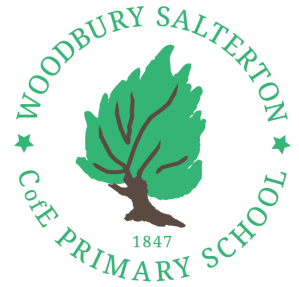




# Woodbury Salterton

## C of E Primary School



### Happy New Year

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas together and would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

### Improved Attendance

It is clear with the number of excellent attendance certificates we had to print before the end of term that everyone is working really hard to increase attendance. Thank you for your hard work in this area. Please keep it up!

### Foundation Stage Unit Opens

We're delighted to be offering places for two, three and four year olds as part of our newly established Foundation Stage Unit (FSU). As a teacher run provision, we're pleased to be able to offer a number of full days for the children and, with our Food for Life meals, the children can also take advantage of a quality hot meal. If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to contact the school to arrange a visit.

Well done to all the children who have started at our FSU. They have made an excellent start to school life at Woodbury Salterton. Everyone has enjoyed meeting you.

### Warm Welcome

We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff - Mrs Sarah Greenham, Mrs Michelle Ely and Mrs Mary Dennis who all join us as Foundation Stage Practitioners. Having worked with all the children at Little Acorns Preschool, they have ensured that the children have made a smooth transition.



*'Official opening' of our FSU*

### School Meals

This term's menu is available from the website and from the school office. We're delighted to be offering a range of four tasty options each day including a packed lunch option. Don't forget, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are eligible to have a lunch for free!

We'd like all Key Stage 1 children to have a school meal on Thursday 19th January. You're welcome to still provide your child with a packed lunch if you feel they will not eat a school dinner, however with a range of choices including meat balls and a school packed lunch, we're sure there'll be something for everyone.

### Redecoration Complete

We're delighted that the final phase of our redecoration in school has been completed and the school is looking fabulous. If you haven't popped in to see the changes please do so.

*Every Child Matters as a Child of God*

# What Makes Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School a Special Place to be?

This term the children will be exploring the value of Courage. Once again, they will be using an acrostic poem to explore the meaning of this value.

**Courage** is...

- C**arrying on when things are difficult
- O**vercoming fear
- U**nderstanding and facing a challenge
- R**isking being out of your comfort zone
- A**lways believing in God's promises
- G**oing for a goal
- E**mpowered by encouragement




Home values sheets, which are available from the website, offer a range of activities which you can explore as a family and support the learning in this area, including this term's Home-School Challenge.

## TALK ABOUT COURAGE TOGETHER...


Being **courageous** can mean different things to different people. For example, one person may think it easy to speak in front of a large audience, whilst another would need to find lots of **courage** to do this. Everyone faces challenges from time to time, and we have to find **courage** to overcome them.

Talk together about:

- The different challenges that each family member faces
- Who or what helps us find **courage**?
- Is there someone that we admire because of the **courage** that they have shown?



### FAMILY FOCUS & HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE




#### Children of Courage

Each year awards are presented to children throughout the country who have shown outstanding bravery and **courage** in overcoming huge challenges in their lives. (Google 'UK children of **courage** awards' to see some examples.)

Design a nomination for a child that you know and believe should be recognised for their **courage**. Remember, there are different kinds of **courage** and different ways of showing bravery.

The nominations will be displayed in the Challenge Gallery at school.



### Example Nomination sheet



Name of child who has shown **courage**

.....

Has shown **courage** by .....

.....

This bravery should be recognised because .....

.....

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*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1.9*

**Confirmation classes** - Rev Karen is running confirmation classes after school on a Monday. These classes will begin in February. If your child is interested, contact her directly at [church@revdkaren.org.uk](mailto:church@revdkaren.org.uk)

Children can be confirmed from 10 years onwards and so it is usually year 6 children. However if you have a younger child who would like to complete the course they can do so and get confirmed at a later date. Alternatively if your child doesn't know anything about what confirmation entails, but fancies finding out more, they are welcome to attend.

## Dates for your diary

When	What	Who	When
24th Jan	Science Taster Day at ECC	Year 6	
9th Feb	PTFA Valentines Disco	All	
10th Feb	Last day before half term		
22nd Feb	Parent Consultations this week	All	

*For up-to-date term dates visit the school website: [www.woodburysalterton.devon.sch.uk](http://www.woodburysalterton.devon.sch.uk)*



### Well done Church Choir!

Well done to the children who have recently joined the church choir.

What wonderful singers and role models you are!



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