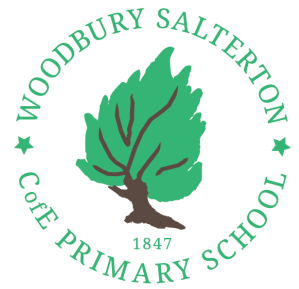


Woodbury Salterton

C of E Primary School



Nativity Service

This year's school nativity service is being held in Holy Trinity Church, Woodbury Salterton on Thursday 10th December which promises to be another special event. The afternoon dress rehearsal starts at 2:30pm. If you are planning to bring children below school age, who may find it hard to sit quietly, please come to this, rather than the evening service.

The evening service starts at 6:30pm. Please bring children to their classes between 6pm and 6:15pm (the school will not be open before this time), before taking your seats in church. Class 1 children will get changed into their costumes at school. The rest of the school are expected to wear school uniform and are invited to wear either a green or red tinsel sash, which can be brought into classes, in a named bag on the day. We look forward to seeing you there!

Christingle Service

Please send your child to school with an orange on Monday 14th December in order to make a Christingle for the afternoon service. (A full size orange please) The service will be led by Reverend Karen Spray and will begin at 2:30pm.

Christmas Gathering

The PTFA Christmas Gathering is being held on Tuesday 8th December starting at 3:20pm with carol singing. Please could parents then collect their children as normal at 3:30pm for all to enjoy the various stalls such as Santa's grotto, refreshments and a raffle. Please bring along your pennies!



Great home learning

Katie and Esme made a fantastic effort in their WW2 home learning and have made a yummy strudel for the rest of the class to taste and a beautiful display of poppies. Each poppy had a fact about Armistice Day written on the petals. Well done for a super effort and fantastic home learning!

Well done to Little Acorn Preschool

Our preschool staff and parents were delighted with the outcome of their recent Ofsted inspection. They were judged to be 'good' in all areas of provision. In particular, Ofsted noticed that:

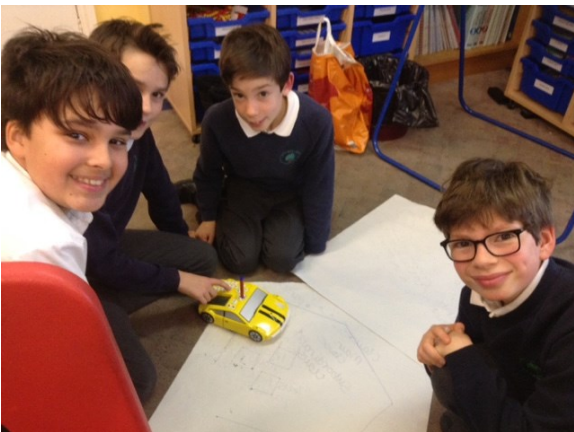
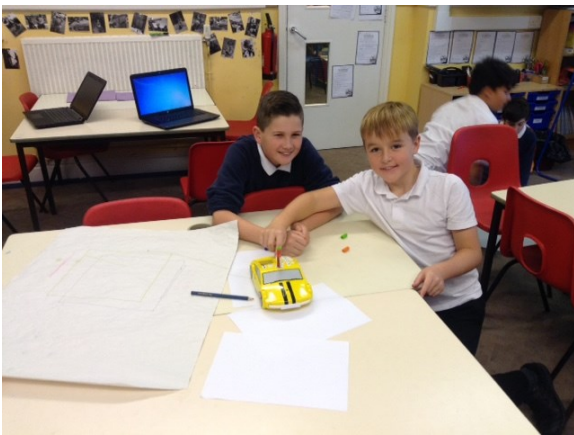
"Staff have a good understanding of how children learn, provide a stimulating and welcoming environment and have excellent relationships with the children"

They also noted that behaviour is excellent and teaching is consistently good for all children. Well done Katie and Tracey!

Every Child Matters as a Child of God



Mr Karl Hemming



Great coding

Year 6 enjoyed coding the pro bot in computing this week and had to predict where their programming would take their car. They also tried to draw shapes on the paper using the pen inside the robot. They used lots of problem solving skills.

A warm welcome to Mr Hemming

We are really pleased to share the news that we have appointed Mr Karl Hemming to the position of part time class teacher in Year 5 and 6. We are confident that he will contribute positively to the friendly, inclusive and child-centred ethos of our school.

Mr Hemming brings a high level of professional study having studied on the Mathematics Specialist Teacher (MaST) programme and has had experience as mathematics leader at St Nicholas Primary School. In addition, he is studying a part time Masters Degree in Psychology with the intention of working towards his long term career goal of becoming an Educational Psychologist.

Mr Hemming has a kind, generous and enthusiastic nature, which will ensure that he quickly develops positive working relationships with pupils, colleagues and parents alike. He will be in school over the next two weeks meeting with Mrs Milford and Mrs Sommers to ensure that information and planning happens in good time for the new year.

Well done Pipistrelle

After a busy term, all the House Points have been totalled and Pipistrelle have won this term by a narrow margin. Well done Pipistrelle who have a non-uniform day on Friday 11th December as a reward for all their hard work!

Christmas Card Winners

The whole school have been busy designing Christmas cards to sell in order to raise funds for the P.T.A. We thought all the illustrations were beautiful so it was hard to select an overall winner. We have awarded prizes to Libby-Rose, Kayla, Lily, Sonny, Samara, Maya and Max. Well done to everyone!

What makes Woodbury Salterton CE Primary a special place to be?

This half term, we have been thinking about the value of Trust in Collective Worship. We have thought about people that we trust, how we can show to others that we can be trustworthy and the value of trusting in God in difficult times.

Once again, we have been learning an acrostic poem to help us think about this value:

TRUST IS....

Taking someone at their word

Relying on someone to support you

Unbreakable promises

Showing that you can be trustworthy

Treasuring good friends



Our school has recently begun use of an online journal called Tapestry which records all the learning and fun of children's early years education with exciting features such as adding notes and images and have them immediately available to any authorised person as part of the complete story of the child's life in reception class. To have parents able to view and comment on these special moments, and to be able to contribute their own stories of the child's life outside school, Tapestry promises to be very useful.



MyMaths.co.uk

As a school we have recently subscribed to MyMaths which is an interactive online teaching and homework subscription website for schools that builds pupil engagement and consolidates maths knowledge. It is used in over 70 countries by approximately four million students each year! It promises to build children's skills, confidence and fluency in maths through lessons, homework, games and booster packs.

Suitable for age 5 upwards, it includes stretching content for all Primary pupils. We are hoping that this resource will provide a link between school and home, with access available for parents to review their child's progress. Individual login details to follow shortly.

TRUST
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

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

TALK ABOUT TRUST TOGETHER...
Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. Talk together about:
• people who you know that are trustworthy
• practical ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy
• why it is important to be able to trust others when working together as a team

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom
"Trusting someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you"
-Aristotle

FASCINATING FACTS
The Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI)
When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can trust the lifeboat crew from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers.
• There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland
• Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moments notice to go out on their lifeboat

READ TOGETHER... The Storm on the Lake
The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's lay down in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake."
They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and into a peaceful sleep.
Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat.
The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat.
By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the Jesus sleep on.
Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, singing spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples.
Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples: "Why are you so afraid? Do you not trust me?"

QUIZ Crack the code
Answer the clues to find the letter corresponding to each number and then fill in the messages.
Thirteen is a board game
Jim is stored in this
Opposite of dark
Used to carry money
Break the code to discover the message in the story



Home Values

Thank you for the feedback on the home values sheets we shared before half term. We hope that you and your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore each value and have fun together. Please share any activities you have completed together. These sheets are available on our new website.

Remembrance Service

Years 5 and 6 led our Armistice Day service, telling the rest of the school all about the reasons we mark this important day. We learned about the significance of the colours in the poppy and why they grew so easily in Flanders Field. They led our 2 minutes silence and then Tilly explained how she made her beautiful ceramic poppies for her home learning.

Whole school pantomime trip - The whole school are going to see Sleeping Beauty at Exeter's Corn Exchange on Tuesday 15th December. All children will need a packed lunch on this day.

Gifted and Talented PE at St Luke's - A group of year 5 & 6 children have attended a gifted and talented PE course at St Luke's Sports and Science College in Exeter. The children learned about sports nutrition and the impact that this can have on fitness.

Church Family Service - On Sunday 13th December, children from the school will be leading the Christmas Family Service at Holy Trinity Church, Woodbury Salterton. The service begins at 9:30am. Please come along.

Last Day of Term - The last day of term is a non-uniform day. Children and adults are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers or party outfits. £1 suggested donation.

Children in Need - The final amount raised by the school for children in need was £93.20

Important Christmas Dates for your diary

Tues 8th Dec- Class1 to see the preschool Christmas performance

Tues 8th Dec- School Christmas Fair 3.00pm - 4.30pm at school

Wed 9th Dec - School Christmas Lunch

Thurs 10th Dec- Christmas Nativity 2.15/2.30pm in church

Thurs 10th Dec - Christmas Nativity 6.30pm in church

Fri 11th Dec - Non-uniform day for Pipistrelle House

Sun 13th Dec - Family Service in Church

Mon 14th Dec - Christingle 2.30pm in church - children to bring an orange on the day NOT a satsuma

Tues 15th Dec - Whole school pantomime trip

Wed 16th Dec - Class 2 parent event 3pm in school

Fri 18th Dec - Christmas parties

Fri 18th Dec - Last day of term and non-uniform day

Mon 4th Jan - Staff Training Non-Pupil Day

Tues 5th Jan - Children back to school!

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