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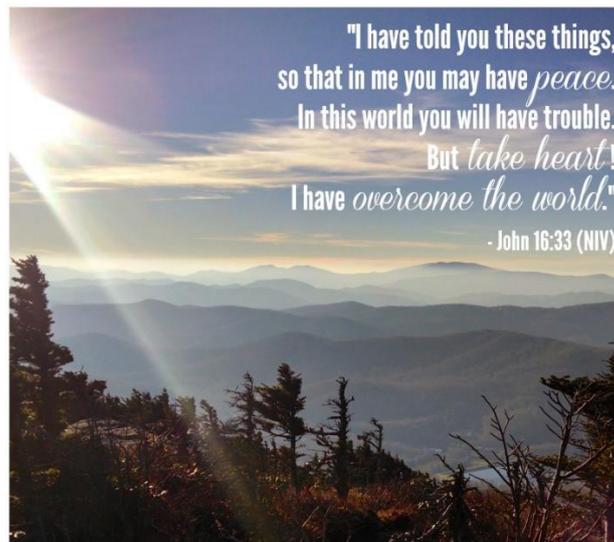
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NEWSLETTER 3

Dear Parent,

As we head into Term 2 and face a second lock down we must remember that, while life is incredibly complicated for everyone right now, at least the country is at some sort of peace. Peace (and remembrance) is the new school value on which we will focus. We may wish to remind ourselves of the lessons learnt in the first lock down which may help us the second time round; remember those who gave their lives for their country and later, reconsider, once again, the true meaning of Christmas.



These words from the Bible also inspire hope. Let us be inspired, too, to help each other, follow the rules and try and get through these next few weeks together.

REMOTE LEARNING

Please remember to visit the Coronavirus information page (in the Parent Information section on the school website) and read the remote learning policy for information about how the school has moved on with learning provision since the first lock down. Children who are isolating and are well have immediate access to class lessons, homework and support through Google Classroom. You will need the child's log in details to access this. Teachers will deliver one remote lesson each week and host one conference call with pupils in order to maintain connectivity between the class members. This will not apply if your child is unwell. If they are unwell then they should concentrate on taking care and getting better! Please feel welcome to contact the appropriate member of staff for help or support as necessary.

SCHOOL PROTOCOLS FOR A COVID_19 OUTBREAK

During the half term break ODSST schools were issued with protocols in relation to possible outbreaks. As you will be aware, there is already a risk assessment in place, and this has been updated with new material in reference to the protocols.

Previous procedures remain in place but we must all be aware that, should any member of staff be absent then contacts or other procedures may need to change. The school will keep you informed should this be the case. Mrs Withey will be putting together an up to date phone tree in case of the need for emergency contact. Parents must also be aware of the emergency school closure procedures.

Currently, one member of staff has tested positive and is self-isolating and so we are beginning the term 'spread a little thinly'. As per the protocol, advice has been sought from both the DfE and the ODST Health and Safety Officer and our instructions are to continue as usual at this stage. As the case arose during half term and is not school related, it is highly **unlikely** that there are additional infections within the school community. School staff continue to follow all sanitisation regimens to guard against virus transition.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

Very occasionally the school may need to close unexpectedly during severe weather conditions or for other reasons. This may be because there are insufficient staff able to reach the premises or because there is a problem with heating or water services. Please do not assume that the school is closed every time it snows; we will always do our best to stay open or, at least, partially open!

You may check the Oxfordshire County website at <http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/school-closures> , or listen to the radio;

BBC Radio Oxford, Heart FM and Jack FM
Heart (Thames Valley) – VHF/FM
102.6/97.4/102.9/103.4
BBC Radio Oxford – VHF/FM 95.2
Jack FM – VHF/FM 106.8 and 107.9

Or,

Check the school website for greater detail and information. In instances of school closure school work is available on Google Classroom – yes, even on snow days!

CURRICULUM

This term the whole school topic is Do you hear what I hear? This is a science based topic about sound and music. All plans and homework activity are made available on Google classroom for your ease of reference. Please also see the termly overviews.

ASSEMBLIES

We hope you enjoyed the online version of the Harvest Service and the end of term sharing assembly. We wish to thank all those who sent in food for the Oxfordshire food bank which has been delivered to the Witney branch. It should provide some small relief to others during the next difficult months.

REMINDERS

Please remind your child to bring warm and waterproof clothing on Thursdays for Meadow Schools. Non-protective wear makes activities miserable while appropriate outdoor wear makes learning fun.

Please remember that all pupils need to complete their homework. Homework can be accessed on Google Classroom. Contact your child's teacher for help should you have any issues with logging in.

FROM FOWS



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Friends of Wootton School

If you haven't already, please join the Friends of Wootton School WhatsApp group. Any of the FOWS committee (Rachel, Rebecca, Becca, Kirstie, Hayley) will be happy to add you. This is a way of keeping you up to date with FOWS activities to support the children and the school.

Or, if you prefer, follow us on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/439676466092050>

Don't forget to use the easyfundraising app for your online purchases. So far, we have raised £218. At no extra cost to you, easyfundraising will make a donation to your worthy cause when you shop online. Sign up here if you haven't already: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wpswootton/> and download the app.

Your children have designed their own Christmas cards. Hold off buying your cards from the shops until you have seen the lovely designs they have created. They will be sent home this week to view, send your order in without payment and your payment will be created on SchoolMoney for you to pay online, orders to school by Monday 9th November and payments completed in SchoolMoney by Monday 16th November please.

“As we can't have a jumble sale, FOWS are arranging a clothing collection with Bag 2 School, a clothing charity, at the end of November. FOWS will receive 30p for every kg of clothes collected. There is a list of do's and don'ts on what to include and if we break the rules, the whole collection is rejected.

The collection date is Monday 30th November from the village hall. You can also drop bags off at the village hall on Sunday 29th November - times to be confirmed.

You will receive a bag with all the details on in your child's bookbag, with a summary of the do's and don'ts.”

Rachel Budge

With all good wishes, for the weeks ahead,

With best wishes,



Valerie Lucas
Head Teacher