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Our theme for this term is HOPE.



Click on the link above to read about worship in the Vale of Pewsey, read this week's Sofa Sheet here:

[10th January](#)

and follow this link to [news from The Church of England](#).

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

When I wrote the 'Happy New Year and Welcome to Term 3' email ahead of Monday and explained how we planned to proceed this term unless we received any different direction, I'm sure none of us expected the change of direction would be so sudden or so dramatic!

THANK YOU so much for your continued support for us and one another as we have all found our way through this challenging week. Thank you also for rallying to collect learning packs and assisting the children through their first few days of home learning, whilst many of you adapt to working from home once again.

LEARNING AT HOME DURING LOCKDOWN is set to look rather different to last time... In our [9th October newsletter](#) we shared news of our [Remote Learning Policy](#) and class teachers then sent home resources to assist pupils with any learning they might need to continue at home.

This week, the DfE have further outlined their expectations of remote learning: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/education-secretary-outlines-plans-to-support-young-people> and on Tuesday all of our teachers shared generic timetables and video messages to explain the format that remote learning will take for their classes from Monday 11th January. Those class videos can all be viewed again on the individual [class pages](#) on the school website.

We are mindful that this approach to home learning will be a step change to the systems that we implemented and used during the first lockdown, but since then we have been able to research and develop remote teaching and learning practices that we are confident will enable our children to remain engaged and continue to make progress.

Please also note we do appreciate that our suggested timetables may not immediately fit with family home-working commitments, accessibility to technology and other issues. As remote learning unfolds next week, please maintain a dialogue with us as we all endeavour to adapt and find workable solutions.

PLEASE DO KEEP IN TOUCH... All teachers are in touch with all pupils in their classes via Tapestry in Oak Class, Google Classroom in Elm Class and Seesaw in all other classes. In addition classes have their own email addresses that follow our usual school format: Class@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk (e.g. Oak@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk) and class teachers are happy to respond to any school work questions and queries that arise. Class teachers will be directly contactable via the methods described above - or through a phone call to school: 01672 851305 - between 8.45 am and 3.15 pm, Monday to Friday. However, any communication to them outside of these times may not be followed-up until the next working day.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS... families entitled to free school meals will shortly be receiving email notification of electronic vouchers. If your circumstances have changed and you think you may now be entitled to free school meals, we would encourage you to apply to Wiltshire Council: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals>.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER... Mrs Draisey, our PSA, is still very hard at work behind the scenes and her contact details are available on the school website [here](#). Do get in touch if you'd like to ask her for help or advice.

As we progress through next week we'll be signposting additional useful resources and finding additional ways to stay connected. We'll also be reviving our website galleries, so do send any pictures you'd like to share to: photos@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk.

FINALLY... once again this time will pass and when it has, please be reassured that we will work hard to get our in-school teaching and learning up and running again as soon as possible. In the meantime please keep supporting one another, maintain contact with us and let us know what more we can do to help.

Warmest, sincerest and safest best wishes from everyone at Woodborough School.

Many musical congratulations to the following pupils...



- Polly M, Piano Prep. Test Certificate
- Belle E, Piano Grade 1, Merit
- Sophie MB, Singing, Grade 2, Merit
- Poppy H, Grade 3 Singing, Merit

Birthday congratulations this week to...

- Imogen (6), Lauren (9), Harriet (9), Aiden-Luke (10), Madison (7), Madeline (9), Barnaby (8) and Oliver (9)

