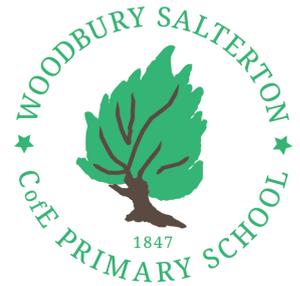




Woodbury Salterton CE Primary School



Every child matters as a child of God

This school continues to be good

We are delighted to have received our draft letter from Ofsted which confirms the school's judgements that we continue to be a good school.

The letter from Ofsted, Mr Baxter, commented on the work the school has done since the last inspection; where we were asked to raise pupils' attainment in writing and to provide more opportunities for them to write across the range of subjects. He commented:

"Your work in this regard is highly effective. Pupils' written work often shows deep levels of thinking and expression, for example, when explaining Darwin's theory of evolution".

Another aspect for development from the previous inspection was to ensure that pupils are set work at the right level of challenge and know what they have to do to improve. Once again, he noted:

"You have addressed these issues effectively for pupils at all levels of ability. When questioned, pupils, including those who find learning more difficult, confidently explained what they were doing and how they were improving their work. Pupils' work in books shows good progress. They respond well to teachers' guidance and spell familiar and more complex words with increasing accuracy".

Next steps for the school

All inspections identify next steps and ensuring that we continue to work with parents in improving pupils' attendance and a continued focus on improving the reading skills of those pupils who lack confidence and find reading difficult are our key areas. We will be sharing more information about this in the near future.

The letter from Ofsted is available from Monday 11th September on the Ofsted website.

Parent Support

As part of the inspection process the inspector took account of 32 responses to the Ofsted online Parent View survey and 32 additional written comments from parents. We greatly appreciated the overwhelmingly positive comments that you made. Thank you for your on-going support. We feel very blessed to have such a supportive parental group at school.



Welcome Back!

It's been wonderful to hear the stories from everyone's summer holidays. It was certainly a wonderful summer break. It's also been great to see everyone settle into their new classes, looking smart in their new uniforms and settling well to learning. As we like to say, 'Look Smart, think smart!'

A warm welcome to all the new children and families starting with us at school. You've all made an excellent start - well done!

Look Smart and Dress Smart

We believe that if children take a pride in their appearance, they will also take pride in their behaviour and in their school work. To help maintain and support the high standards of learning at the school, we would like parents to support us in ensuring that children are dressed in the correct school uniform. Please make sure that socks are either black or white and that shoes/trainers are completely black. Also, don't forget to write your child's name on all items, but especially school jumpers. Thank you!

What Makes Woodbury Salterton CE Primary a Special Place to be?

This half-term's value is **Thankfulness** and the children will be exploring a new acrostic poem.

Thankfulness is...

Thinking of good things

Happy memories

All creation praising God

Not taking anything for granted

Keeping focused on the positive

Feeling blessed

Understanding the sacrifices people make for us

Living joyfully

Not complaining

Expressing gratitude to God

Saying **thank you** to those who help us

Showing gratefulness by our deeds



As a family you may like to talk about:

- Remembering to let other people know when you are thankful
- Practical ways to show gratitude
- How it feels when someone says thank you!
- Think about those who are not as fortunate as us.



THANKFULNESS
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value **THANKFULNESS**. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT THANKFULNESS TOGETHER.

'Count your blessings' is an old saying, but it reminds us to be **thankful** and not take things for granted.

As a family you may like to talk about

- Remembering to let other people know when you are **thankful**
- Not taking things for granted
- Practical ways of showing gratitude
- How it feels when someone **thanks you!**

After school clubs

We are delighted once again to offer a variety of after school clubs. They are as follows:

MONDAY - Multi-sports with Premier Sport led by Mr Lewis

TUESDAY - Beading Club for all years led by Mrs Healey

WEDNESDAY - Doodlebugs for all years led by Mrs Healey

THURSDAY - Gymnastics for all years with Primary Sport Ltd led by Mr Farnham

FRIDAY - Football for all years with Primary Sport Ltd led by Mr Farnham

We have endeavoured to keep the fees minimal to ensure the clubs keep functioning throughout the year. Places are limited but we will do our best to accommodate all that wish to attend. An early response is appreciated.

Look out for the letters going home this week!

Holidays and Avoidable Absence in Term Time

We believe that in order for children to fully benefit from their education, good attendance is crucial. It is the policy of our school to celebrate achievement and full attendance is a critical factor to a productive and successful school career.

As of September 2013, an amendment to the Education Regulations 2006 came into force and greater clarity was introduced to the issue of schools authorising absence requests. These changes reinforced the government's view that every minute of every school day is vital and that pupils should only be granted authorised absence by the school in 'exceptional circumstances'.

A family holiday is not normally considered by the Government to be an 'exceptional circumstance' and therefore will not be authorised by the school. I must take this opportunity to remind you, that should you chose to take your child out of school without the authorisation of the school, then Parental Responsibility Measure could be instigated. This could mean receiving a Penalty Notice.

Unauthorised Absence from School

Schools are also required to notify the Local Authority if a child has a number of unauthorised absences. Unauthorised absences can be acquired when:

- Leave has been requested, but the circumstances are such that the school cannot authorise the leave and it is taken anyway
- Leave is not requested and the school has grounds to believe that the child has been taken out of school for an avoidable reason
- A child continually arrives late after registration closes, i.e. after 9.10am
- A child is ill for 5 or more consecutive days without medical evidence

The school is required to notify the Local Authority in all of the circumstances listed above. We understand the disappointment that the refusal of a leave request may cause and we apologise, but as you can appreciate this policy represents the school's responsibility and commitment towards ensuring your child's education and their future life opportunities.

Attendance - did you know?

Brandon has 90% attendance at school. Sounds pretty good doesn't it?... 90% ATTENDANCE = 1/2 A DAY MISSED EVERY WEEK! 1 school year at 90% = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED! Brandon's learning and achievement will be affected!...

What happens when children miss school?

- They miss lessons and crucial information
- They will fall behind with their work
- They may miss interesting activities that the class does follow up work on
- They may become isolated from their peer group
- They let down their classmates who may be working with them
- The Education Welfare Officer may become involved (90% attendance or less will trigger an enquiry by the EWO)

Why do children need to be in school regularly?

- so that they don't miss any lessons
- to maximise their learning
- to make sure they will be able to do the best they can in assessments
- to learn to socialise with their peers
- because it's the law!



Great role models!

Friendship is a core value at school and it was wonderful to see all the new Class 3 Playtime Buddies spend time with their new buddies from Class 1 today. Smiles all round.

Dates for your diary

When	When	What	Who
11th Sept	3.30-4.30pm	Premier Sports Club starts	All
12th Sept	3.30-4.40pm	Beading Club starts	All
13th Sept	3.30-4.30pm	Doodlebugs starts	All
13th Sept	12.45-	Swimming starts	Year 5/6
14th Sept	3.30-4.30pm	Primary Sport Gymnastics	All
15th Sept	3pm	Celebration Worship in church	All welcome
15th Sept	3.30-4.30pm	Primary Sport Football club	All
18th Sept	11.45am	ICE Assembly	All
22nd Sept	3pm	Celebration Worship in church	All welcome
15th Sept	3pm	Celebration Worship in church	All welcome
29th Sept	3pm	Celebration Worship in church	All welcome
12th Oct	9.15am	Harvest Festival in church	All welcome
23rd Oct		Half term begins	
30th Oct	All day	Non-pupil day	All
7th Nov	1.30pm	School photos	All
20th Nov	11.45am	ICE Assembly	All
7th Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service in church	All
12th Dec	All day	School Panto	All
15th Dec		Last day of autumn term	All

For up-to-date term dates visit the school website: www.woodbury-salterton.devon.sch.uk



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