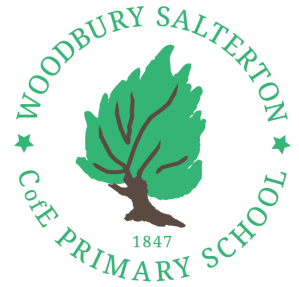




Woodbury Salterton

C of E Primary School



Welcome back!

We're delighted at how well the children have started the term and can't believe that we're already into October!

Positive Feedback

Thank you for your recent feedback from our parent questionnaires. Your feedback is invaluable in identifying what is working well and our next steps. We were delighted that we received such positive feedback from everyone.

Preparing for Ofsted

This week we are working alongside an external school improvement officer, Mr Paul Garvey, getting ready for our Ofsted which is due this term. Mr Paul Garvey will be on the school gates on Thursday 6th October talking to parents.

New Admin structure

We're delighted with how well our new admin team has started this term. Just like in other areas of the federation, such as teaching and learning, we have strengthened our administration team this year following the retirement of Mrs Robson. Consequently we have three new members of staff who work across the week at school.

We have Mrs Rachel Evans who joins the school as Federation Business Manager, Mrs Jackie Robinson who joins the school as Federation Administrator and Health and Safety Co-ordinator and Mrs Sarah Andrews who takes up the role of Clerical Assistant.

Like any new person to a role we are still finding our feet from time to time, however we are sure that this new system will continue to improve.



School Council

Open Day

We're delighted with how improved the school looks after our summer redecoration project. We'd like to invite everyone to come in and see the school in action on Tuesday 18th October 1.30-3.15pm. We hope to see many of you at this event.

Foundation Stage Unit from January 2017

We have officially begun our consultation to lower the age range of our school from four years to two years old from January. As many of you will know, the Little Acorns Preschool is not in a position to operate in January and as a school we have decided to ensure that the village continues to offer nursery places from two years old at school as part of Foundation Stage Unit. Please visit the school website for more information. This is an exciting opportunity for everyone and we will be holding a number of meetings to outline our plans in November.

Before and After School Clubs

We're delighted to offer a comprehensive programme of before and after school clubs this year at school. We recognise that for many parents this is an essential provision as well as an enrichment opportunity. To find out more, visit the school website or school office.

Every Child Matters as a Child of God

Attendance - our target is 97% attendance or more. 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!

School Uniform

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/trainer are completely black. Also, don't forget to write your child's name on all items, but especially school jumpers. Please note, all shoulder length hair needs to be tied back. Thank you!

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 9.20am
- 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.

Primary Sport and Education are providing sport across KS2 on Thursday/Friday each week. This will also include lunchtime and after school provision. Mr Ashworth will be leading this.

Our wider opportunities and music provision will be provided by **Primary Music Education**. Each week we will run a school choir and provide 45mins music support for KS2 classes. This will be led by Mrs Nelmes who is an experienced primary school teacher.



School Choir



Heatree Success

This year's residential to Dartmoor was another huge success. Combining the residential with Littleham CE Primary provided the children with the opportunity to form new friendships whilst making existing friendships in school even stronger.

The children enjoyed a wide range of excellent activities over the three days. Working as a team to find and rescue a pretend casualty from the moor, the Wildness Venture was a great opportunity to develop leadership skills. Raft Building required the children to plan, build and launch their own raft to escape a desert island. Low Adventure and Climbing Tower required bravery and courage in equal measure.

A Great Start!

Our new reception children have been busy bees. They've filled their first four weeks with threading, building, moulding, writing, collaging, playing, drawing, learning and having fun! Well done everyone and to the Year 6 Buddies who have really helped the children make a great start.

PTA Elects New Members

Our PTA had a successful AGM where they elected a new Chair (Louise MacClean), Treasurer (Leanne Kendall) and Secretary (Judy Brown) plus a committee of a further 9 parents at the moment. Their next meeting is 12th October 7pm at the White Horse. Thank you!

They intend to produce a calendar of events and have created a Facebook page which you might find useful. Woodbury Salterton Primary School PTA fundraising events.

Generosity

This term we will be focusing in school on the value Generosity. As part of this value the children will explore another acrostic poem:



Generosity is...

Giving something we value to someone else

Encouraging the best in each other

Never selfish

Enjoying helping others

Raising support for a good cause

Offering what we can

Sharing our time and talents

Inviting someone to join in

Taking care of God's creation for future generations

You first, me last

Home Values

We also hope your family will find these ideas helpful within the home values sheet, available from the website, as you explore the value and have fun together.



Let's Change Lives with Every Slice

This term we are continuing to focus on the value of Generosity and as part of this value the children have been raising money for a good cause. The 'MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning' fundraising event at school was well attended by parents and supporting people affected by cancer. The morning raised over £160 for charity.



Follow us on Facebook at *Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary* for diary dates and interesting posts. Please see our guidelines for use for more information and like us!

News in Brief

Parent Consultations

Class teachers will be holding parent consultant appointments to discuss your child's progress during the week of the 10th October. Appointment slots will be displayed outside each classroom from Friday 7th October. Please make sure you sign up.

Farmwise Trip

Classes 2 and 3 will be visiting Westpoint on Tuesday 11th October to learn all about agriculture, farming and where are food comes from. It promises to be a great day. Please ensure children are wearing school uniform, have coats and a packed lunch.

Harvest Festival

Our school harvest festival will take place on Friday 14th October at 2:30pm in the Church. We are asking children to bring donations of dried/tinned food to this service. All welcome.

Music Half Term Holiday Camp

Woodbury Primary School. Wednesday 26th October 2016 (9am-3pm) See office for further details

After School Clubs

Mon—Film club 3:30-4:30

Tues—Beading club 3:30-4:30

Thurs—Multi-skills sports 3:30-4:30

Fri—Football 3:30-4:30

Family Service in School - Just a reminder to promote family service at WS. Always the third Sunday in the month. Parents will welcome a reminder

Dates for your diary

When	Time	What	Where	Who
10th October	3.30	Film Club	School	All
10th October	12.45pm	Lunchtime Football Club	School	All
10th October	4-6pm	Parent Consultations this week	School	All
10th October	4-6pm	KS2 Football Tournament	Woodbury	KS2
11th October	12.45pm	School Choir	Class 2	All
11th October	All day	Farmwise Event	Westpoint	KS2
11th October	3.30pm	Beading Divas Club	School	All
14th October	2.30pm	Harvest Festival	Church	All
24th October		Half Term Begins		
31st October	All day	Staff Non-pupil Training Day	School	All
7th December	All day	Book Fair in School	School	All
8th December	5.00-6.40pm	PTA Christmas Fayre	School	All
15th December	2.30pm	Christdingle Service	Church	All
18th December	6.30pm	Christmas Service in Church		

