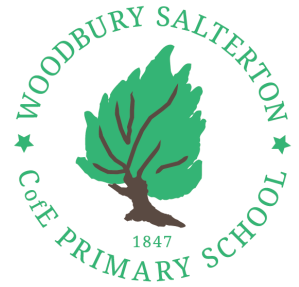


# Woodbury Salterton

## C of E Primary School



### Happy New Year

Firstly, we'd like to wish you all a very happy and successful 2016.

We have another exciting term planned with a wide range of events to ensure that we provide the children with rich learning opportunities both in and out of school. At the start of term, we have endeavoured to provide a wide range of sporting opportunities, including a half marathon, gifted and talented events, swimming gala and more, as well as a science club - *Fizz Pop* - and composting workshops. Next week, we also start with fire safety talks throughout the school!

Our reorganisation of class teachers has started well, with the children making an excellent start to term, settling back quickly into the school routine. Welcome again to Mr Hemming who joins us this week in Class 3.

### Top 100 Performing Schools

We were thrilled to receive a letter from Nick Gibb MP congratulating the school for the very high standard of performance in the 2015 national key stage 2 tests. We are one of only 187 schools nationally to achieve 100% of pupils achieving 4B or above in reading and maths, and level 4 or above in writing! This is a significant achievement and one that we should feel very proud of.

The school has now been in the top performing schools nationally for sustained improvement in level 4 attainment each year from 2012-15.

### Brilliant Basics

We have started this term with a '*Brilliant Basics*' focusing on behaviour, attitudes to others and our learning. We have been talking with the children to make sure these basics are as good as they can be at school. We believe that doing this supports a safe and happy school community of which we can all be extremely proud.

### Look smart, think smart!

We would like to enlist your help in ensuring that our school uniform is part of our *Brilliant Basics* success. Please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform, with long hair tied back and that they have a full PE kit in school everyday. Thank you.

### Gifted and Talented PE Sessions

We are really proud of the range of sporting activities we provide as a small school through our association with Exmouth Area Learning Community and St Luke's partnerships. Already this term, some of our year 5 and 6 children have been taking part in half termly PE sessions led by staff at St Luke's Sport and Science College. These sessions have provided the children with the opportunity to learn more about sports fitness and nutrition.

### School Meals Success

We were very pleased with the feedback from the children about the quality of the school meals. As you know, last term we decided to move away from Devon Norse and have our meals provided directly by the *Food for Life* kitchen at Littleham. With 80% organic vegetables and quality sourced Red Tractor meat, we feel that this has been a real improvement and represents our commitment to provide a high quality nutritional meal at school. Don't forget if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and 2 they are eligible to a free meal each day. Visit the school website for more information and menus.



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Mr Duncan Nelmes  
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14 December 2015

Dear Mr Nelmes,

I am writing to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high standard of performance in the 2015 national key stage 2 tests as published on 10 December.

100% of your pupils gained level 4B or above in reading and maths and level 4 or above in writing. This makes you one of only 187 schools in the country to achieve this level of attainment.

In addition, your school is amongst the 100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement in attainment at level 4 or above in reading, writing and mathematics each year from 2012 – 2015.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to give them a platform for success at secondary school and beyond, and your school has provided this.

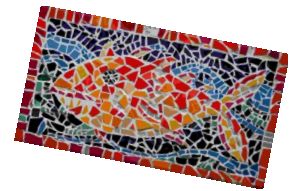
Thank you for your work in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP

## *What makes Woodbury Salterton C of E Primary School a special place to be?*



This term's value is 'Perseverance' where the children will be exploring the value through scripture, song, story and drama. Once again, we will be using an acrostic poem to explore the meaning of this value.

### **Perseverance is....**

**P**ressing on

**E**ager to continue

**R**unning the race

**S**ticking with things

**E**ncouraging each other to keep going

**V**aluing the support of others

**E**yes fixed on the target

**R**eaching a goal over time

**A**iming to complete the task

**N**ot giving up

**C**ommitment to keep going

**E**nding up where you want to be

They will explore encouraging others to keep going, achieving a personal goal, keeping going against the odds and doing the right thing as part of Collective Worship. Once again, we have a home values sheet which you may find useful to use at home.

### **Home Values sheet**

Teachers often say that perseverance is something that many children find difficult. Very little that is really worthwhile in life can be achieved without perseverance. An athlete may train for years before they are ready to compete at the highest level. A musician must practice every day, sometimes for hours at a time, if they are to really master their instrument.

Our home values sheets are an opportunity to explore this value at home together through story, word searches and conversation, and the *Perseverance Family Challenge*.

Please see the website for details.

*"I can do all this through him who gives  
me strength." Philipians 4.13*



### **Home school Challenge**

This term, we'd also like to encourage families to make a mosaic picture (no bigger than A3 – 29x42cm) using small pieces of coloured paper. The subject of your mosaic is up to you. It could be a pattern or a picture. Mosaics are one of the oldest ways to make art. People have been arranging tiny coloured pieces of glass or pottery for thousands of years to create beautiful designs. But the process is time consuming and needs lots of perseverance. It'd be great to see what you can do together!

### **Home Learning Grids**

This term's home learning grids and class letters will go out next week. Our home learning grids provide a choice of activities to apply learning and promote independent choice. Home learning will continue to be a combination of formal exercises to support progress in spelling, phonics, number and calculation; but will also include activities to be completed in collaboration with or supported by family members.

In addition, we have bolstered our grids with web-based resources such as *My Maths* and *Bug Club* to ensure that children remain motivated and engaged.

### **Values certificates go to:**

Darcie – Co-operation and Perseverance  
Isobel – Co-operation and Perseverance  
JJ—Friendship

### **Learners of the week**

Class 1: Oliver for always trying his hardest and continuing his learning at home.  
Class 2: Darcie for super learning in maths, investigating patterns, and for some lovely literacy work on sentence starters.

Class 3: William for showing excellent learning behaviours and being a positive role model to others.

## *Reminders in Brief*

**Staying Safe Sessions** - As part of their commitment to keep all young people in Devon and Somerset safer from fire and other dangers, members of the Fire & Rescue Service will visit our school on Wednesday 13th January to educate our pupils to promote safe practices and highlight the consequences of unsafe behaviour at home, in the school and within the community.

**School Uniform** - Proserve are no longer collecting orders directly from the school or delivering uniform to the school. In future, all uniform orders will need to be placed with and collected from Proserve in Exmouth not via the school office. Order forms can still be obtained from the school office.

**ECFC Half Marathon Challenge** - We are taking part in the 2016 ECFC Children's Half-marathon Challenge and will be organising a weekly school Running Club this term on Thursdays 3:30-4:30pm, led by Miss Hookway from St Luke's Sports and Science College.

The Challenge is to run a mile or so every week from January to April and add up the miles we run until we have reached a total of 11 miles. Running club is open to all Key Stage 2 children, regardless of whether you enter the ECFC half marathon challenge.

**Tapestry and Phonics Workshop** - We would like to invite reception parents to a workshop on Friday 22nd January to outline ways to support your child's learning in phonics and more about our *Tapestry* software.

## *Dates for your diary*

<b>When</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Who</b>
11th Jan	3.30pm	Netball Club starts	school	Yr5/6
13th Jan	10.00am	SEND PE Primary Festival	St Luke's	
13th Jan		Staying Safe Sessions	School	All
13th Jan	3.30pm	ECFC Football Club	School	Yr1-6
14th Jan	3.30pm	Running Club	School	
18th Jan	3.30pm	Netball Club	School	Yr5/6
19th Jan		Virtual Reality Play	School	Yr5/6
20th Jan	11.45am	<i>Fizzpop Science</i> Assembly	School	
20th Jan	1.15pm	Composting Assembly	School	
20th Jan	3.30pm	ECFC Football Club	School	Yr1-6
21st Jan	3.30pm	Running Club	School	
22nd Jan	1.30pm	Swim Gala	Exmouth Pool	Yr5/6
22nd Jan	2.30pm	Phonics/Tapestry Workshop	School	REC parents
25th Jan		ICE Assembly		
25th Jan	3.30pm	Netball Club	School	Yr5/6
27th Jan	3.30pm	ECFC Football Club	School	Yr1-6
28th Jan	3.30pm	Running Club	School	



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