



Wootton Community Primary School

4th March 2022

Dates for your diary:

Weds 9th March—Year 5
taster day at Ryde Academy
Weds 30th March—Parents
Evening (more details to follow)
Thurs 31st March—Parents
Evening (more details to follow)
Fri 1st April—PTA Easter
Event (more details tbc)

**Monday 11th—Friday 22nd
April**—Easter Break

Week of 9th May - Year 6
SATS

**Mon 30th May—Fri 3rd
June**—Half Term

Fri 10th June—PTA Event—
Royal Disco (more details to
follow)
Tues 21st June—Hat and
Sunglasses Day (more info to
follow)

Tues 5th-Fri 8th July—Year
6 Residential (see Google Form)

Sat 9th July—Mardi Gras

**Tues 12th & Weds 13th July
2022** - Transition days
Fri 15th July—PTA Summer
Event (more details tbc)

Thurs 21st July—Year 6
leavers service, family picnic
with Year 6 presentation @
noon, day finishing at 1:30pm
for the term.
Fri 22nd July—Development
Day (school closed to children)

Dates for 2022-2023:

Thurs 1st Sept—
Development Day
Fri 2nd Sept—Development
Day
Monday 5th Sept—Children
in years 1-6 return
Weds 7th Sept—Year R
start

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week we have had. Whilst we have been working the children hard with a range of assessments this week, the incredible effort and enthusiasm they have shown us has blown us away and yesterday's events topped the week! Thank you so much for all your support with the amazing World Book Day costumes, in particular the costumes designed and made at home and also a big thank you also to the staff who all dressed up too. So much effort and thought was put in to the whole day and we hope that the children will continue with their passion to read moving forward. Evidence has shown that reading seems to be the biggest gap caused as a result of Covid and the many lockdowns the children have experienced. Reading links to language development and spelling so it is crucial we drive reading across the school. We have planned more opportunities for children to read in class but would strongly encourage you to support more reading at home. Strong readers have been able to access the various assessments with greater confidence and can apply their reading skills to their writing - all being vital skills for children as they progress through education and into the adult world, so thank you for all your support with learning at home. Talking of reading, we received a wonderful surprise gift yesterday from Morrisons supermarket in Newport. A few weeks ago they ran a competition which was posted on the PTA Facebook page asking people to vote for our school, and we found out yesterday that we were the lucky winners! We have been presented with some new books for the library, particularly aimed at the older children who are quite often less enthused to read! Thank you to everyone who voted for us.

We would now like to run our own reading competition with the chance to win a book prize. We are striving to ensure that children 'fall in love' with reading and choose to read for pleasure - this was the main theme for World Book Day yesterday. So, we are asking the children to have their photo taken of them reading for pleasure in the best place they enjoy reading. We will then make a display of the photographs in the library and share the prizes. Please email the photographs to Miss Holmes who will collate them ready to be judged by **Monday 14th March** at the very latest, thank you. Now that the building work is complete we are keen to develop the library space which due the move is a little disorganised. We are in need of a few volunteers to come in one Wednesday or Thursday morning in the next few weeks to work with Miss Paterson and Mrs Dew, who has always kept our library beautifully tidy, to organise the book shelves so that the children can access reading easily. If you can spare a few hours to help please email me and I will pass your details to Miss Paterson to arrange a date, thank you.

On Monday we are looking forward to officially opening the adventure play trail to the children after they have waited so patiently to use this. To begin with we will allow a different class each day either during the morning break or lunch time to use the equipment with the plan that once the excitement has settled down, the children will be able to use it when they want.

I was so excited to be able to resume Golden Ticket again this week after such a long time due to Covid and not being able to mix year groups. Many of you will not be aware of Golden Ticket - once a week two children are chosen for a range of reasons, to come and share their work with me. During the session they show me their favourite piece of work and we talk about how they find learning, what they like about school and if there are any things in school they do not like or would like to change. It gives me a really lovely insight into their learning and an opportunity for the children to gain confidence in talking with others. At the end of the short session the children receive a certificate and sticker and bring home a questionnaire for you to fill in with a few questions about school. I really value this feedback from you as we want to ensure we continue to provide the children with the best education that we can so please do return this as soon as you can when your child is the 'Golden Ticket', thank you.

We had a busy assembly today which we are so pleased is back to face to face! Along with our Star Pupils we congratulated a few different children for their achievements outside of school - Alfie S, Harley and Theodore in Year 3 took part in a mini rugby tournament with Vectis rugby team, Emily-Rose in Year 2 has taken her Brownie Promise, Finn in Year 5 has achieved his level 7 trampoline award and Faye in Year 3 was awarded a 'future pilot' sticker after being invited to the cockpit to help fly the plane when she wrote to the captain to thank him for flying them all safely - well done everyone!

Our top five coin earners for the week in TTRS are Gabrielle in Year 6, Edinburgh, Huxley, Koby and Spencer all in Year 4 and top five Numbots this week are Sebby, Daisy, Oliver in Year 2, Harry M in Year 1 and Theo in Year 2 - great work!

We also thanked our old School Council for their work for the first half of the year and welcomed our new School Council. Children's names are randomly selected to ensure that all children get the opportunity to have this role whilst at Wootton. For Year 1 we have Sophie and Jenson, for Year 2 Florence and Oliver, for Year 3 Iommi and Ewan, for Year 4 Evie and Edinburgh, for Year 5 Yasemin and Eli and for Year 6 Millie, Dylan and Toby. The children will receive their badges next week but have a temporary one to wear for now - I look forward to working with these children.

Yesterday I shared the news with the Year 6 children and parents that sadly Miss Salter will be leaving us. She has kindly extended her leaving date to support the children through their SATs and will be finishing on Friday 13th May as opposed to the end of this term. Miss Salter has decided to change profession and join the NHS so will be completing training during the summer term. I am sure you join me in wishing her every success for her new venture and agree that she will be greatly missed by us all. She has assured us she will be back for the Year 6 leavers service in July!

During the week staff have been discussing a suitable way of how we can support the difficult situation currently happening in Ukraine. We are conscious of the need to be sensitive when discussing this, particularly with the younger children, and several of the older children have expressed a desire to hold an event to support those in need. We will get more details of this next week, but in the meantime Wootton Estate Agents are collecting a range of goods to be sent out to Ukraine. If you are able to drop anything off, your support would be very much welcomed. Please see the last page of this newsletter for a list of items. Thank you.

Sorry to end on a negative, but please can I remind you AGAIN that you SHOULD NOT be parking in the Wootton Lodge parking bays and the off road parking spaces off Church Close when collecting your children. These car parks are private land and for residents only and I would not want any parent receiving a parking fine as a result of parking here. Please also be mindful of not blocking driveways and be tolerant of people who have a disabled badge who are able to park on double yellow lines, thank you. Please can you also ensure that you DO NOT park at The Cedars currently due to the on-going building work.

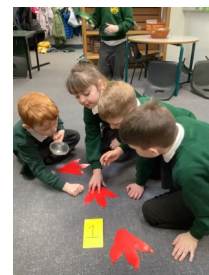
In the meantime have a wonderful weekend - enjoy the sunshine that is supposed to arrive!

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had such an exciting first week back in Year 1 this week! In English, a dragon came into our classroom! He left lots of clues including footprints and a nest of dragon eggs which we investigated and made predictions about. The next day we realised it was the dragon from our new book 'Dragon Post' and we started to think about what the book might be about and how we could describe the dragon. In maths we have been recapping the topics that we have learnt so far in Year 1 so we know what we need to work on; and I am so impressed with how hard the children have worked. We also had a fantastic day on Thursday for World Book Day – all of the children's costumes were amazing and we all really enjoyed reading with the Year 4 class, making bookmarks and dream jars from 'The BFG'.



WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year 2 this week, pupils have been busy demonstrating their independent knowledge. In English we have been focussing mainly on grammar and spelling. We have revisited our knowledge of word families and begun to explore spelling patterns. In Maths, we have worked hard on our use of mental strategies to solve problems. During the afternoons, we have travelled back in time and begun our new history unit entitled 'Titanic'. We watched a fascinating video about the events of the Titanic story and used it to order information onto a timeline. In Music, we looked at a piece of reggae music and used our bodies to find the pulse. We worked in pairs to create our own pulse movements and coordinate them. On Thursday we enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day. We showcased our costumes in assembly before returning to the classroom for a picture and a short writing piece to explain who we were and from which book we had dressed as. Then we created origami bookmarks that slip over the corner of our books. We chose monster or animal designs for these. In the afternoon, we created reading dens and loved the chance to be able to read by torch light. Mrs Grimes also came to share one of her favourite stories with us.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We really enjoyed World Book Day this week, the children's costumes were fantastic! We spent some time talking about our favourite books, completed a book scavenger hunt and spent some time reading for pleasure. Our Geography topic this term is volcanoes. We started the topic by finding out about the Democratic Republic of Congo. We looked it up in an atlas, planned a route there and researched the Geography of the country. In Science we started our learning about plants by learning the different parts of a plant and what they do. We really enjoyed dissecting a daffodil to help us identify the different parts of the plant.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

This week the children have tackled some assessments and we have been impressed with their resilience and determination! In maths we have begun a geometry unit, starting with some work on triangles and angles. Our new topic this term in geography is Mountains and Rivers, and alongside this we are looking in our art lessons at the different ways that water is portrayed by various artists. The children always make amazing observations and inferences when looking at artwork! In English, the children have enjoyed starting our new class text: Rhythm of the Rain.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 5 had a busy week of assessments. This mid-year check-in was very helpful for all of the children to see how much they've learned so far, as well as some areas we need to practise. World Book Day gave us the chance to relax a bit and have some fun! We made a paper chain to link together all of our favourite books from past and present. And finally, we watched the film, Holes, which was our class novel last half term. It was interesting to see the differences between the film and the book!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 6 have really persevered this week. During assessment week year 6 have focused on skills for the arithmetic paper. The children applied the skills we covered each day and were very proud of their achievements. In maths we have been looking at common multiples, equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. In English we started our new text 'The Giant's Necklace.' The children voted for the text and are very excited to be writing suspense narratives. This week they have written superb setting descriptions focusing on figurative language and imagery.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO



We have had a busy, but fun first week back. We did some excellent writing about our holidays having spoken about them during a circle time activity. We learnt about Pancake day and enjoyed making pancakes in class and choosing our toppings. We had a choice of sugar, lemon juice, syrup, or all 3! Miss Shephard has set up an amazing vets area. The children were introduced to this new role play area and have enjoyed caring for our poorly animals. We also read the book 'The 3 Little Pigs' which is our new text for the next few weeks.

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

Teddy

Lorenzo

Max

Oscar B

Ethan

Joshua

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	94.8	92.8
Carisbrooke	97.7	93.3
Bembridge	95	95.2
Newchurch	94.1	94.2
Newtown	93.1	97.1
Freshwater	91.4	91.7
Appley	95.3	95.3
Whole School	94.6	94.4

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

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	5	25
Carisbrooke	0	34
Bembridge	0	46
Newchurch	1	15
Newtown	3	7
Freshwater	0	20
Appley	3	9
Whole School	12	158
Total Minutes	167	2840

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

CREATIVE PLAY - SENSORY PLAY - MESSY PLAY
WEEKEND PLAY SESSION!



CREATIVE SENSES

PLAY SESSION

SATURDAY 5TH MARCH
10.30 - 11.30AM
NEWPORT PARISH HALL



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CONNECT WITH US TO
FIND OUT MORE
& TO BOOK!

Street Decorations

Come along and make some fantastic street decorations for celebrations and events. Learn how to make bunting, flags, willow and yarn decorations with wow factor! Suitable for all abilities.



4 Week Short Course

Tuesdays- 15th, 22nd, 29th March
& 5th April 10.30am-1pm

The Coaching House, 13 Union Rd,
Ryde, PO33 2ER

£20 Course Fee

Booking essential, Contact:
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alison@thenewcarnivalcompany.com



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FREE Bike Servicing!

On Monday 14th March, you can bring your bike into school to be service, and small repairs can be done. This will be free of charge. More details will follow soon, but if you think this may be of interest to you, please let us know.



FREE online course about supporting emotional wellbeing

Following the great success of the online workshops last year, I am pleased to advise you of the next dates for the “90 Minutes to Family Calm” series of workshops as one-off’s or as a course this term.

As always, the topics focus on managing feelings and emotions & supporting us with our own and our children’s self-regulation.

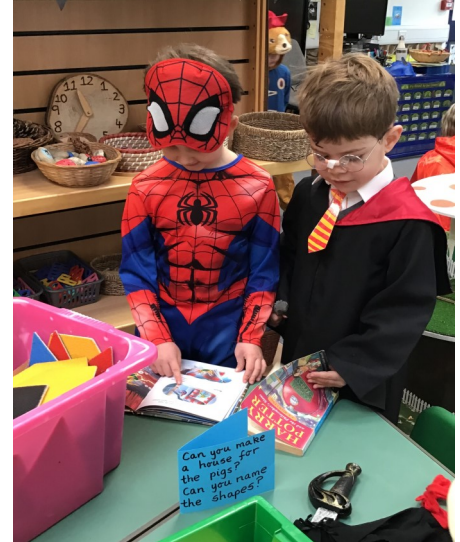
The workshops will be available to join on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30.

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO JOIN AND TO PASS THIS ON.

If you would like to join any of these 90 minute zoom sessions all you need to do in the first instance is reply to this e mail info@thecrossley.co.uk to express your interest, and I will send you a ‘joining’ pack with instructions on how to enrol.

- Brain Training for Calm – 9th March
 - o How our brains work & how they affect our ability to achieve calm
 - o Taming the Emotions Monster - 16th March
 - o How to avoid & manage meltdowns through becoming an ‘Emotion Coach’
 - o Sensible About Our Senses – 23rd March
 - o Understanding about sensory triggers & how our senses affect our behaviour.
 - o Bucket Filling for Self-Esteem – 30th March
 - o A fun perspective on how to feel good about ourselves & help our children to build self-

World Book Day 2021!



More photos on our website and Facebook page!

these are the most needed things at the moment,



- * Bandages, plasters, disinfectants, tourniquets
- * Blankets, duvets, pillowcases, sleeping bags, thermal blankets
- * Personal hygiene items - soaps, shampoos, sanitary napkins, tampons, toothbrushes, pastes, etc.
- * Pacifiers, bottles, formula milk, baby jars and tubes
- * Long-term food: groats, pasta, cereals, canned food
- * Flashlights, batteries, thermos flasks, hand warmers
- * Disposable cups, plates, bowls, cutlery
- * Mattresses and camp beds
- * Reflective vests
- * Toys for children - preferably small ones, coloring books, crayons etc.

We have information that at the moment, clothes are NOT needed. If anything changes, we will add more posts.