



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

- Mon 21st Dec—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 to pupils
- **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

18th December 2020

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to express our sincere thanks for all the cards, gifts and kind messages given. We are so very humbled by your generosity, in particular this year when we are so aware of how many of you will be struggling and feel so thankful that we have the privilege of teaching your wonderful children. I am aware that many children were so disappointed this year that we have not been able to do our usual Christmas performance, in particular the Year 6 children, so if the current restrictions change next year I am hopeful we will be able to plan an end of year show – watch this space! In the meantime, I hope you have had the opportunity to watch our dance performance through your child's Google Classroom page. With the excitement of a very successful Christmas dinner yesterday and decorations up it is at last beginning to feel a lot more like Christmas in school! On Monday the children can wear party clothes for their last day and fun in the afternoon. It has been brought to my attention that several parents are concerned regarding children sharing party food on Monday. Please be assured that we will be continuing to follow our very strict Covid regime and foods

which are not in individual wrappers will be served by the adults.

In our virtual assembly today I shared a recording of Year 3 saying goodbye to Mrs Blake yesterday. Mrs Blake has sadly made the decision to leave the teaching profession and will start a new job and adventure in the New Year. She will be sorely missed in the school and we wish her much happiness and success for the future. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Soby to the team on Monday 4th January.

In our celebration assembly today we congratulated a few more children who took part in the Christmas 2km run last week. Well done to Harry and Dylan both in Year 1 and also Zach in Reception. We also heard about the incredible kindness one of our Year 3 pupils has shown. Evie-May decided she would like to give something to the community and made 34 homemade Christmas cards to take the elderly residents at Woodside Care home in Wootton. She included a personal letter about herself and delivered them. Evie's mum shared how very proud she was and we agreed - what a wonderful thing to have done, well done Evie!

Congratulations to Year 2 who have had the best attendance this term with 98.1%. Year 2 children can wear their own clothes to school on the first day back after the Christmas break.

Our Timetables Rockstars champions this week are mostly from Year 5 with the exception of Alfie A in Year 2- well done to Scarlett, Bailey, Sophie and Izabella, all earning 5 House Points each.

During the term the children have been working hard to earn House Points for their Houses. These are given for a range of reasons such as making an incredible effort with their work, being kind and helpful and completing extra work at home etc. The points are collected and counted at the end of each half-term. For this half-term the winning House is Stokes House (blue) with a total of 750 points, joint second place Asher-Smith House (red) and Farrell House (yellow) with 675 points and third place Jones House (green) with 525 points. These scores have been added to the first half-term to give us the winning House for the whole term. Congratulations to our joint winners Stokes and Farrell Houses with 1050 points, second place Asher-Smith House with 925 points and third place Jones House with 825 points. Well done to all the children for their hard work and enthusiasm to learning. We are so very proud of each and everyone of them particularly overcoming all the diversity that Covid has brought this year!

Thank you to the PTA for organising the PJs and Popcorn event this afternoon - thank you for your support.

Please can you all ensure that you follow the Covid guidance I sent out in the letter last week for the first 6 days of the holidays, please only use the school mobile number in this circumstance - let's just hope that everyone remains safe and healthy over the break!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and look forward to seeing the new learning when we are back on Monday 4th January 2021, but in the meantime we look forward to our last day on Monday!

Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week year 1 has been doing some Christmas themed poetry. The children used their 5 senses to think of different events and items to do with Christmas. They each then produced a fantastic senses poem. In math we have continued to look at place value. The children have done a brilliant job of finding the tens and ones that make up a number. In DT we have used our previous learning to make a pop-up Christmas card. From all the year 1 team, we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in year 2 we finished writing our stories about a lost animal. We spent some time editing our stories and making them even better by correcting our spellings and punctuation and adding conjunctions and exciting vocabulary. We then spent some time sharing our stories and reading them to each other. In maths we have been practising telling the time. We practised o'clock and half past then learnt quarter to and quarter past. In Geography we designed our own village. We thought about the human and physical features we would like in our village and then drew a map to show these.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have been having some festive fun through our Maths and English lessons. We applied our creative skills to make Christmas poetry and beautiful party hats for our Christmas dinner. We also further clarified when the dinosaurs lived, in relation to the learning that has recently taken place through our Stone Age to Iron Age topic, as some were still a little unsure! We created a class chronological timeline to make this more visual! What was great to see was how children were actively linking their previous learning this term to conversation and learning this week! Making links and filling in the missing pieces of the jigsaw! That is what we are looking for! Well done Year 3

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

Everyone in Year 4 has continued their super work this week with some very interesting and in depth discussions around the origins of the King Arthur legend. From this work we have started to write newspaper reports all about The Sword in the Stone. We also enjoyed our RE day on Monday which focused on the concept of faith. We considered the meaning of faith and how this might apply to our own lives, explored how the meaning of faith may be different for Christians and the message of The Annunciation story, and finally thought about whether faith is a good or a bad thing for the world. Our work on decimals has been superb and the children have shown their understanding really well using number lines. We have also worked super hard on perfecting our final illuminated letter prints. Have a very happy Christmas all of you!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week year 5 enjoyed their design technology day. The children designed, made and evaluated wind turbines. The children had lots of different ideas and turned their ideas into reality. Luckily it was windy on Thursday and the children got to see their wind turbines in action. It was great to see the children adapt their ideas to improve their designs. In English, the children created excellent pieces of writing. The children thought carefully about giving precise information in their instructions and I was really impressed by their motivation to continue learning in this last week! I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. I look forward to welcoming all the children back in 2021!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In year 6 this week we have been learning about percentages in maths and have been using features of poetry such as alliteration, personification and metaphor to write a short poem about something in the natural world. In science we finished off our learning about classification of the natural world. In computing we have started to construct our own blog pages. These can only be seen within the class.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in early years we have been very busy making Christmas party hats ready for the Christmas dinner on Thursday. We have also made cards and calendars. On Monday we had RE day and we learnt about the Christmas story. We watched a clip on Cbeebies and sequenced some pictures related to The Nativity. We have recapped all our sounds this week and have been attempting to write some simple sentences. All in all a fun week with lots of festive spirit!

DINNER MENU—First week back

MONDAY— Sausage and Mash, or Veggie Sausage and Mash, with Sweetcorn, Green Beans and Shortbread.

TUESDAY—Macaroni Cheese or Soya Spaghetti, with Sweetcorn, Peas and Marble Cake & Custard.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Chicken or Vegetable Wellington, with Swede and Carrot Mash and Apple, Cheese & Crackers.

THURSDAY— Chicken Tikka Curry, or Lentil & Basil Whirl, with Broccoli, Carrots and Pineapple Cake.

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers, or Cheese Frittata, with Baked Beans. Peas and Chocolate Cocoa Cake.

MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER WILL BE PIZZA AND A CAKE.

Star Pupils

Carisbrooke

Lorenzo

Bembridge

Max

Newchurch

Rocco

Newtown

Kayden

Freshwater

Nicole

Appley

Kaelin

PHOTOS OF ACHIEVEMENTS



Here's Zach, who took part in the Christmas 2km run.

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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	91.9	96.2
Carisbrooke	97	97
Bembridge	97.7	98.4
Newchurch	100	98.2
Newtown	98.9	97.3
Freshwater	96.7	97.8
Appley	97.7	97.3
Whole School	97.1	97.5

***The class with the best attendance last week was:
Newchurch***

	Lates Last Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	0	9
Carisbrooke	3	8
Bembridge	0	0
Newchurch	0	1
Newtown	2	5
Freshwater	0	2
Appley	0	5
Whole School	5	30
Total Minutes	190	797

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

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ALL OUR CHILDREN CAN ACHIEVE SUCCESS

Christmas at Osborne 2020

There is plenty to see at Osborne this festive season. There is a Christmas Wreath Hunt and a Christmas Quest to add interest to your family walk around the beautiful Estate.



Tasty food and drink is available to take away down at our beautiful Beach Café.

The House is dressed in its Christmas finery and there are some wonderful exhibits by local schools who took part in our Creative Christmas Challenge this year.

Tickets must be pre-booked online. Entry is free to English Heritage members.

More details can be found at:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/osborne/prices-and-opening-times/>

Carisbrooke Castle is also open at weekends over the school holidays:

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/carisbrooke-castle/prices-and-opening-times/>

We look forward to welcoming you and wish you all a very Happy Christmas.