



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

- Fri 4th December—Jolly Jumper Day for Wessex Cancer Trust
- Thurs 17th Dec—Christmas Dinner
- Fri 18th Dec—PJ's and Popcorn (letter to follow)
- Mon 21st Dec—Provisional day for Xmas Parties
- Tues 22nd Dec—Development day—school closed
- **Weds 23rd Dec—Fri 1st Jan—Christmas Break**
- **Mon 15th—Fri 19th Feb—Half Term**
- Fri 26th March—Development day—school closed
- **Mon 29th March—Fri 9th April—Easter Break**
- Mon 10th May—Year 6 SATS
- Mon 31st May—Fri 4th June—Half Term
- Sat 26th June—Mardi Gras (details to follow)
- Fri 23rd July—Development day—school closed
- Mon 26th Jul—Monday 30th Aug—Summer break

More dates to follow

27th November 2020

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents,

I am so very proud of the school community this week, more so than usual, as both staff and children have shown such flexibility and commitment to the school. I am grateful to lead such a great team to ensure that your children are taught well in a stimulating and safe learning environment. The children have settled well into their new temporary classrooms and are so very sensible when moving around the school, which is looking more and more like a building site every day! I am so very thankful to the incredible builders who came to our rescue yesterday when we discovered a significant issue with our drains and pipes by the year 4 and 5 classrooms and toilets. Unfortunately this resulted in us having to close to years 4 and 5 today but gave us the opportunity to see how effective our remote learning is! Please also refer to our remote learning policy on the website under the news/events tab within the letters page to see how this works. Thank you to all the parents of children in these classes who sorted childcare at the very last minute. We are intending to be able to reopen to these year groups on Monday. During these situations we are reliant on our text and email system, it is therefore vital that we have your current mobile number and email address. If this has changed please notify Miss Holmes who can then amend our records.

On Monday we are looking forward to welcoming a final year teacher training student to Year 5. Miss Butt comes with strong references from her previous school placements and has previous experience from working in a local school as a Teaching Assistant. She will be working closely with Miss Salter and will be with us until March.

In assembly today we heard about how Charlie S in Year 4 has been awarded a Blue Peter badge for trying a new activity during lockdown - congratulations Charlie! Our top Timetables Rockstars champions this week are - Scarlett in Year 5, Alfie A in Year 2, Ethan R in Year 6, Bailey in Year 5 and Ella in Year 4 - well done to you all!

Thank you for sending in your mini marathon sponsor money. Miss Holmes has started counting but we will wait until Monday to count the final figure which I will share in next weeks newsletter, however we are delighted to share that we have already counted over £1,000! Thank you so very much for your kind generosity and support. We are going to be able to supplement our ICT opportunities so much more now.

This week I have made contact with the Island Food Bank and have arranged to collect some food vouchers. I am so aware that due to Covid so many families are struggling financially due to the loss of jobs and income. If you should find yourself at crisis point and in a very difficult situation that you are not able to feed your family, please contact me as soon as possible so that we are able to support you.

We have received lots of enquiries this week about different Christmas events that usually take place at school. Staff are working hard to practice a special Christmas dance performance for each class which we will film and are hoping to be able to share with you all. More details will follow soon. Sadly despite us signing up for Cauliflower Cards weeks ago, we have been told we cannot take part this year. We will however ensure that children will make some cards to bring home! We are also able to provide a system so that children can send cards to each other in school. From **Monday 7th to Tuesday 15th December** each class will have a card collection box for your child to post their cards. We will then sort these on Thursday 17th after a time of quarantine before handing out to the children. We will not be able to take any cards after the 15th.

We had a very exciting delivery at the start of the week from Charley's dad in Year 4. Mr Evans works for Moles and very kindly donated and delivered a very large Christmas tree for the school. As we have a very limited space in the hall now, due to the building work, and also that not all children go in the hall we have decided to place the tree outside this year for everyone to see - look out for this at some point next week! Also a big thank you to Zach's dad and grandad for building Reception's amazing wooden workbench, including tools!

Next Friday we would like to support the Wessex Cancer Trust with their 'Jolly Jumper Day'. If your child has a Christmas jumper or top or accessories and they would like to wear this with their school uniform next Friday, then they are able to for a donation of least £1. Please hand the money to your child's teacher next Friday, thank you.

I am really looking forward to our Christmas raffle which starts next Tuesday 1st December. The PTA have been overwhelmed with the prizes kindly donated by so many of you. They have so many fantastic prizes that we are able to have more than one winner on some days. All the raffle tickets have now been sold, thank you for your support.

Monday is the last day that you are able to book Christmas dinner. If your child is in Reception, Years 1 and 2 or are in receipt of pupil premium funding, you do not have to pay for this. All other children need to pay by Monday. For every child that would like to have a Christmas meal a Google form must be completed, we cannot accept any orders after Monday as we have to give the final details to Caterlink.

Don't forget that your child will be able to attend the PJs and Popcorn event on **Friday 18th December**. Tickets will be available soon at a cost of £2 per child. The children will be able to wear warm suitable PJs to school that day and be able to stay until 4pm to watch a Christmas movie whilst munching popcorn in their classrooms. Collection time will be 4pm for everyone. We will send more information soon.

In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend,

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in year 1 we have started to research our own animals, ready to create our own fact files. We explored questions and the use of question marks. In phonics we have moved onto our next phase song. The children have picked it up very well and are enjoying learning some new sounds. In math we finished our topic on halving and began to look at counting in 2s. The children have enjoyed listening to some songs to help us remember our 2 times tables and have made a brilliant start on counting up in 2s. We also made 'Santa for a senior' cards. The children learnt about why it is important to spread some Christmas cheer to other people, especially this year when some families may not be able to be together. The children did a wonderful job and are very excited for their cards to be distributed throughout the island.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In year 2 this week we have started a new book called The Way Home for Wolf. We have been gathering lots of vocabulary to describe the setting and the characters in the book. In Maths we are still working on multiplication and division. We are becoming much more confident with our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We used watercolours in Art this week to create beautiful pictures of the sea. We thought really carefully about our colour choices and tried to make our paintings detailed.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 3, we settled into our new classroom and then we saw the end of our 'Big Write' where the children finished editing their final versions of their Stone Age Boy stories and then had the opportunity to share them with their talk partners. Each child listened intently to the masterpieces and then were invited to critique them, discussing what they liked about the story, ideas for improvements and celebrations about the quality of them all. In Maths we used our x3 table knowledge to really understand how we could use these facts when problem solving with division, then checking with the inverse operation - multiplication. The children are really beginning to see a link between the related facts. Finally, ask your children what they have learnt about Skara Brae this week - a Neolithic settlement discovered on one of the Orkney Islands! The facts that we gathered were very impressive!



WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

Year 4 has had another super week of learning and have enjoyed settling in to our new classroom. We have started looking at Fractions in Maths and have worked hard to find fractions of shapes, quantities and numbers using different resources and drawn representations. In English we have drawn together our learning so far to create an extended suspense narrative - fantastic language and imagery created by everyone! In History we have started to look at how fighting and weapons have changed since Anglo-Saxon times and why. Continuing with our sound topic in science, we explored whether sound travels best through solids, liquids or gases.



WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have had a busy week in year 5. In English the children participated in a class debate about whether wild animals should be kept in zoos, Mrs Harrison and I were very proud of all the children because they all spoke with such passion. In maths the children have started learning about fractions. The children have been learning about equivalent fractions and applying their times tables knowledge. In the afternoons, we have had a Christmas theme this week. The children have made beautiful cards for the elderly in our community who may be alone this Christmas. Also, we have started learning our Christmas performance, it has been great to see the children taking charge of their performance.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In maths Year 6 have been looking at factors of numbers, which has tested our times tables skills! In English we have been looking at how to punctuate more complicated lists, using a colon and semicolons. We have then used this way of presenting information within a non-chronological report about a hobby. We have also been looking in detail at the layout of these types of report.

In Science we have continued to look at how to classify different types of animals. This week, we looked at invertebrates and made our own Top Trumps with the facts we had gathered.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have been looking at the book Room On A Broom and have focused on the witch and have tried very hard to write our initial sound for words such as 'hat, nose, wand etc'. In maths we have been looking at shape and have created some wonderful shape witches.

We also started to learn about woodwork and have enjoyed using our new woodwork bench that Zach and his family kindly made for us. All in all a busy week.



DINNER MENU

- MONDAY**— Cheese and Tomato Pizza, or Vegetable Risotto, with Sweetcorn, Peas and Banana & Chocolate Oaty Square.
- TUESDAY**— Turkey Pie, or Tomato & Vegetable Pasta, with Vegetables and Fruit or Yogurt.
- WEDNESDAY**— Roast Gammon, or Vegetable Wellington, with Carrots, Cabbage and Marble Cake.
- THURSDAY**— Spaghetti Bolognese, or Five Bean Chilli, with Broccoli, Sweetcorn and Orange Drizzle Cake.
- FRIDAY**— Fish Fingers and Chips, or Cheese & Potato Whirl, with Beans, Peas and Peaches & Ice Cream.

Star Pupils

Carisbrooke

Caleb

Bembridge

Millie

Newchurch

Edinburgh

Newtown

Owen

Freshwater

Ava

Appley

Leah

PHOTOS OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Charlie's Blue
Peter badge

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Please ensure you email an absence note within 2 weeks of your child being absent, otherwise it will be marked down as unauthorised.

	Attendance Last Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Yaverland	96.2	96.7
Carisbrooke	96.4	97
Bembridge	97.4	98.5
Newchurch	98.3	97.8
Newtown	96.1	97.1
Freshwater	95.7	98.2
Appley	97.1	97.5
Whole School	96.8	97.6

The class with the best attendance last week was:
Newchurch

	Lates Last Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	0	3
Carisbrooke	1	3
Bembridge	0	0
Newchurch	0	0
Newtown	1	2
Freshwater	0	2
Appley	1	3
Whole School	3	15
Total Minutes	135	146

*Our school target is 96.5%.
We are currently ABOVE target, and aim for our children to be in school 100% of the time!*

CONTACT DETAILS FOR SCHOOL

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ALL OUR CHILDREN CAN ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Christmas



Menu



Roast Turkey, Stuffing &
Chipolata Sausage

or

Parsnip & Sweet Potato Loaf

Served with

Carrots, Peas & Brussels
Sprouts

Roast Potatoes

Chocolate, Orange &
Cranberry Brownie

or

Christmas Cookie



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