



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

- 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 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

22nd January 2021

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents,

Well it has been a challenging week in school this week, with one thing and another, and can I thank you again for all your support whilst we worked hard to rectify the problems we encountered! We have had several staff members affected by Covid in some way this week bringing additional work to other staff members to ensure that children have continued to receive work, then with the added issue of the internet problems and then the lack of heating, I think I can say we are glad it is Friday! I know many of you will empathise with us as you have no doubt had your own issues to deal with so I think the whole school community should be praised for the incredible resilience everyone has shown to survive the week! I have continued to be amazed by the standard of so many pieces of work submitted this week and thank you for sending in photographs of the different activities that the children have been doing.

From next week, teachers are looking forward to having the opportunity to meet with your child at some point during the week, with the exception of year 5 who will start their meeting the following week. If they have not already done so, your child's teacher will be in contact to let you know your child's allocated time. These sessions will give your child the opportunity to discuss their work and raise any concerns, as well as celebrate the things which have been successful. We feel these sessions are vital to ensure that your child's learning journey continues and enables their teacher to check their understanding of their learning each week.

I am missing all the children terribly - even though we have quite a lot of children in each day, the building is quiet and I am missing seeing all their faces! So I am offering each class from Year 2 upwards the chance to join my assembly each week. After discussions with staff, we felt this would not be appropriate for our younger children, so for children in Reception and Year 1 I will continue to read a story and place this on both Tapestry and the Year 1 Google classroom page. For the rest of the years please log on to your Google class page as below:

Year 6 Mondays 1.00 - 1.15

Year 3 Tuesdays 1.00 - 1.15

Year 4 Wednesdays 1.00-1.15

Year 5 Thursdays 1.00 - 1.15

Year 2 Fridays 1.00 - 1.15

This week we received a very exciting delivery in the form of some iPads for the school. These have been purchased to initially support remote learning and for teachers to be able to film live teaching, meet with their class etc. but will then be used by the children in each class when we all return. We are so very grateful to the PTA who organised many events to be able to pay for these but also many thanks to you all for supporting these events so that the PTA were able to purchase these for the school - thank you to everyone!

Many congratulations to our star learners this week who we celebrated in our virtual assembly which can be watched on each Google Classroom page - Harry in Year 1, Harley in Year 2, Ayla in Year 3, Ella in Year 4, Lily-Mae in Year 5 and Leonardo in Year 6. Also, congratulations to our top 5 Times Tables Rockstars who are... Scarlett in Year 5, Mikey in Year 6, Sebby in Year 1, Dylan in Year 5 and Theo R in Year 4 - well done everyone!

Thank you on behalf of all of the teachers for supporting your child to submit their work this week. I know our remote learning policy may appear daunting with such high expectations but I do hope you will understand that we are doing everything that we can to support you all at home as well as ensuring we meet the statutory expectations. Can I please emphasise again that only English and maths need to be submitted before 1pm if you want your child's teacher to mark this and give feedback, and that these pieces of work can be incomplete if your child has not finished in the given time. Your child's teacher will however expect to receive all work by the end of each week and wherever possible submitted through Google Classroom. Please do keep communicating with your child's teacher if you have any problems with the work or need support to upload things. If your child is unwell they would not be required to work that day in the same way that they would not attend school. We are constantly reviewing our blended/remote learning offer to ensure that children are continuing to learn.

In the meantime, I hope you have a lovely weekend and remember above all, stay safe and take care of each other.

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



OPEN MORNING (virtual/online)
SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY 10.00AM TO 1.00PM

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Appley

Harry
Harley
Ayla
Ella
Lily-Mae
Leonardo





