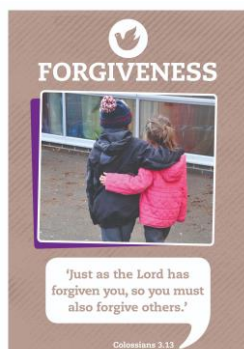
The children have also created some fantastic pieces of art in the style of Andy Goldsworthy whilst at Forest School. It was lovely to watch the children work in small teams to create these natural masterpieces.



During our mental health sessions we have been learning how important it is to have a growth mindset rather than a fixed mindset. We put all this learning into practice during one forest school session where the whole class worked together to solve a problem that involved transporting a ball and then water across the field using only some pieces of guttering. Great fun and lots of learning skills practised!

Thank you to all the families who are continuing to make eco bricks for us. We still need a few more before we can make our chair so please keep filling a plastic bottle with any soft plastics that you have at home rather than putting them into the bin to go to landfill.

Collective Worship



This half term's value is **FORGIVENESS**. During our collective worships we will be exploring what it means to forgive and listening to Bible stories such as The Prodigal Son and The Unforgiving Servant.

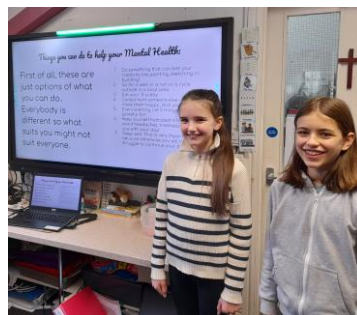
Our words of wisdom from the Bible are:

"Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive others." Colossians 3.13

Mental Health and Wellbeing



It was lovely to see so many activities taking place across the school to mark Children's Mental Health Week. Both Staff and children took the time to talk about the importance of mental health and ways in which we can look after our own well-being. Children in Class 2, worked hard to make compliments for each other.



Whilst the Mental Health Ambassadors and the Ethos Council worked together to produce presentations to share with the rest of the school about the daily strategies we can use to look after our mental health.

Some of the discussions around mental health throughout the week was around anxiety. We discussed the fact that a lot of us go through times when we feel more anxious, especially during times of uncertainty and change. The Young Minds website has lots of ways to support children who may be experiencing anxiety. See link below.



https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/a-z-guide/anxiety/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=february_newsletter_2022

Nursery

Due to our Nursery numbers growing rapidly, we have increased the sessions that we are able to offer and are now open every weekday. Please email/telephone the office to check availability & pick up an application form. Thank you.

Before and After School Provision

We are pleased to have arranged the following after school clubs after February half term (please see letter sent home):

- Monday - Gymnastics Club run by Premier Sport
- Tuesday - Lego Club (run by staff member)
- Wednesday – Handball Club run by Premier Sport

Premier is also running a Breakfast Club in school (called Start Active), please see their website for more details and to book in.

Awards

Each week we give out two awards, LIFE Aims and Stars of the Week. Our LIFE Aims are below, and we give out awards for children who have particularly stood out in any of these aims.



Woodbury Salterton LIFE Aims

We listen to each other.
We try our best and work hard.
We are friendly, kind and helpful.
We keep ourselves and others safe.
We are polite and have good manners.
We inspire each other with our efforts.
We respect our environment and other people.

Our LIFE Aim Award winners this month are:

Class 1 – Noah, Alfie, Herbie & Eva.

Class 2 – Frank, Tabitha, Ellie & Max.

Class 3 – Ella, Brodie, Sienna & Evie.

Star of the Week awards are given for particular achievements, effort given etc, as we like to celebrate when children have done well!



Our Stars of the Week this month are:



Class 1 – Oliver G, Oliver A, Cleo.

Class 2 – Shelby & Arabella.

Class 3 – Joff & Luca.

Well done to you all! For photos, please see our school website.

Subject Focus: SCIENCE AT HOME

Water Walking

You'll need six containers of water: three with clear water, one with red food colouring, one with blue colouring, and one with yellow colouring.

Arrange them in a circle, alternating coloured and clear containers, and make bridges between the containers with folded paper towels.

What happens to the clear water?

What colours can you see?



Scomis Online Safety Newsletter

As you may be aware, Scomis regularly send out Newsletters containing online safety advice for parents. If you would like to look at February's edition, please look at the following link:

<https://system5.newzapp.co.uk/servershare/18375/nz-docs/OLS-Newsletter-for-parents-Feb-2022.pdf>

Dates for your diary

- 3rd March – World Book Day
- **RED NOSE DAY** - £1 donation – please come to school wearing red!
- 10th March – KS2 Dance Festival
- 17th March – Church cake stall (outside school gates)
- 24th March – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country event – more details to follow
- Week beginning 28th March – Parents Evenings – more details to follow



Term Dates 2022-2023

Autumn Term

Non-Pupil Days: Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September 2022

Pupils start : Monday 5th September 2022

Non-Pupil Day: Friday 21st October 2022

Half term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

Last day of term: Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas holiday Monday 19th December 2022 to Monday 2nd January 2023 (+ non pupil day on 3rd January)

Spring term

Non-Pupil Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Pupils start: Wednesday 4th January 2023

Half term: Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Last day of term: Friday 31st March 2023

Easter holiday Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023

Summer term

Pupils start: Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May 2023

Half term: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 5th June 2023

Last day of term: Friday 21st July 2023