



SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 18 September Oscar Masters, Mia Drew, Aylah Lawrenson, Roxy Lethaby, Ben Phillips, Sophia Millington, Harrison Catt, Ben Aspin, Libby Saxby, Lily Tippet, Theo Ogborn, Isobelle Trunley, Isla Moore, Charlie Witherbed, Jess Howard, Maddie Earl, Evie Wright, Jay Stubbs, Liam Bailey, Josh Dalton, Maya Knight-Climent, Xander Woodgate, Meghan Giles & Harvey Barker Friday 25 September Eliza Rome, Finley Brown, William Trunley, Erin Merrifield, Lillie Tancock, George Cayless, Aoife Robinson, Frankie Purdey, Charlotte Billson, Darcie Davidson, Myles Godwin, Bella Bothwick, Lilly O'Brien, Melissa Coker, Millie Arnold, Tomi Bartlett, Coby Toogood, Jasmine Rogers, Rebecca Hubbard, Issy Dawe, Jack Horwell, Georgia Biscombe, Maddie Roper and Callum Way.



HEAD TEACHER UPDATE - Despite the COVID picture changing both locally and nationally over the last week, at Woodlands we are continuing to provide a safe, challenging and engaging environment for your children so that life feels normal for them. Over the last two weeks, I have observed lessons across the school and have seen some exceptional learning behaviours in class. Next week, we will start assessing the children against reading, writing and maths age related expectations so that we are ready to support your children to make rapid progress this year. We will share our assessments with you during remote parents' evening sessions during the week commencing 19 October.

In my last newsletter I asked you to continue to support your children with reading at home. One of our aims as a school this year is to increase the amount of time that children choose to 'read for pleasure.' This might be accessing websites linked to their hobbies and interests or buying / borrowing books that might be recommended, linked to topics in school etc... Please continue to support your children with this and find a time, at least 5 times a week for your child to read at home. Thank you.

COVID UPDATE – Following the announcement on Tuesday that if you can work from home you should, the office is now at reduced capacity with 2 members working from home. Where possible it would be appreciated if any communication with the office is done via email (admin@woodlandspark.devon.sch.uk) which will be monitored throughout the day. Of course, if you do need to speak to someone with urgent messages, you are able to call the office, which will be open 8.30 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 – 3.30 pm every day. Please remember face masks do need to be worn if you come to the office window.

A reminder of the main symptoms of coronavirus in children and what to do:

The infographic is on a blue background. On the left, it lists symptoms: 'If your child has: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste'. Below this, it says 'This could be a sign of coronavirus' and 'Book a test'. On the right, it lists symptoms to watch for: 'If your child has: a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell. But they don't have: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste'. Below this, it says 'These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus' and 'Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP'.

IMPORTANT FUNDING NEWS - Thursday 1 October is census day in school. The information we submit regarding our children affects our funding for the following school year. It's important for us that we maximise the number of **Foundation and Key Stage 1** children who have a universal free school lunch on this census day and the second census day in January. If your child sometimes has a school lunch, but doesn't opt for a school dinner on the two census days, we receive no funding for your child's lunch for the entire year but will continue to provide a lunch from the main school budget. However, if your child sometimes has a school lunch and opts for a school dinner on both census days, we receive 100% funding for the entire year! This also applies to the pupils who are entitled to free school meals in **Key Stage 2**. If you have any questions about this, please ask at the office. Thanks in anticipation of your support! In an attempt to maximise numbers, the menu options for Thursday will be:

Main – Burger or Hot Dog and Chips

Veggie – Quorn Burger or Quorn Hot Dog and Chips

Jacket Potato

SAFEGUARDING – Please see our safeguarding section on the website or use the following link for more information about what County Lines is. <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-lines>

E-SAFETY SCHOOL PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS – If you are unable to pick up your child/ren and arrange for someone else to do so, please ensure you do the following:

i) If the person is known to us as either another parent or are on your child's contact details, please notify the school and we'll let your child and their teacher know.

ii) If however the person is not known to us, we will issue you with a password for that person to say to the teacher.

If your child normally goes to after school club but isn't going to attend on any day, please let the school know as well as after school club. The same applies if your child is not going to attend a club after school, please ensure the office know so they can pass it on to the teacher taking the club.

This is to ensure we are safeguarding the children at all times.

USEFUL EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS Helpline: 111 - Use 999 if a medical emergency.

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub: If you are concerned about your own safety or that of a child or young person: 0345 155 1071.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (Devon): 0808 2000 247 (24 hours) Use 999 if you are in immediate danger.

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger: For free 24/7 support across the UK if you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis. If you need urgent help text YM to 85258.

Samaritans (24 hours): 116 123

Citizens Advice Bureau National Helpline: 03444 111 444



NEXT STEPS, YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER 2021 – Although the children have only just started in Year 6, the online application facility for transfer to secondary school is now available. You must submit an application by Saturday 31 October 2020 at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline or contact the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 where an adviser will be happy to assist you. National Allocation Day will be Monday 1 March 2021.

PARKING AND MORNING DROP OFF - As all parking spaces in the school are allocated to members of staff, it would be appreciated that no one other than the member allocated the space, park in it.

Parking or stopping on the yellow zig zag and double yellow lines when dropping off and picking up children at the school gate is not permitted and can be dangerous.

Please refrain from doing so and use the adjoining roads very close to the school, always being mindful of residents who live in those roads, ensuring their drives are not blocked or parked on and that pavements aren't blocked. Please remember the parking spaces at the bottom of Ford Close are for residents only.



SEND – SPEECH & LANGUAGE - The Team have just launched two new Facebook pages – one for pre-school aged children and one for school aged children. Like the pages for hints & tips and fun & practical ideas on how to develop your child's speech and language skills.

<https://www.facebook.com/cfhdpreschoolslt>/<https://www.facebook.com/Devon-School-Age-Speech-Language-Therapy-107022904440340/>

AUTISM SPECIFIC WEBINAR SERIES - A series of hour-long webinars on specific areas of challenge or difficulty for Autistic people and their families. Providing information and understanding for parents and professionals working with families, along with practical tools and approaches that have been used and shown to be effective. All tickets are £5.98 each. To book go to: www.eventbrite.co.uk

Autism - The Basics - Friday 25th September 11.00 am

Bedtimes & Sleep - Monday 28th September 4.30 pm

Technology & Screens - Thursday 1st October 4.30 pm

Siblings - Monday 12th October 11.00 am

Self-Injury & Suicidal thoughts - Thursday 15th October 4.30 pm

YOUNG MINDS - This website offers advice for parents of children who suffer from a variety of anxiety issues in understanding what they are feeling, encouraging them to talk about these feelings and offer ways to cope. Making a worry box might help. Use the link below for a guide for parents, if your child often feels worried or anxious, and it's upsetting them or making it difficult for them to do other things, creating a worry box together might help. For more details go to: <https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/how-to-make-a-worry-box-a-guide-for-parents/?fbclid=IwAR2nLYmnFLvTdgngqKXlrN5QkSWNWsmbYheI0aCE2-h4cr9ebEYqDAQRMUYc>

