



## Woolacombe School – 31st October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an amazing half term! The children had a wonderful first half of term with lots of fantastic learning opportunities and experiences delivered through our C360 curriculum.

### Inspiring Change makers



As whole school community you have all been inspiring changemakers! Thank you so very much for your amazingly kind and generous donations to the Ilfracombe Food Bank Harvest appeal. We collected over 3.5 tons of food for the food bank, which equates to nearly 300 meals. Thank you so much!



A huge thank you also goes to Pete Starbuck who kindly gave up his time to host an awesome School Disco to raise money for a well-deserved local Charity 'Over and Above. We raised **£403.50** and it was wonderful to see all the children thoroughly enjoying themselves! The charity was requested by one of our Year 6 children, Flo Reader, who is an inspiring changemaker. She wanted to make a positive difference by fundraising for this much needed local charity. Well done Flo!



### Character

This half of term we have focused on the performance virtue of **Motivation**, the intellectual virtue of **Creativity**, the moral virtue of **Respect**, the civic virtue of **Courtesy** and we linked our final moral virtue of **Gratitude** with Harvest. We embed Character through a taught, sought and caught approach and it has been wonderful seeing the children putting the virtues into action. Children have been actively modelling **Courtesy** and **Respect**, recognising and celebrating these virtues in each other. Our children were commended for their exemplary conduct on the Year 5 Dorset Residential at Portsmouth Historic Dockyards. They said they were the best behaved school group they have had, demonstrating impeccable manners! I was so super proud of our Year 5 children!

## Community

We have had a number of community events taking place over the last few weeks. We finished the term with parent consultations. It is so important you get the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher to find out how they are getting on. Keeping you informed about your child's progress is incredibly important so that we can work collaboratively to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

**Harvest** - It was great to see the church packed with so many parents and grandparents for the Harvest Festival. The children sang beautifully, it was brilliant to be able to share this with you and it was a wonderful way to end a great half of term!



### Community Art Exhibition

Over the half term break the school participated in the **Community** Art Exhibition. The children's fantastic artwork from Reception to Year 6 was on display. It was a great way to express and share their achievements with the community. We hope you managed to take a look too! We had lots of compliments from the local community about the inspiring and vibrant artwork demonstrating our children's amazing **creativity!**

## PTFA

Our PTFA AGM was a huge success with a new committee voted onto the team.

- **Chair** – Suzi Powell
- **Vice Chair** - Jo Crookes West
- **Secretary** – Lesley Rigg
- **Treasurer** - Helen Fisher
- **Core committee members** - Jo Richardson, Emma Priddey and Henry Robson.

Thank you very much to the PTFA committee team for volunteering their time to support the school, we really appreciate it. All parents are welcome to attend PTFA meetings but if you cannot commit to regular meetings, we really appreciate any help that is offered for fundraising throughout the year, for example helping to sell raffle tickets or cakes for a cake sale. Any help is gratefully received!

## Cake Sale



We raised **£125** at the PTFA cake sale. Thank you very much for all the kind cake donations! The money went towards purchasing new playground equipment.

The Children have been enjoying using the equipment on the playground already! Thank you everyone for your support and especially the parents who stepped in to help sell the cakes last minute!



## Upcoming PTFA events

We have a few events as we run up to Christmas to support with raising money for the PTFA. The PTFA run the BBQ for the Woolacombe Fireworks Night, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, so any help you can offer for this would be much appreciated. One of our biggest fundraisers of the year is the **Christmas Gift Evening** on 24<sup>th</sup> November at Woolacombe Bay Holiday Village 6-8pm. This is a fantastic festive event where there will be lots of stalls and children's activities plus an amazing raffle! Please talk with any of the committee members or class reps if you are able to help with anything to support the running of the gift evening.

## Academic

The children have been immersed into their topics over the first half of term. The Year 3/4 children enjoyed their Viking Workshop. It was a wonderful opportunity to experience Viking life through a hands on experience. The children got to handle authentic replica artefacts, hold real (blunt!) weapons and try on armour. They took part in role-play and got to find out more about the Vikings, learning about culture, society and status and reenacted some interesting Viking traditions!



## Inspiring Adventurers!



Our Year 5 children were inspiring adventurers and had an amazing jammed packed 5-day 4-night trip to Dorset! They visited the Jurassic coast, Lyme Regis, walking in the footsteps of Mary Anning! They also went to Beaulieu and became WWII code breakers for the morning! They visited Portsmouth Historic Dockyards – where they got to experience the amazing Mary Rose Museum and go on board the HMS Victory and HMS Warrior. The children also had the opportunity to experience exploring Poole Harbour on a 'Big Canoe' before finishing the week off at Longleat! What an awesome week!

## Innovation

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Ebe McCormick who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her first ever show jumping event beating children much older than her! Ebe also came 6<sup>th</sup> in a British dressage event, showing huge resilience as she was given the wrong test to learn so had only a quick run through before competing! Well done Ebe – we are super proud of you!



Our Year 3, 4 and 6 Cross Country Runners took part in the Stephen's Shield in Torrington just before half term! They all ran brilliantly with some amazing performances by all the children! Many of the children finished in the top 30 with over 100 children competing in each race and we had some super individual performances finishing in the top 15!



Lani Connelly finished 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Year 3 girls and Otti Abram Thorn 8<sup>th</sup>, Marlow Murray finished 8<sup>th</sup> for the year 3 boys, Bode Smith came 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Year 4 boys, Phoebe Reader 13<sup>th</sup> and Skyler Dicker 14<sup>th</sup> for the year 4 girls, Bode Burrows and Mya Witt both comfortably finishing 1<sup>st</sup> for the Year 6 boys and girls. Earl Smith finished 9<sup>th</sup>, Murphy McClintock 14<sup>th</sup> and Lucas Coates 15<sup>th</sup> for the Year 6

boys and Flo Reader 15<sup>th</sup> for the Year 6 Girls. They all showed fantastic courage and determination! Super proud of all the children who took part! Congratulations go to - Marlow Murray, Tom Steer, Billy Brannan, Jools Shadwell, Xavi Grant, Nathan Brookes Lani Connelly, Otti Abram-Thorn, Willow webb, Freya Westin, Ebe McCormick, Fearnie grant, Bode Smith, Forest Wayman, Logan Witt, Charlie Squire, Pheobe Reader, Skyler Dicker, Gwen Grant, Georgina Troth, Bode Burrows, Earl Smith, Murphy Mclintock, Lucas Coates, Parker Phillips, Freddie Powell, Mya Witt, Flo Reader, Hattie Mackintosh, Hetty Bickley, Immy Roy and Penny Martino.



## A few important reminders.....

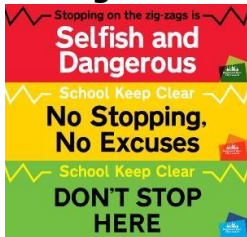
### Attendance – Lateness

I have noticed that an increasing number of children are arriving late into school. Please ensure you arrive in school by **8.50am** at the latest. It is really important that all children arrive in school on time. It is very disruptive to the children arriving late but also the children in the class who are already settled. Children miss valuable learning time and it is also unsettling for them when they come into school late. Please ensure your children arrive on time and are in class by no later than **8.50am**.

### Uniform

I have noticed that not all children are wearing appropriate school uniform. Teachers will be reminding children about appropriate school uniform in school. Please ensure children are wearing the correct school uniform. If you are unsure of this, please use the link to the school website for further information on the school uniform. <https://woolacombe.devon.sch.uk/uniform/>. Please also ensure that children are not wearing jewellery in school, no bracelets, anklets and necklaces please. Long hair also needs to be tied back at all times please.

### Parking



Please ensure that you **DO NOT** park on the zig zags and bus stop area on Beach Road. These areas are clearly marked on the road and must not be blocked.

When cars park in these areas it means that the island crossing area is blocked from vision and it can force cars to drive on the wrong side of the road to get past the inappropriately parked cars. Please leave enough time to park appropriately and safely.

### Gates

The Nursery side gate at the bottom of the steps of the village hall car park and bottom gate will only be open at morning drop off and after school pick up times. During the day these gates will be locked. All access to the school site during the day, between **9.00-3.00pm**, will need to be via the main school gate.

### End of the school day

We also politely ask that all parents leave the school site by **3.30pm** at the latest. All the gates will be locked at **3.30pm** for after school club provision. This is so the children in after school club can utilise the school site safely with all the external gates locked.

I hope the children have a great first week back to school. Please get to know your new teacher this week and I wish everyone a very successful year ahead.

Kind Regards,

   
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M O S T R O U G H T E A C H E R S

**Mrs Gail Holmes - Headteacher - Woolacombe School**

## Term Dates 2022-2023

### Autumn Term

#### Non-Pupil Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

#### October Half Term

**24<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> October**

#### Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Autumn Term

31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

#### Last Day of Autumn Term

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Spring Term

#### Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

#### First Day of the Spring Term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Spring Half Term Break

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
2023 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
February 2023

#### Last Day of the Spring Term

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### Summer Term

#### First Day of the Summer Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### May Bank Holiday

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

#### Summer Half Term Break

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023 -  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

#### Non-Pupil Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

#### Last Day of the Summer Term

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

## Key Dates for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Autumn Term 2022

### *November 2022*

#### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Fireworks on the Field – PTFA Running the BBQ

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Remembrance service St Sabinus

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Nursery and Reception Trip to the Theatre

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

PTFA Christmas Gift Evening TBC

### *December 2022*

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

KS1 Christmas Production 2022 – Village Hall – parents invited for the matinee 2.00pm and evening 6pm

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 5/6 Christmas Production 2022 – Woolacombe Bay Holiday Village. Parents invited to the matinee 2.00pm and evening 6pm

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Senior Citizens Christmas Carols

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

EY Nativity – St Sabinus – 2.00pm – Parents invited

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Christmas Carol Service – St Sabinus – Parents invited 1.30pm

#### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Party Disco Day – R/KS1 am and KS2 PM

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!