



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

01.10.21 - Cauliflower cards sent home
05.10.21 - Harvest Service at St Marks (Years 1 to 6), children only
07.10.21 - Year 6 UKSA activity (see letter)
07.10.21 - PTA AGM @ 7pm
08.10.21 - Cauliflower cards return to school deadline
11.10.21 - School photos (more details to follow)
Half-term Thursday 14th October (staff Development Day Friday 15th October), return Monday 1st November.
09.11.21 - Parents evening (more details to follow)
10.11.21 - Parents evening (more details to follow)
08.12.21 - Christmas performance 1.30pm & 6pm (more details to follow)
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16.12.21 - Christmas Dinner (more details to follow)
17.12.21 - Christmas parties (more details to follow)
20.12.21 - Christingle service (children only)
Break up for Christmas Monday 20th December (staff Development Day Tuesday 21st December), return Tuesday 4th January 2022.
Break up for half-term Friday 18th February 2022, return Monday 28th February 2022.
Break up for Easter Friday 8th April 2022, return Monday 25th April 2022
09.05.22 - End of Key Stage 2 SATs
Break up for half-term Friday 27th May 2022, return Monday 6th June 2022
12&13.07.22 - Transition days
Final day for children Thursday 21st July 2022 (staff Development Day Friday 22nd July 2022)

24th September 2021

Dear Parents,

It has been another full and busy week for us all and we are so pleased with the children's focus and positive engagement with their learning. Huge congratulations to our Reception children who have all stayed for the full week. They have impressed us so much with their independence and positivity and we are really looking forward to watching their progress over the next 7 years.

Several parents have either spoken to me or made contact with their child's teacher with a few concerns regarding a change in their child's behaviour at home. Please be assured this is very common and in particular with our younger children. At the start of term the children were given the opportunity to revisit learning from their previous year to enable staff to formulate a baseline assessment of each child's attainment. This week we have began teaching the new curriculum and adding challenge to learning. Whilst most children relish this, some children need a little longer to settle and whilst they behave well in school they then may let off steam at home! From my many years of experience this is a common occurrence and will settle. Our younger children are adjusting to a new style of learning, in particular Year 1 will now learn through more structured activities with play based learning linked to their work as opposed to 'free' play, however they will continue to have time for this too. Please note Year 1 will be taught by Miss Paterson for one morning a week. Mr Billington continues to deliver our PE sessions across the school and due to the children wearing their PE kit to school the children have even more time to be active now! Please have a look on our school website where you will find the curriculum plans for your child's class.

Thank you for ensuring you notify us with your child's absence. Please note it is not necessary to speak to me if your child is absent or going to be late to school. Miss Holmes is our Attendance Officer and needs this information and she will also notify your child's teacher, so please can I ask that calls relating to absences are made to the office not myself, thank you.

Please find attached some information regarding a short story writing competition and let us know if they would like to take part.

In assembly today we congratulated our Star Pupils and also heard from Jacob in Year 3 who was voted player of the match last weekend with his football team Ryde Saints. We also congratulated Harry in Year 3 and Theo R in Year 5 for their swimming awards, well done everyone!

We have also returned to our Top Five Timetables Rock star (TTRS) achievers. Each week we look at the score boards to see which children have earned the most coins. By using the program the children gain confidence in their tables and earn coins for speed and correct answers. These are then collated at the end of each week and we take the top five children each week. The scores are then reset each week so that all children have the chance in earning the most for the week - good luck everyone for next week and huge congratulations to our top five this week; Koby in Year 4, Alfie A in Year 3, Edinburgh in Year 4, Lola in Year 6 and Gabrielle also in year 6.

On Tuesday 5th October Years 1 to 6 will be walking to St Marks church to take part in our Harvest Service. Unfortunately due to the size of the church we are unable to accommodate an audience as we can only just all fit in! However, we will be looking for a few volunteers to walk to the church and back enabling you to stay and watch the service. We would need you to be free from 9am until 10.30/11am and cannot allow younger siblings to join us. If you would like to and are able to help please email me. We would also like to make donations to the Island Foodbank as we have done in previous years. If you are able to spare a few tins or packets of food please send them into school, thank you.

Please take the time to read the attached poster regarding COVID testing. I know it is so difficult at this time of year to ascertain whether your child's symptoms are the usual common cough and cold for this time of year but we have been asked by the Local Authority and Public Health to continue to advise testing, 'It's more important than ever to keep regular Covid tests to help stop community transmission'. (see poster attached) So whilst I really do appreciate the inconvenience testing can be and the need to keep your child at home, I am sure you will all agree that we do not want to need to have class closures due to a high number of cases in school, thank you for all your support and understanding.

It is not too late to sign your child up for the dance workshop with Katy and the New Carnival Company to perform on Friday 15th October. The workshops are on Thursday 7th and 14th October, 3 to 4pm. Please return your slip by next Friday at the very latest, thank you.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend .

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year 1 this week we have been continuing our work on 'Six Dinner Sid' and have been writing some sentences to describe Sid, making sure that we remember our capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In maths, we have practiced our number formation and have used various classroom resources to support us with our counting. As well as this, we have learnt where the UK is on a map of the world, what countries make up the UK and have enjoyed making our own flags. One of our favourite activities this week was exploring our school grounds and drawing a map to show what our school looks like!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year 2 this week we have looked at different styles of letter. We then used our knowledge of the formal letter to plan and begin writing a letter asking Mrs Wilford for help to tidy up the litter in our local area. In Maths we have continued to practice counting in different steps and used number lines to estimate number placement. During the afternoon, we have described materials in our feely hands, looked at tints in art and placed symbols on our maps of Bembridge.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Maths this week we continued working on place value of 3 digit numbers. We also found 10 and 100 more/less than numbers, using mental methods to find the answers. In English we looked at the BFG's language and created a BFG dictionary. We also learned about the features of instructions and started to plan our own instructions for making a potion. We enjoyed learning greetings in French and practised having short conversations with each other. In Science we learned what happens when light hits a reflective surface and investigated whether the shape of a mirror affects how the light is reflected.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week we have been diving into suspense writing, which the children have really excelled at. We have so enjoyed their terrifying writing about the appearance of Grendel in the story of Beowulf. They worked on taking their reader from a place of safety to a place of fear in a gradual way that would leave their reader feeling scared. The children had the opportunity to apply these skills in a different context on Friday when we found a fairy door in the sensory garden and the children were challenged to write a story about what might be behind it! In maths we have tackled multiplication and division problems that allow the children to develop and apply their times table knowledge and related division facts. We were surprised to find an Anglo-Saxon 'grave' in our classroom on Wednesday, but the children were quick to start asking questions and drawing conclusions from the clues and we worked out it was the ship burial of a wealthy warrior. Keep up the good work, Year Four!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 5 have enjoyed taking on an evil persona while writing a diary entry from Count Olaf's point of view. Count Olaf is the villain in our class novel! They have also learnt to use modal verbs such as may, might, and must to express degrees of possibility in their writing. In maths, we have begun exploring negative numbers and how to calculate the difference between a positive and negative number on a number line. Our study of the Victorian Era in history continued with a look at inventions from the time period, the problems those inventions solved, and how the lives of the people improved as a result. In Music, we are learning how to interpret the time signature in a piece of music, as well as how to count the beats per measure.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week year 6 finished writing their newspaper articles- they did a super job. They were able to apply the taught skills and made sure their writing met the purpose of the task. In maths, the children have been using formal methods of multiplication and division. I have been really impressed how the children have used their knowledge of numbers to manipulate the questions to make them easier. The children really enjoyed getting the musical instruments out and created their own compositions about emotions.



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have been focusing on identifying numbers to 10 and counting out the correct number of 'evil peas' to match the number. We have also continued to explore our text 'Supertato' even more and have been independently trying to write the 's' sound. We also found a frog in our outside area which caused a lot of excitement. Mrs Wilford managed to catch it for a short time but he soon disappeared. We hope to have a pond up and running very soon in Reception class!

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza and Dough Balls, with Flapjack for pudding.

TUESDAY— Sausage and Mash, with Shortbread Crumble for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Chicken, with Raspberry Cake for pudding.

THURSDAY — Beef Lasagne, with Brownie for pudding.

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips, with Ice Cream for pudding.

Star Pupils

Carisbrooke

Arya

Bembridge

Sebby

Newchurch

Ewan

Newtown

Lexi

Freshwater

Belle

Appley

Gabrielle

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



	Attendance This Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Yaverland	95.4	95.4
Carisbrooke	91.8	92.3
Bembridge	96.5	91.7
Newchurch	100	98.1
Newtown	98.2	99.2
Freshwater	96.1	92.3
Appley	97	97
Whole School	96.6	93.8

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

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	1	2
Carisbrooke	1	1
Bembridge	1	6
Newchurch	2	2
Newtown	1	1
Freshwater	1	5
Appley	0	0
Whole School	7	17
Total Minutes	47	152

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

Ryde Academy will be offering a virtual open evening on Wednesday 6th October. In addition to that, they have organised face to face tours for parents/carers and students who would like to visit. Anyone who would like to secure a slot needs to email contactus@rydeacademy.org or call on 01983 567331

Please see the dates and times below:

- Monday 4th October
- Tuesday 5th October
- Wednesday 6th October
- Wednesday 13th October
- Tuesday 12th October
- Monday 11th October
- Wednesday 29th September



Wootton Community Primary School Open Days for September 2022 Admission

Church Road, Wootton Bridge, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 4PT

Tel: 01983 882505

Email: office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk

Website: www.woottonprimaryschool.co.uk

Tuesday 23rd and
Thursday 25th
November 2021

Sessions at
10:30am and
1:30pm.

No need to book,
just turn up to a
session.

COME AND SEE US IN ACTION!

Also an opportunity to speak to the
Headteacher and House Captains, and
ask any questions you may have.



MILKSHAKE THURSDAY!

Thursday 7th
October

Fish Fingers
and Chips, and
Ice Cream for
pudding!



Every child that orders a school dinner on
Thursday 7th October will receive a free
milkshake to go with it!



2021 SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION

Would you like your Story published and recorded by a celebrity?

2021 is the 12th Annual Short Story Writing Competition, hosted by Sight for Wight, the Island's oldest Charity.

This year's theme is VISION which you can interpret how you wish; eye related, future themed or paranormal are examples.

This year's celebrities will be recording the winning entry for each category and presented to the winners at our Awards Ceremony on Friday 10th December.



Richard Cadell



Robert Daws



Amy Robbins



Melvyn Hayes

**ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED BY 5PM
FRIDAY 12TH NOVEMBER**



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE:

From your school

EMAIL: admin@iwsb.org.uk

DOWNLOAD FROM: www.sightforwight.org.uk

Your entry should be submitted, keeping within the word limit, by 5pm on Friday 12th November, preferably by email to: admin@iwsb.org.uk or post to Sight for Wight, Millbrooke House, 137 Carisbrooke Road, Newport PO30 1DD.

ENTRY FEE

£2.00 for under 18s per story
(up to 750 words)



For more information visit: www.sightforwight.org.uk

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SOCCER CAMP

19TH - 22ND
OCTOBER

26TH - 29TH
OCTOBER

FOR 4-11 YEARS

£10 A DAY

10AM UNTIL 2:45PM

ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL, RYDE

ALL OF OUR COACHES ARE FA LEVEL

2 QUALIFIED AND HAVE ALL BEEN

CRB CHECKED.

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Taster Day

THURSDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER at 2:30PM at
THE TOP OF THE DRIVE.

We have a new catering provider!
Come along and try a selection of our
tasty sweet and savoury meals,
freshly made by our school cook, and
ask any questions you may have
about our school dinners.

