



Wootton Community Primary School Newsletter

'All our children can achieve success'

4th September 2020

Headteacher's update

Dear Parents,

Can I begin by expressing my sincere thanks to you all for your patience over the last few days whilst we have been adapting to the new regime and routine in school. We are all delighted to be back, in particular to have all year groups back in school. It was wonderful on Wednesday morning to be greeted by so many happy smiling children and even the children who were a little unsure at the start, reported that they had a good day! We are so aware that some children may take a little longer to settle, having had such a long time at home, but we are confident that so far the children seem excited and engaged with their learning - long may it last!

A special welcome to our new children who have started with us in Reception and other year groups. Despite having very little transition time, the new children have settled so quickly and we look forward to watching them develop over their time here at Wootton.

For our eldest children in Year 6, this last year in Primary usually brings different roles and responsibilities within school. Sadly, due to COVID-19, currently these opportunities are limited but I have assured the children that as soon as we can bring back some of the old jobs such as being the Receptionists at lunchtime and supporting the Reception children at lunchtime, we will resume these roles. In the meantime, we have selected the children for both the House Captain and Sports Ambassador roles. This is always such a hard task for teachers to decide as all the children are worthy of the job. This year was particularly hard as so many children matched the criteria staff look for in the role. The children have been assured that if they have not been selected, there will be other opportunities during the year or they

may have previously been a School Councillor.

So for this year, our Year 6 House Captains are:

Iwan and Nicole for the **Blue House**

Ben and Lacey for the **Red House**

Liam and Daisy for the **Green House**

Mikey and Zoe for the **Yellow House**.

Our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors are:

Bridget and Daniel for the **Blue House**

Georgina and Bobby for the **Red House**

Earlisa and Alfie for the **Green House**

Valentina and Nate for the **Yellow House**

We have also renamed the Houses for this year:

Blue House - Stokes (cricket)

Red House - Asher-Smith (sprinter)

Green House - Jones (Taekwondo)

Yellow House - Farrell (rugby)

For all years, with the exception of Year 1 and Year 6, the School Council representatives will remain the same for this term as we felt, due to school closure, the children did not get a real opportunity to complete the role. We also welcomed Gracie and Dylan from Year 1 and Holly and Ethan M from Year 6 to the team. I hope we will be able to meet together in the not too distant future!

We will aim to continue with our Friday celebration assemblies but sadly this will need to be done virtually so we will not be able to invite you in. However, if your child has achieved a certificate or award outside of school, please still let us know so we can celebrate with your child.

Our PTA will be holding their AGM on Thursday 8th October, virtually. More details to follow next week.

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Congratulations to Rocco in Year 3 who was awarded player of the Year with his football team.



We will be sending an online club forms on Monday via Google documents for this half-term (Years 1 to 6). We are unsure as to whether we can continue to hold clubs after this time but will keep you informed when we have further updates. Clubs will be very different and run within each Bubble so that groups of children are not mixing. We look forward to seeing how these will work this half-term!

Please can you return your child's data sheet as soon as possible as it is vital we have all the correct contact information for your child. We are aware that as a result of the impact lockdown has had on so many jobs, you may now be receipt of benefits that you did not have previously.

Please let us know if your circumstances have changed as your child may be eligible for additional funding in school which is used to support and develop teaching and learning, but also gives parents a reduced rate for some school activities. Please complete the Pupil Premium form to see if your child is eligible for this. (Please ring Miss Holmes if you require a form or further information).

Reminders

- * Please check that your child's packed lunch items do not contain nuts (this includes

pesto) as we have several children with severe allergies.

- * Children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) need to bring a morning snack (fruit only)
- * Children need to bring a full water bottle every day
- * Please ensure your child does not arrive before their start time, or the time agreed with Mrs Wilford. Please also ensure they come through the correct entrances.
- * When entering the office area, face coverings MUST now be worn.
- * If your child is absent from school please phone the school before 9.15am and all absences must be followed with a letter. We are asking that this is now done via email and sent to Miss Holmes (admin@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk)
- * If you need to contact your child's teacher, please use the class email address for your child's year group, e.g. year2@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk
- * Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school on their PE day. Jogging trousers/leggings can be worn over shorts and trainers must be worn.

Monday: Year 6

Tuesday: Years 1 and 5

Wednesday: Year 2

Thursday: Years 3 and 4

Friday: Reception

Miss Holmes is working hard on a new layout for our weekly newsletter which we will hopefully be able to send to you next week along with the dates for the diary.

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Jane Wilford
Headteacher