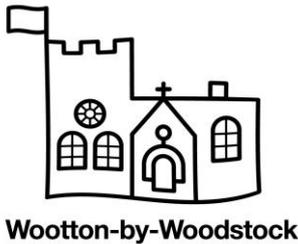


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NEWSLETTER 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

The value the school is exploring this month is Equality. We will be exploring what this means in society, what it means to ourselves and how this works in school. As part of this work we will be updating the School Equality Policy. This policy is reviewed annually and parents are invited to comment as part of the review process. Please view the policy on request from the school office or on the school website [here](#) and send any comments in to school using the office email before 18/03/20. Thank you. It may be useful for parents to speak with children about why sometimes things may appear unfair to them and consider the reasons for this, as well as the impact of social inequality on individuals.

“Rich and poor have this in common: The LORD is the Maker of them all.” Proverbs 22:2

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND EASTER SERVICE

This term Community Worship takes place on Friday 6th March in the school at 9.10am. The school Easter Service is scheduled to take place on Friday 3rd April at 9.30am, we will confirm the venue in due course.

CURRICULUM

This term the topic is How Does Your Garden Grow? There is something for all age groups to enjoy within this and we will be visiting Harcourt Arboretum at Nuneham Courtney to work on activities amongst the trees - a most beautifully growing garden indeed! Please see the topic overviews on the school website.

SCIENCE WEEK

This takes place during the week beginning 23rd March; be prepared for some interesting stories from your children about what they have been doing in school.

ACHIEVEMENTS AT HOME

We wish to remind you that, if your child has achieved an award out of school for music, sport or something else, then we can celebrate this during a sharing assembly. Please, just email head.3657@wootton-woodstock.oxon.sch.uk and your child will be applauded in the sharing assembly.

CRISP PACKETS

Wootton School Eco-warriors are recycling crisp packets! In association with the Marlborough school, we will collect any **empty, clean, flat (not tied or crumpled up)** crisp packets which can then be saved from landfill and recycled. Last term we recycled over 600 crisp packets from school and now we'd like to ask you to collect at home too. Please collect crisp packets at home, then bring them in and put them into the box outside Osprey classroom. With thanks from the eco-warriors. SB

PTIs

These take place during the week beginning 9th March. Please sign up using the online system via the parents secure area of the school website.

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL

We politely request that parents collect children promptly from After School Club at the end of the day. Please be mindful that some staff members have been in school from as early as 7am in the morning and none are paid for hours beyond the club end time. They need to go home and recharge their batteries ready for the following day. Thank you.

DATA CHECK

Mrs Withey will be sending home forms for the annual data check shortly. Please complete and return promptly to make sure that school holds all the correct and necessary details. Thank you.

AND FINALLY... COVID-19, THE CORONAVIRUS

A message from our very own NHS expert and Chair of the Local Governing Body:

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

I am writing to update you on the school's response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

We are acutely aware from the media and news reports that this is a highly infectious virus and that the number of cases in the UK is now growing on a daily basis. It would appear inevitable that we will have cases in Oxfordshire in the near future, and as such we are monitoring the situation very carefully. At the present time the school remains open for business as usual, however, we are monitoring the advice issued from the Government.

As parents, guardians and carers we urge you to please follow the latest information and advice from the Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England to get the most up to date guidance from Government, a link for this is shown below:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

The link below provides information regarding Coronavirus and Educational settings:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Further helpful information is available here:

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

As a school we are in close liaison with the necessary authorities and will take advice as necessary.

The key advice for parents, guardians, carers, teachers and pupils is to remain vigilant, be meticulous with regular hand washing with soap and warm water as advised by the authorities, and if anyone starts to feel unwell with possible coronavirus, then to self-isolate and notify the relevant authorities. If the situation escalates in the coming weeks, then the necessary steps will be taken in accordance with expert advice.

Yours sincerely

Richard Bryant
Chairman of the Board of Governors

Thank you Richard for your knowledgeable input.

All good wishes,



Valerie Lucas
Head Teacher

NB – Due to the important nature of the Coronavirus information we have taken the decision to issue this newsletter as a hard copy to all families, it is still available electronically from the website.