



SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 20 November William Reece-Loran, Sophie Connor, Thea Lees, Max Macey, Harper Nichol, Mya-Maria George, Erin Merrifield, Caellum O'Neill, Amelia Evans, Amelia Armstrong, Zara Skelley, Alexis Pengilley, Phoebe Freeman, Emily Swift, Libby Saxby, Carolina Calherios, Theo Ogborn, Annabel McQueen, Abigail Warnes, Imogen Armitage, Isabella Farmer, William Phillips, Millie Lowe, Felicity Lyall, Tabitha Nichol, Olivia Reilly, Xena Awartani and Abby Woodford. Friday 27 November Jack Coker, Molly Oxley, Laila Manning, Max Toogood, Rowan Lord, Rex Stafford, Lucas Reeves, Evie Dando, Elijah Summers, Dexter Roberts, Francesca Hancock, Charlie Chapple, Oliver Taylor, Imogen Miller, Beau Symons, Alfie Jones, Hamza Sorour, Alex Stanley, Ruby King, Aaron Giles, Max Welsh, Kaleb Brew, Jaxon Short, Esther Hoey, Flossie Symons, Summer-Louise Baxter, Matthew Shipton and Jessie Owen.



HEAD TEACHER UPDATE - Dear Parents,

I am writing to you after spending a few hours this morning digesting updated guidance from the DfE. The latest guidance will support the school from next week as we move from the national lockdown into tier 2 restrictions. Whilst most of my communication to you over recent months has related to the pandemic, I would like to focus this week on sharing a few positive messages about life at Woodlands Park:

Seasonal Celebrations - We have been busy planning our seasonal celebrations this week. We are determined to make the last few weeks of term really special for the children to off-set the logistical challenges that you will face over the Christmas holidays. This year, we be performing scenes for our seasonal shows in class and sharing these with you via your child's Microsoft Teams account on Tuesday 15 December. Please ensure you can access Teams before this date as the shows will not be published on our website for security reasons. Our celebrations in school will be supported by WPFA, our PTA.

Fundraising - This term, I am really proud of our fundraising efforts through the Poppy Appeal and Children in Need. In addition, this month the school received £4,500 from the Coop Community Fund. This money will be used to develop our outdoor learning environment. Thanks everyone who supported us through their Coop membership. I would also like to share Tammy and Erin's current fundraising challenge. The girls have been running a mile around the park before school with their mum to raise money for Fauna & Flora International. If you would like to donate please visit their JustGiving page – www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tammy-erin-daily-mile-challenge

Assemblies - This term, I have been focussing on a range of themes in our weekly assemblies. I have been delivering these assemblies from my office using Teams. This was very strange to start with but, like so many things, has become the new normal. It still makes me smile though when the younger children are shocked to see me in person just after an assembly as they have just seen me on the tele! During the first half term, all of my assemblies were centred around our 6 school values to support the children's transition back in to school. This half term, we have been learning about charity and fundraising, celebrating difference, friendship themes as well as learning about discrimination; including racism. Teaching our children about cultural diversity and discrimination is such an important part of our wider curriculum and something that the children are sometimes are reluctant to talk about as they worry about saying the wrong thing. Please try and find the opportunities to talk to your children at home about these issues when the opportunities arise. Over the next few weeks, assemblies will link more to our seasonal celebrations starting with advent on Monday. My final assembly of the year will be on the last day of term as we hand out awards to recognise outstanding learning behaviours across the school.

Curriculum - This term, we spent the first 4 weeks teaching the children / recapping key concepts from the previous year before starting new learning towards the end of September. As a school, we are delighted with the progress that the children have made this term but are continuing to adapt our teaching to narrow gaps for classes, groups or individuals. I am so impressed by the children's attitude to learning across the school. Teachers commented on children struggling to focus and lacking writing stamina in the first few weeks of term but learning behaviours have risen throughout the term and are stronger now than before the first lockdown. Despite the challenges of being a key worker in a pandemic, I am in awe of my team for the opportunities that they have given your children this term in both the core subjects and the wider curriculum. I look forward to a time when we are more able to enhance our curriculum with trips and visitors but am so grateful to my team for going the extra mile for your children to support them both academically and emotionally.

Thanks for your continued support, take care **Steve Bone, Headteacher**



Thank you for your support for this year's Children in Need. An incredible £583.70 was raised which is a phenomenal amount and over £200 more than last year! Thank you to Euan Tuckwell's Granny, Mrs Trevena for knitting our own bear for the children to guess the name.



THANK YOU also.....

...to all the children who donated money for this year's poppy appeal. We raised an amazing **£356.68** for this year's Poppy Appeal.

We really are so overwhelmed with the generosity you have all shown to these 2 charities. To have raised over **£940** is truly amazing, especially as we approach such an expensive time of year after such a tough and uncertain year – thank you!

WOODLANDS PARK – THE SPINNEY - South Hams District Council have asked us to promote the online survey they have set up for Woodlands Park - The Spinney. They have been allocated funding from local developments to enhance the park, so this is a great opportunity for the community to have their say on what's important to them. Some of the suggestions for possible improvements are:

- Planting more trees, improved seating and additional play equipment

They are also keen to look for ways within parks and green spaces that can help them tackle climate change and biodiversity loss, as part of their Climate Change and Biodiversity Emergency. Please use the following link to access the survey: <https://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk/woodlands-park-ivybridge>

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCHES & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAYS – This year **Foundation and KS1** will have their Christmas lunch on **Tuesday 15 December** and **KS2** will have theirs on **Wednesday 16 December**. If your child is in **KS2**, please **PREBOOK** their lunch via ParentPay by Monday 7 December. You will need to scroll along to find the correct day as it is not listed as a separate item. If you have children in **KS1**, on this occasion, please refrain from prebooking. The options for the 2 days are as follows:

Day	Foundation & KS1	KS2
Tuesday 15 December	Christmas Lunch - Roast Turkey or Veggie Roast	Hot Dog or Veggie Hot Dog
Wednesday 16 December	Hot Dog or Veggie Hot Dog	Christmas Lunch - Roast Turkey or Veggie Roast

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHOOL MEAL PACKAGE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHILDREN - Devon County Council are leading the operation to organise networks of providers across the county to combat holiday hunger for children this Christmas. They will use a £2 million Government grant to support vulnerable children and families. Over the next few weeks, a range of community kitchens, holiday clubs, charities and local businesses will be enlisted to coordinate help and support for those who need it the most across Devon. They will ensure that every child who is entitled to free school meals will be able to get free food over the Christmas holiday. Whilst schools will no longer coordinate the distribution of free school meals during the school holidays, we would encourage any families that are eligible for free school meals to apply. A full list of eligibility can be found on our website. To apply via the Citizen Portal click on the following link: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCSCitizenPortal_live or by calling the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019. As soon as we have more information about the scheme, we will let you know.

IVYBRIDGE FOOD BANK - If you require any support from the Ivybridge Food Bank through December, please email your details to admin@woodlandspark.devon.sch.uk by Wednesday 2 December so that we can get in contact with you and arrange the vouchers. This is open to anyone within our school community that needs extra support at this time.



DIARY DATES

December 2020

Tuesday 15 December	FS & KS1 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Class Parties
Wednesday 16 December	KS2 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 18 December	Last Day of the Autumn Term

January 2021

Monday 4 January	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 January	First Day of the Spring Term

