



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

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)
01.12.21 - Flu Immunisations
08.12.21 - Christmas performance 1.30pm & 6pm (more details to follow)
09.12.21 - Christmas performance 1.30pm & 6pm (more details to follow)
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)

14th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Well we almost made it to the end of the half-term without having to change anything, but sadly not quite! We have unfortunately been impacted by Covid over the last week which seems to have initially been brought in from siblings of children in High Schools. As soon as our numbers hit threshold I contacted both the DfE and Public Health to ensure I have implemented the correct measures set by them. The latest update is that we are no longer permitted to return to remote learning for classes where cases increase, but to return to the 'bubble' system and minimise contact. This has also included not holding large group gatherings such as assemblies and clubs. I am hopeful with the 2 week break we will be able to break the transmission within school to return to 'usual' business after half-term. I will email everyone before we return to school IF we need to make anymore adaptations for the next half-term. One thing we are going to change is the parents evenings that we had hoped to hold face to face. After discussion with staff and public health we have decided in light of the raise in cases that we will hold the parents evenings on November 9th and 10th virtually via Google Classroom. Reception will do their parents evening via Google Meet. Please ensure you book your slot via the Teachers2Parents Parents Evening system as soon as possible—you will receive an invite via text and/or email. I am aware that by doing these meetings virtually you are unable to look at your child's work so we are hoping to be able to share examples with you online during the meetings. I am hopeful that we will be able to resume celebration assemblies again after half-term with the Star Pupil children for this week being our Stars. If we cannot do so I will resume my virtual assemblies again.

We are all so excited that the building programme is coming to an end and when the children return after half-term they will all be back in the main building. The offices will return to the original places, with Miss Holmes placed in a lovely newly designed front entrance. The final stage is the installation of the new adventure playground and staff carpark. Once all is finished we are hoping to hold an open event so that everyone can come along and see our lovely new building.

Congratulations to our top 5 TTRS coin earners this week with Year 4 still holding many of the top places. Well done to Koby in Year 4 with 1st place, Alfie A in Year 3 with 2nd place, Edinburgh 3rd place, Huxley 4th place and Tyler 5th place - all from Year 4.

I was blown away by with the standard of Year 3's flag making that they did with the New Carnival Company (NCC) ready for the 'Crossing the Bar' event tomorrow. Several children have been working hard to learn a routine to perform during the event so please do go along and support them - I am disappointed I cannot join them. There will be another opportunity to join with events run by the NCC taking part in the Lantern parade in Ryde. This is a wonderful event where children walk with the lanterns they would have made in school through the centre of Ryde. The event is to take place on Thursday 2nd December and more details will be sent home after half-term. Talking of December, the PTA have a date of 3rd December for the Christmas fayre. This is my favourite event of the school year which takes place in school at 3pm with many different activities and stalls, please look out for more information after half-term.

It has been brought to my attention by several parents and members of staff that some children are watching inappropriate and, more importantly, age inappropriate games and videos online. The latest concern regards videos online called 'Squid Game'. The content of these videos are horrific and totally inappropriate for children and I am extremely concerned that children are watching these. You may not be aware that your child is accessing materials beyond their age so please ensure you have correct filters and monitor what your child is accessing. We are seeing a significant increase in inappropriate behaviour, language and content of conversations in school, which we find often stems from things that children have seen. Whilst I cannot enforce my guidance, please be mindful of the age certificate these things have and the actual law around these. We work so hard in school to teach the children about online safety so need to work together to ensure that the children are protected across all media platforms.

In the meantime I wish you a wonderful half-term

Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP

In Year 1 this week we all enjoyed learning about candlelight on RE Day and what it means to different religions. In English, we have nearly finished our class book which is written in the style of 'Peace at Last', however it is about our school and Mrs Wilford! We went on a sound walk to identify what we could hear and then worked really hard to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We can't wait to share it with Mrs Wilford after half term. In maths, we have been looking at different shapes and have made our own repeating patterns by cutting and drawing shapes. I am also so impressed with how much Year 1 has improved with their phonics and reading this half term, keep it up!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 2 have completed work comparing numbers using the vocabulary 'more', 'less' and 'equal'. They pushed their learning further to then use symbols to compare amounts up to 100. In English, they have completed work on rhyme and used our knowledge of rhyme to create a rhyming couplet about the sea. In art we have been looking at texture. We used our school grounds to find different textures and then tried to recreate textures using different objects in our classroom.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Maths this week we continued to learn about money and giving change and we solved problems in practical contexts. In English we finished reading the BFG and wrote a blurb for the book. Then we watched the BFG and thought carefully about the similarities and differences between the book and the film. We learnt about keeping safe from the sun in Science and discussed the different ways we can protect our eyes. During RE day we learnt about temptation. We thought about times we might be tempted then read some bible stories to learn about times Jesus was tempted.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We had RE day on Monday and the children were learning about 'Specialness'. This involved them sharing and talking about a photo that was special to them before moving on to learning about God and why God is special to some people. In maths this week we have been learning about weight and have been using the weighing scales in our inside and outside classroom and have been comparing quantities. These activities involved us weighing fruit from 'The Hungry Caterpillar' story. The children have also been busy discovering the changes that happen during Autumn. We have been using fallen leaves to create artwork—ranging from sculptures of the hungry caterpillar to 'real leaf' tree collages.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni Cheese, with Ice Cream for pudding.

TUESDAY— Chicken Pie, with Brownie for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Gammon, with Shortbread for pudding.

THURSDAY — Beef Bolognese, with Crumble for pudding.

FRIDAY — Fish Fingers and Chips, with Carrot Cake for pudding.

Star Pupils

Due to no celebration assembly this week, Star Pupils will resume again after half term. Last week's star pupil's will have their assembly on the first Friday back.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week Year Four have been completing their newspaper reports about the Sword in the Stone, using paragraphs and writing in a formal style. The children did a great job capturing that journalistic tone with formal language choices, an engaging turn of phrase, and a balance of facts and some interesting speculation. In maths we have combined our learning about rounding and our learning about decimals to tackle rounding decimals! We all learned to round to the nearest whole number and some of us also started to round to the nearest tenth. We encourage you to look out for decimal numbers in real life, such as prices in shops. Our illuminated letter printing was very exciting; we carved our designs into styrofoam, rolled paint across the design and stamped them into our books. We learned about how important it is to evaluate our work afterwards by thinking about what went well and what we would do differently next time. Our approach is that art is always a learning curve and you can't get it 'wrong' if you've tried your best! We finalised our Anglo-Saxon topic by comparing life in Britain under the Romans to life in Britain once the Anglo-Saxons and Scots had invaded. The children were challenged to select and organise information and offer their point of view, giving more than one reason to support their argument. Well done on your hard work this term and have a lovely half term break everyone!

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 5 have wrapped up their English unit by watching the film, A Series of Unfortunate Events! It's always so much fun to watch a book come to life and to compare the film to the text. In maths we have begun looking at multiples and factors. It can be easy to mix these up so the children are taught that 'multiples are what you get when you multiply', for example $2 \times 3 = 6$ so 2 and 3 are both multiples of 6. I will be encouraging the children to access Reflex Math from home to keep practising their maths facts! Finally, in history, we are wrapping up our unit in the Victorian Era by imagining we are Victorian inventors. The children will write a letter to a friend telling them all about their new invention, how the Industrial Revolution helped them be able to create their invention, and some downsides to the Industrial Revolution. It will be a great way to show all they've learnt in this unit! Have a fun, safe break!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 6 have demonstrated great resilience this week and I'm so proud of the spirit they have shown. This week the children completed their extended diary entries, they really captured the feelings of the characters they were writing as. The children enjoyed RE day, learning about different interpretations of God. They created some super images. Also this week the children have conducted their own experiments in science. They learned that light travels in straight lines and investigated what happens when it hits different surfaces. Have a lovely half term, all the children deserve a rest!

The Captains Table The Esplanade, Ryde

HALLOWEEN PEBBLE HUNT

Hundreds of pebbles will be put out on the beach from Ryde Harbour to Appley Castle between Monday 18th of October - Sunday 24th of October 2021.

Find a painted pebble and return it to The Captains Table to receive your FREE KIDS HALLOWEEN HOT CHOCOLATE.

Spooky cakes, waffles and hot food all available!!

PLEASE BE AWARE this is a free event on a public beach, once the pebbles are out we cannot control how many are found. Please be kind and only take one pebble per child, so that more children get a find. All pebbles are painted on one side with a coloured dot on the back. Pebbles go out randomly twice a day. The Captains Table is open 10am- 3pm every day for cakes and waffles and hot foot. This event is for children only. PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE PEBBLES HOME, THEY TAKE HOURS TO PAINT!

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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 This Week (%)	Rolling Attendance since Sept (%)
Yaverland	96.3	
Carisbrooke	92.9	96.3
Bembridge	96.9	92.7
Newchurch	97.9	94.4
Newtown	99.3	97.9
Freshwater	94.1	99.4
Appley	94.8	93.6
Whole School	96.2	94.9

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

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	1	4
Carisbrooke	1	8
Bembridge	1	9
Newchurch	0	2
Newtown	1	2
Freshwater	2	9
Appley	0	0
Whole School	6	35
Total Minutes	39	335

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

Sports News

No sports news due to all tournaments being cancelled. The next fixtures will be the Year 3/4 Tag Rugby and Year 5/6 Football after half term.



Wootton Community Primary School Open Days for September 2022 Admission

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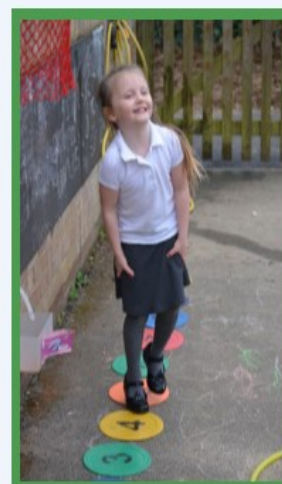
Tuesday 23rd and
Thursday 25th
November 2021

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.*



ISLE OF WIGHT MUSIC HUB PRESENTS



Saturday Morning Music Centre

Ensemble opportunities for players of woodwind, brass, percussion and bowed string players



Saturday mornings during term time

10.00am - 12.00pm

At Cowes Enterprise College

Crossfield Avenue, Cowes, PO31 2HB

Annual membership £105

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19TH – 22ND

OCTOBER

26TH – 29TH

OCTOBER

FOR 4–11 YEARS

£10 A DAY

10AM UNTIL 2:45PM

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