

Woodbury Salterton

C of E Primary School



Welcome!

We hope you all had a great summer break with your children. Certainly, the children have all made a very positive start to the term, settling quickly into the school routine and enjoying spending time with their friends. A warm welcome to all our new children who have started school this term. Our new reception aged children have made an excellent start—well done Libby, Ellie, Harrison and Zac! Also, Maya and Lilly Nash have joined us from Canada, Sonny and Zac from France and Georgia from Tipton who have all made a great start.

Staffing Update

We are really pleased to officially share the news that Mrs Milford returns to work next week and starts her new role as Head of Learning. Mrs Milford is now responsible for the day to day running of the school, as well as other key areas. As you may know, Mrs Tweedy is currently unwell, but is due to return some time after half term. As ever, managing any staff absence remains a priority and we are very pleased to be supported by high quality class teachers who can extend their roles. Mrs Tweedy's absence will be covered by Mrs Corlett who is well-known to the school. Thanks also to Mrs Turner who has supported Year 3 and 4.

A warm welcome to Miss Pilkington who joins year 5 and 6 as class teacher on Fridays. She will lead music in the school and is a keen instrumentalist. Miss Jess Hookway joins us on a Thursday leading P.E. in school. Jess works at St Luke's and will also be running an after school dance club.



Sponsored Bike Ride Success!

We're pleased to share the news that Mr Nelmes completed his epic bike ride from John O'Groats to Lands End this summer. Mr Nelmes completed his 1700km route and raised over £1500 for Rainbow Living as a result. If you'd like to sponsor him, please visit his *Just Giving* Page; <https://www.justgiving.com/rainbowlivingendoend/> Thank you to those people who have sponsored him already!

Healthy, Tasty School Meals

Since the start of term our school meals have been provided by the kitchen at Littleham CE Primary. The Bronze Award Food for Life kitchen is proud with the high quality meals it provides and certainly our feedback from the children is positive with "yummy, crispy roast potatoes" being a favourite with the children. Please visit the school website for a copy of this term's menu. Mrs Helen Cowling has joined our team, transporting and serving the meals each day.

Please note your child is entitled to a free school meal if they are in Reception, year 1 and 2. You may also be eligible for Free school Meals - please visit the school office if you would like further information.

Heatree Success

Well done to Year 5 and 6 who completed a hugely successful residential this week. All the children benefitted massively from the experience of taking part in challenging adventurous activities including stream scrambling, high ropes, raft building, archery, night walking on the moor and campfire singsongs. During the jam-packed three days, the children were all tested and discovered new things about themselves and their friends.

Our revised programme of residential this year has meant that we have been able to extend what we have offered in the past, whilst ensuring that overall costs remain. Our next residential will be for Year 6 in May. Thank you to all the staff who supported the residential - without your support it would not have been possible.

Accelerated Reader

We are currently finalising the library organisation and will shortly be sharing more detailed information regarding Accelerated Reader which we hope will be really successful at school. Once up and running, Accelerated Reader promises to enthuse readers through online quizzes and support children, school and parents with selecting exactly the right book to choose next to move reading levels on. Follow the link for more details: <http://www.renlearn.co.uk/accelerated-reader>

Planned Parental Workshops

We recognise how fortunate we are as a school to have such supportive parents and aim to run a number of workshops this term to keep you up to date with the new things we're bringing in this term, as well as seeking feedback on how we're progressing. More details to follow.

Home Learning Grids

Following on from the successful trial in Class 2 last year, we are reviewing our approach to home learning this term and introducing a grid approach. We believe that home learning not only reinforces classroom learning, it also helps children and young people to develop skills and attitudes that they need for successful lifelong learning. It should support the development of independent learning skills, including the habits of enquiry and investigation, and it should help to foster the role of parents and carers as co-educators of their children.

This term, home learning will 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. This might include reading, research or teaching another member of the family something they have learnt. In addition to regular weekly activities, the *Home Learning Grids* provide a set of additional tasks linked to the current learning themes in class. The grids are designed to allow the children to plan and organise their tasks over a half term. The children can choose the order in which they complete their tasks and will be expected to do this with increasing independence across the year. Some of the tasks are designed to be quick and easy. Others may take several sessions to complete. As well as allowing organisation skills to be developed, and empower the children to take ownership of their learning, the grids are designed to give busy families some flexibility and avoid the occasional "Sunday night panic".

We look forward to sharing our learning grids with you next week and hope they will prove successful. We will seek parental feedback at the end of the term.



More photos and information to follow shortly...

Values Certificates

Endeavour - Henry
Friendship - James
Friendship - Dylan
Friendship - Isaac
Friendship - Sam H
Cooperation and Endeavour - Alex

**Stars of the Week
11th September**

Class 1 - Kiesha, for amazing thinking in maths.
Class 2 - Sonny for making a super start to his new term in school. He has tried very hard and made new friends
Class 3 - Jasmine, for a confident start to the term and for working hard in class to expand her brain with lots of problem solving.

**Stars of the Week
18th September**

Class 1 - Lily N, for being enthusiastic in all areas of her learning and she is always ready to learn.
Class 2 - Alex, for a brilliant start to year 3. He has shown great creativity in literacy, including our poetry workshop, and has shown excellent maths skills.
Class 3 - Maya, for settling into the class well by trying hard in her learning and making new friends. She also showed lots of encouragement to others at Heatree by cheering them on in the activities.

Important Reminders**After school clubs**

We are pleased to be offering dance, football and high five netball clubs this term in school. Our programme of clubs so far this term is:

Monday: High Fives Netball run by Mrs Holt—Y5/6

Wednesday: Football club run by Exeter City FC—Y2-6

Thursday: Dance run by Miss Hookway—Y5/6

We aim to add to this after school provision throughout the term.

Please ask for details from our school office.

Harvest Festival—This year's Harvest service will be on 2nd October at 2.30pm. All welcome!

Yr 6 Parents - Sidmouth college open morning and evening is on Wednesday 30th September.

Class letters and home learning grids will be going to parents next week.

Parent Consultation Meetings - week beginning 12th October.

School Photos - We hope you like your child's school photo. Please return the order with payment if you wish to purchase any. All orders to be submitted to the school office by Friday 25th September. Any late orders cannot be organised via the school.

Breakfast Club: we are continuing to offer daily before school provision led by Mr Withers. The before school sports club is now based in school every morning and features a range of exciting sports each week including fencing! Please contact to the school if you would like to make use of this provision.

Dates for your diary

When	What	Who
20th Sept	Family Service in Church	
21st Sept	Class Curriculum Letters and Home Learning Grid	All
28th Sept	After School High Fives Netball starts 3.30pm—4.30pm	Y5/6
30th Sept	ECFC Football Club 3.30pm—4.30pm	Y1-6
1st October	Yr 6 visiting ECC Green Close	Y6
1st October	Dance Club starts 3.30pm—4.30pm	Y5/6
2nd October	Harvest festival in church	All welcome

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