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SUPERSTAR CERTIFICATES – Friday 21 January – Emmie Webber, Joshua Hubbard, Thomas Brimming, Esme Stock, Ruby Mallett, William Reece-Loram, Theo Hancock, Olivia Pitt, Ashton Morrell, Khloe Doherty, Roxy Lethaby, Abigail Rome, Charlie Bowden, Lily Randle, Holly Barraclough, Emmie Newcombe, Lily Tippett, Eilidh Schnoor, Priya Stock, Alfie Jones, Annabel McQueen, Max Roper, Skyla Spellman, Abi Marshall, Amelia Cioffi, Audrey Hooper, Ellie Cook & Leo Ledger.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE - This week there have been two things that have stood out to make me feel really proud of the Woodlands Community. Firstly, yesterday morning I spent the whole morning in with our reception children to support the evaluation of some of our new initiatives. Not only did I observe great teaching yesterday but children who are so keen to learn and who collaborate so beautifully in their learning and their play. I look forward to seeing how this group of children continue to grow in their foundation year and beyond.

Secondly, I need to mention the oldest children in the school, our Year 6's. As a former Year 6 teacher, I always used to tell my class that the measure of their standards of behaviour is not taken when we are in class together but when they are being taught by other adults. I know that this mantra is repeated by our Year 6 team. Despite staffing challenges in Year 6 this week, the children have simply been brilliant. They have worked exceptionally hard and been the positive role models and ambassadors for the school that we expect from them.

After a reasonably quiet and surprisingly normal first couple of weeks term, COVID numbers have increased this week in school. Currently we have 13 positive cases across the school. I know that COVID cases are very high in one of our neighbouring primary school. Therefore, despite COVID cases reducing across the country and restrictions being lifted this week and next, potentially the next couple of weeks are going to be challenging in Ivybridge. I hope that the families affected are doing OK and I wish you all a speedy recovery. For the rest of us, we need to continue to be on the lookout for symptoms and maintain key COVID measures such as good hand hygiene to minimise the spread and the risk in our school community and households.

Despite a challenging week with staffing, continuity for the children has been strong this week as we have implemented some of our plans developed earlier in the month. This week, I need to thank Mrs Smale for completely changing her teaching week at short notice to teach in Year 6 and for everyone else in school who has been able to work an additional session or two or to move to another team to cover a gap.

Take care everyone. Mr Bone.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY - We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 4 February 2022. Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow. The NSPCC needs our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. On average, a child contacts Childline every 25 seconds.

Making Maths meaningful - Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1.00 and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

Safe Fundraising - We have set this up on ParentPay and would appreciate it if you would make your donation online.

It all adds up - We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Woodlands Park will make an enormous difference to children today and help NSPCC prevent abuse and be there for children who need them. Thank you.



ACCELERATED READER – Well done to William Phillips, Ben Phillips, Victoria Calheiros and Ruben Steed, who are the latest children to become Millionaire Readers, having read over 1,000,000 words. They join Eilidh Schnoor and Evelyn Arnold who have already achieved this. A special mention to Florence McCaughey who has passed 2 million words read and Evelyn Glassock who has passed 3 million words read!



IVYBRIDGE LIBRARY – The Ivybridge Library at The Watermark had a fantastic week last week signing up lots of Woodlands Park pupils to the Secret Book Quest! We are delighted that your children are so passionate about reading and have been so keen to sign up. The Ivybridge Library have a number of upcoming events that they would like to share with your children:



- **Winnie the Pooh Afternoon** - Tuesday 18th January 3 - 4:30pm drop in - Celebrate Winnie the Pooh Day with us! Borrow one of A.A. Milne's beloved classics from our special book display, join in with colouring sheets or use papercraft to create your very own Winnie the Pooh. We'll have a special story time at 3:30 and at 4 and even a stash of Poohsticks for you take to play on the way home!
- **Chinese New Year Activity Afternoon** - Tuesday 1st February 3 - 4:30pm drop in - 2022 is the year of the Tiger! Learn all about Chinese New Year at the library, find out what it means, the legend of how it came about and find out which year in the Chinese Zodiac you were born. Create and decorate your very own paper lantern, listen to a story about Chinese New Year at 3:30 and 4pm and borrow a book from our special display.
- **Harry Potter Book Afternoon** - Thursday 3rd February 3 - 4:30pm drop in - Return to Hogwarts with Harry Potter Book Night at Ivybridge Library. The theme this year is 'magical journeys' so whether you come via broom, dragon or the floo network we have numerous puzzles, quizzes and activities to keep you entertained. Dressing up is encouraged as we celebrate the magic of the Wizarding World.

HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND - The new Household Support Fund will be available this winter to support households in Devon experiencing financial hardship. The fund is designed to provide rapid short-term financial support to address economic vulnerability and financial hardship. You can find out more about the scheme by clicking this link

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/keeping-safe-well/household-support-fund/>



DIARY DATES

January 2022

Tuesday 25 January	Flu Vaccinations - Whole School
Thursday 27 January	Year 4 Kents Cavern Trip
Friday 28 January	Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip deposit deadline

February 2022

Thursday 3 February	Year 4 Simply Outdoors Residential Parent Meeting (In Hares class)
Friday 4 February	NSPCC Number Day – Details to follow
Monday 7 February	Last week of Clubs
Tuesday 8 February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 15 February	Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip 1 st instalment deadline Year 6 Bude Trip 2 nd instalment deadline
Friday 18 February	Last Day of Term
Monday 21 February	Half Term begins
Monday 28 February	Non Pupil Day



March 2022

Tuesday 1 March	First day of the 2 nd half of Spring Term
Monday 7 March	Clubs restart
Tuesday 15 March	Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip 2 nd instalment deadline Year 6 Bude Trip final instalment deadline
Monday 28 March	Last week of Clubs

April 2022

Monday 4 April	Parent Consultation Week
Friday 8 April	Last day of the Spring Term Year 4 Simply Outdoors Trip final instalment deadline
Monday 25 April	First day of the Summer Term