



Wootton Community Primary School

Dates for your diary:

26.11.21-Mufti day in exchange for sweets or chocolate
 03.12.21-Christmas Fayre and Wessex Jolly Jumper Day
 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)

19th November 2021

Dear Parents,

Well it has been a very spotty day throughout the school, thank you for all your donations for Children in Need - we have raised £153.10

The generosity given by families at Wootton always blows me away and I am very conscious of how much we ask of you, in particular during these unprecedented times so I apologise that we have a sudden surge of requests from you all within a few weeks! Next Friday the children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donation of sweets or chocolate (nut free please) for our Christmas fayre tombola. We have had a sudden influx of raffle prizes with some really exciting prizes such as meal vouchers, Ray-ban sunglasses and a chocolate tower, to name just a few things. Tickets will be on sale at the fayre where the PTA will produce a list of all the very kind companies and individuals that donated.



I am really looking forward to storing your child's Jolly Jar - please start sending them in and remember to put your child's name on the bottom of the jar so they have a chance to win a prize.

Mrs Cowell has been busy working with parents to develop their outside learning area even further and in particular improving their pond. Many thanks to both Eddie's mum and Patryk's dad for giving their time to move the pond. Also thank you to Lexie's mum who has given some wonderful donations to the Reception class. Mrs Cowell is in need of some compost to fill her large tyres and raised flower bed which is currently being made. If you have any spare compost at home that you are willing to donate to school please let Mrs Cowell know, thank you.

I am really looking forward to supporting the School Council next Monday evening, when they will present the Anti-bullying charter they have been working on this week along with an anti-bullying leaflet. During the week our assemblies have been based around the Anti-Bullying Alliance work and theme 'One kind word'. The children have explored many of the different areas of unkind behaviour which has provoked a range of conversations and in particular how the word 'bullying' is often used incorrectly. We will post the charter and leaflet on the school website next week following the Governors meeting for you to read.

I am really looking forward to showing our lovely refurbished building to prospective parents with children starting school in September 2022. Our House Captains will join me on the tours so that they can also show people around during the tours which take place next Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30am and 1.30pm.

In our celebration assembly today we congratulated our Star Pupils and also heard from Joseph in Year 1 who has been awarded a swimming certificate and from Faye who shared her certificate from the recent Crossing the Bar performance - well done

to you both.

Our top five TTRS coin earners this week are Huxley, Edinburgh, Koby, Ayla all in Year 4 and Gabrielle in Year 6 - well done to you all, each earning five House Points. We are also going to celebrate the younger children's achievements on Numbots which is a younger version of TTRS and appropriate for children working in the younger classes. The children earn coins in the same way so we will use this as the criteria to be ranked in the top five places. Many congratulations this week go to Lorenzo, Travis, Levi, Charlie and Max all in Year 2.

It has been a while since it last happened but sadly we have received another complaint from a resident in Church Lodge regarding parking. Please can I remind you that the parking area outside Church Lodge is for **residents only** and cannot be used by parents on the school run. Again, please make use of the carpark at the Rec and access school via the top gate, thank you.

Our lost property box is overflowing with unnamed jumpers, cardigans and other items - we will put the box in the front entrance should you wish to have a rummage through?

In the meantime I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year 1 this week we have nearly finished our work on 'Whatever Next' and we are looking forward to starting our new book. We have all worked so hard with our addition in maths and we have started looking at different methods to support us with our adding, including using number lines. In history we have learnt about Neil Armstrong and how he landed on the moon and we all enjoyed acting out taking our first steps on the moon and creating some moon art. I am really impressed with how well Year 1's phonics and reading skills have improved, so keep it up!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 2 have enjoyed a really successful week. In English, pupils finally got to meet the mystery guest who had left his suitcase and footprints around the school. They created questions they wanted to ask him and read the story Meerkat Mail. From this they were able to use sound button words (phonics) from the book and write sentences showing accurate use of capital letters and full stops. In maths, pupils have been busy working with number lines to help them add together three single digit numbers. In the last few days, they have started work adding a single digit and tens to a two-digit number. They have also retold and sequenced the story of Grace Darling, completed a taste test of supermarket sandwiches and discussed the importance of safe sharing when going online.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Maths we focused on multiplication and division. We practised representing the 3 and 4 times tables in different ways such as arrays, bar models and number lines. In English we revised conjunctions and adverbs and used these when writing diary entries from different perspectives. In History we learnt about life in the Roman army and researched the tactics used by the army and the equipment soldiers needed. In Science we discovered that magnets attract or repel each other and investigated how magnets attract some materials but not others.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week the children have exercised their persuasive powers in their writing. We learned about some persuasive techniques such as rhetorical questions and also challenged ourselves to start some sentences with subordinating conjunctions! The children wrote very powerful paragraphs from the point of view of rainforest animals, persuading people not to cut down trees. In maths, we have started a geometry unit and the children have been reminding themselves of the properties of 2D shapes and learning about some new quadrilaterals. In geography, we made little booklets to plan a journey through the biomes of the world, using our knowledge of the different climates and vegetation to explain what we would need and what we might see in each different country.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 5 have just finished listening to their read-aloud novel, *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. They were really invested in the story of Jim Jarvis, an orphan boy living on the streets of East London during Victorian times. We've all agreed that after our Christmas read-aloud, we want to read *Far From Home*, which is the story of Jim's sisters from whom he was separated upon the death of their mother. In maths we have explored patterns when multiplying by 10, 100, and 1000. In Geography we enjoyed learning how to use a compass to find our way and plan on doing some field work next week to practise this new skill!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 6 have been working really hard this week in English to create effective descriptions. They have applied show and don't tell and figurative language to write amazing setting and character descriptions. I have been so impressed by the range of vocabulary the children have included throughout their work. In math's, the children have been consolidating their knowledge of fractions to a range of different problems. In addition, we have started to learn about multiplying fractions and the children really persevered. Year 6 had a really enjoyable science lesson this week, the discussions the children were having and the questions generated were superb. They created electrical circuits to test how the amount of power affected the brightness of one bulb.



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have continued to focus on our text 'Owl Babies'. We have had a big focus on story language and the children each had a turn at telling their own version of the story using the pictures from the book to help them. In maths we have been comparing the length of leaves and ordered them according to the size outside. Whilst outside we were very excited to see a blue tit going into our new nesting box. We also used the woodwork area independently, having been introduced to it last week.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni Cheese, with Ice Cream for pudding.

TUESDAY— Hot Chicken Sandwich, 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

Carisbrooke

Bembridge

Newchurch

Newtown

Freshwater

Appley

Lucas

Ella

Theodore

Ayra

Harry

Lola

Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am

Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.



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	91.4	95.2
Carisbrooke	91.8	94
Bembridge	95	97.1
Newchurch	95.6	97.1
Newtown	92.9	98.6
Freshwater	96.2	96
Appley	97.6	97.1
Whole School	94.4	96

The class with the best attendance this week was:
Appley

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	0	7
Carisbrooke	1	11
Bembridge	2	16
Newchurch	0	3
Newtown	0	1
Freshwater	0	12
Appley	0	0
Whole School	3	49
Total Minutes	22	557

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

We hope to rearrange the postponed boys football match in the next couple of weeks.



FESTIVE MENU!

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MAINS
Roast Turkey with a Mini Pork Sausage
or
Roasted Vegetable & Cranberry Slice (v)
Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Stuffing and Gravy

DESSERTS
Festive Chocolate Orange Brownie
or
Fruit Salad

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP TODAY!

Year 5 creating models of Earth's orbit for their science lessons.

