



Wootton Community Primary School

8th April 2022

Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th—Friday 22nd April—Easter Break

Fri 29th April—PJs and Popcorn

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,

Where did that term go!! It really has been a super term with so many positives with the most important achievement being that the children have continued to engage in many different exciting learning opportunities and have continued to build on their progress. Thank you to all the staff for persevering through yet more challenging times ensuring that the children are safe and have been provided with some really exciting topics. I was delighted to join Year 5 on their visit to Briddlesford farm this week where the children asked some incredible questions linking to their topic, their behaviour and level of engagement really impressed me. Year 2 last week were also praised for their behaviour on their visit to the boat museum in Cowes. Again, the children were a real credit to the school and we are so proud of the whole community.

Part of our school community are the PTA and what a great bunch of parents they are! Thank you so much to all the parents who gave their time last week to support the Easter fayre which was led so brilliantly by Emily Dodds. The event raised £503 profit which is incredible in such a short time and the money will be put with the other funds to buy our outdoor reading shelter. Iommi in Year 3 was the very happy winner of the bunny and our colouring competition winners are Mabel in Little Herons, Sophie in Year 1 and Florence in Year 2 who received their hampers and eggs, however all entries received a crème egg prize - well done everyone!

We had our celebration assembly yesterday to enable us to have our Easter service, however we sadly had to postpone this due to an outbreak of a sickness bug in school. It was decided that it would not be a good idea to have all the children in a small space today to try and prevent further transition of the bug. Please ensure you remind your children to have good hygiene to keep them safe. We will complete a deep clean of the school during the holiday.

In the celebration assembly we congratulated Brody who achieved his swimming award and we heard about Matthew receiving the Beavers Bronze award which is the highest award given in Beavers as he has earned all the other badges possible - well done!

We also presented the House Points Cup to Stokes House (Blue) who are the current leaders at the end of this term with a total of 1775 House Points - well done to all the children in Stokes House! For this half-term Stokes House (Blue) had 425 points with Jones House (Green) and Asher-Smith House (Red) with 375 points and Farrell House (Yellow) with 325 points.

As well as listening to the fantastic reasons each Star Pupil was chosen for, we congratulated our Numbots winners for this week - 1st place Arya in Year 1, 2nd place Daisy in Year 2, 3rd place Harry M in Year 1, 4th place Zach in Year 1 and 5th place Sebby in Year 2 - well done to you all. Our top 5 TTRS, the children who have earned the most coins over the last 7 days are - 1st place Edinburgh in Year 4, 2nd place Koby also in Year 4, 3rd place Bailey in Year 6, 4th place Lacie in Year 6 and 5th place Gabrielle also in Year 6 - great work, keep it up!

We also congratulated our fantastic under 11 girls football team who just missed winning the final by one goal. Last Friday they played in the final against a tough team and only lost right at the end of extra, extra time. We are so very proud of the whole team for trying so hard and being such a credit to the school. Thank you to the parents for all the support and to Mr Billington for his super coaching and encouragement .

On Friday 29th April, the first Friday we are back, the PTA are running PJs and popcorn. For children in Reception to Year 2 this will run straight after school until 4.30pm and for children in Years 3 to 6 this will be from 5pm to 6.30pm. The film for the younger children will be 'A Minuscule Adventure' which is about a young ladybug who becomes trapped in a parcel that gets shipped off to the Caribbean! A new world, new encounters and new dangers. Will the rescue squad make it in time? For Key Stage 2 the film is 'Albert' which is about a cheeky and clumsy character Albert who lives in the small town of Kelly town, where he is always up to no good. One day he accidentally knocks over the town's prized statue of a famous hot air balloon captain. The townspeople are not happy with Albert's latest accident.

With the increasing rises of food Chartwells are needing to increase the price of school dinners by 5p, therefore after Easter school dinners will be £2.20. Please ensure that dinners are paid for by each Friday, thank you.

You may recall several weeks ago I mentioned about some exciting news regarding our sensory garden and outdoor development. I am delighted to say that we are now able to share our very exciting news! Some time ago Mrs Cowell, on behalf of the school, completed an application to bid for some money. In January 2022, Wightlink invited all Island primary schools to apply for funds to assist projects which sought to conserve nature, enhance biodiversity, encourage recycling, reduce the use of plastics and water or save energy. We have been selected and will receive funding for various projects to encourage biodiversity including pond planting, bird feeders, planting and bat boxes in our outside areas. After Easter we will be looking for volunteers to help us dig out a pond area and make the pond using funding from Wightlink. Please keep an eye out for more information and thank you to Mrs Cowell for writing such a great application!

We have also received some exciting news about our apprentice, Miss Jade Clifford, who has successfully completed her Teaching Assistant apprenticeship with us. As Miss Clifford already has a degree we have been encouraging her throughout her time with us to consider further training to qualify as a teacher and I am delighted to share that she has been accepted on to a training course and will be based at The Bay primary school. She will hopefully remain with us for the rest of the academic year but I am so proud of the staff for the support and training they have given Miss Clifford to be successful.

In the meantime, on behalf of all the staff I wish you a very Happy Easter and hope you have a wonderful break with your families, fingers crossed the sun will shine! We are encouraging children in Year 6 to continue with some learning so that they do not forget all the work they have completed over the last few weeks to ensure they are ready for their SATs when we are back. Please encourage them to do so and for all children to keep up with their reading!

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 1 have had a brilliant last week of term! In English, we finished our dragon topic and have been working extremely hard on our phonics. We started to learn our split digraphs and how to read and write them. In maths, we have all worked hard on our number bonds to 10 and adding on a number line, which I have been so impressed with. We have also finished our geography topic about hot and cold areas of the world, and we have been practising hard for our Easter song for Friday. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break and see you after the holidays!

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

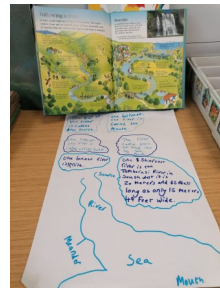
In Year 2 this week we have been very busy. We began the week by finishing our story endings for Samson's Titanic Journey before reading the end chosen by the author. Through road safety this week, we have looked at statistics and have created a pictogram for the traffic that travels past our school. In History, we looked at the reasons for the loss of life on the Titanic and began to consider which reason we felt was the biggest factor. We also reflected on our whole unit producing a leaflet all about our learning. In DT, we have spent time creating the moving parts for our pictures and then assembling them with levers and sliders. On Thursday, we had the chance to reflect on our work and whether it met the design criteria. We then shared our pictures with Year 1 and spoke all about our Titanic unit.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English we wrote a persuasive letter to someone living in Pompeii, persuading them to either stay in Pompeii or leave. We used exaggeration, repetition and rhetorical questions in our letters. We then edited our letters, making improvements to spelling, punctuation, grammar and vocabulary. In Maths we continued to practise telling the time to the nearest minute. We recorded and compared time and solved problems involving this. In Geography we learned about how we can predict volcanic eruptions and the different ways we can prepare for an eruption. In French we practised numbers again and learned about some famous landmarks in France.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

In Year Four this week we have been revising telling the time, which has also involved converting between 12-hour and 24-hour time. In English the children have written some beautiful poems using some really advanced figurative language such as metaphor and personification. Our art topic has been completed by producing two contrasting artworks about bodies of water expressing different moods - for example, a gloomy sea or a cheerful river. We finished off our week with some work on road safety, with an especial focus on bike safety, including the importance of wearing helmets. These two brilliant activities in the photos were completed by Evie and Jess.



WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 5 had a wonderful week! Our trip to Briddlesford Farm was definitely the highlight. The children toured the farm, petted the calves, and had a chance to ask their questions about the impact the farm has on our local economy. The farm owner was very impressed with the children's interesting well-thought out questions and behaviour. In Maths this week we have worked on understanding volume and being able to estimate the volume of solid objects. In English the children are working on writing a biography about Nelson Mandela. This ties in with our reading book, Journey to Jo'Burg, which is set in South Africa during the time of Apartheid. Lastly, we have finally completed our South African animal sculptures in art. The children worked so hard on these and they look absolutely amazing!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in year 6 the children have enjoyed the different writing opportunities. They have had the chance to write their own ghost story inspired by our text the Giants Necklace. In maths we have focused on measure and algebra. The children really persevered with the challenge. Year 6 have enjoyed learning their Easter performance and shown a great attitude to overcoming their performance fears.

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have continued to work really hard at being independent writers. This has involved us planning our sentences and having to remember things such as a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. Plus we had a really good go at reading our writing back to the adults. We enjoyed planting some fox gloves that Mrs Dew kindly donated to us plus have been making some Easter cards and doing a few little end of term assessments so we are ready for the summer term.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and tomato pizza with flapjack for pudding.

TUESDAY— Sausage and mash with orange shortbread for pudding.

WEDNESDAY—Roast turkey with raspberry yoghurt cake for pudding.

THURSDAY — Beef lasagne with fruity chocolate brownie for pudding.

FRIDAY — Fish fingers and chips with vanilla ice cream for pudding.

Star Pupils

Yaverland
Carisbrooke
Bembridge
Newchurch
Newtown
Freshwater
Appley

Nicholas and Bella
 Lucy
 Gracie
 Layla
 Jacob
 Ben
 Sebby

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	77.3	92.7
Carisbrooke	91.5	93.1
Bembridge	94	95.1
Newchurch	94.1	94.5
Newtown	85.5	96.8
Freshwater	96.2	92.4
Appley	97	94.8
Whole School	90.9	94.3

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Appley

The class with the best attendance last half term was Newtown. Newtown class may wear their own clothes on Monday 25th April.

	Lates This Week	Lates since Sept
Yaverland	0	27
Carisbrooke	2	42
Bembridge	4	53
Newchurch	1	20
Newtown	0	11
Freshwater	1	24
Appley	1	11
Whole School	9	90
Total Minutes	71	3164

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Year 5's South African animal sculptures!



Sports News

Our final two football games of the season were played last week and both involved our U11 Girls team.

On Wednesday we hosted Brighstone in the semi-final. Before kick off it was fair to say that the girls were nervous, they knew that a win would take them to the final and also that Brighstone were likely to be a strong team as they had also remained undefeated.

However, within a few minutes the nerves had disappeared and it was clear the team were keen to show their abilities. Lots of pressure in Brighstone forced the first two goals to be own goals and gave the girls the lead they desired.

From that point on the team went from strength to strength. Goals from Katie and Poppy put the game out of reach. This allowed us the opportunity to rest both Poppy and Katie and give the rest of the team the chance to express themselves. A measure of the progress is how well they did without our star duo. Not only did they keep the clean sheet and defend well, but pushed forward and scored an additional goal, thanks to Gabrielle.

The final result was 5-0 to Wootton, the final beckoning

The final was held at Queensgate Primary School on Friday afternoon. The opposition would be an earlier opponent - Newchurch.

From the very start of the league both Mr Tuck and myself predicted that this fixture would likely be the final - both teams stood out. We also predicted that the game would be close and could go either way - everything proved correct.

Starting into the wind was hard work! Wootton began on the back foot and struggled to get the ball in the opponent's half.

There were a few breaks on goal, with Poppy and Katie both coming close, but the majority of the first half was spent defending. Which we did very well. Rarely did Newchurch get a clear sight on goal and the whole team worked incredibly well to keep it 0-0.

In the second half, aided by the wind, Wootton piled on the pressure. For a solid 5 minutes Wootton had the ball in and around their goal with several corners in our favour. Unfortunately, no goal though. It meant that when the full time whistle blew, neither team could be separated and after 30 minutes. Extra time would be required! 5 minutes each way.

Again, our U11 Girls tried their best to get that deciding goal. Two fine saves from the opposition keeper prevented both

Poppy and Katie from winning the game for us. After the first 5 minutes - 0-0.

With only 2 minutes in the game remaining Newchurch scored. A quick counter attack and a neat finish that Immy could do nothing about meant that Newchurch prevailed.

Final result - Wootton 0, Newchurch 1.

I am so proud of this team! They have improved every time they play and have been a joy to coach. They really show what can be achieved if you listen well and work hard. I really hope you all continue to play football when you move up to high school, any team will be lucky to have you.

Well done on a fantastic season to Poppy P in Year 5, Katie A, Immy W, Violet S, Ava H, Gabrielle R, Amelie C, Charlotte B, Lily-Mae T and Jasmine W in Year 6.



Semi Final



Final

KIDS IN THE WILD

IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?

ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?

DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?

Channel 4 and the producers of *Junior Bake Off* are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

VISIT WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK

OR EMAIL KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK

<https://loveproductions.co.uk/contributorprivacynotice>

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Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who donated items to Year 5 for their food bank collection. Year 5 were overwhelmed by the generosity of the school community, as well as the wider community when staff at the Wootton Premier shop kindly donated lots of Easter eggs for collection as well. Thank you!

School Dinner Price Increase

As of Monday 25th April 2022, school dinners will cost £2.20 rather than £2.15. This is due to rising costs.



Year 6 Parents

Notice to Parents/Carers about Applying for Secondary School Transport Starting from Academic Year 2022/23

Upcoming Deadline: **26th June 2022.**

Dear Parent/Carer

If you think your child is eligible for free Home to School Transport, please complete the relevant application form '*Application for Free Home to School Transport*' or '*Application for Free Home to School Transport - Low income*' in order to have transport in place for your child for the start of the new academic year 2022/23. Please complete your form by the deadline of **26th June 2022**. Should your application be received after this date, transport may not be in place for the start of the new year.

The forms are available online here: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/OtherServices/School-Admissions/Tasks>. If you would like to check your eligibility or would prefer a paper application form to be posted to you, please telephone School Admissions on 01983 823455 or email school.admissions@iow.gov.uk. Please be aware that paper applications must also be received by School Admissions by the deadline of **26th June 2022**.

The Home to School Transport Policy is available to read at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schooladmissions>.

Samba Dance Fitness



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A fun, Samba fitness course exploring carnival dance traditions, with a fusion of contemporary styles added to the mix.

***Dance + Samba + Fun =
Fabulous!***

6 Week Course

Mondays 6 - 8pm

Starting 9th May

The Old School, Wootton Bridge,
Ryde, PO33 4PH

£18 Course Fee

Booking essential, Contact
Gemma Mallinson
Tel: 01983 716095
gemma@thenewcarnivalcompany.com



Book now for free Easter activity spaces for children and young people! Free places are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals and on a paid-for basis as well.

Sallywags Holiday Fun Club

Sallywags Holiday Fun Club are offering spaces for ages three to 18 years old. Email: sallywags0@btinternet.com, or call 07977 709088 for more information.



West Wight Nursery

West Wight Nursery are offering places for five to ten year olds. Tel: (01983) 640190 or email: manager.westwightnursery@gmail.com

Ventnor Community Early Years

Ventnor Community Early Years are providing sessions offering activities including gymnastics, dance, arts and crafts, sports, and woodland forest school and much more. For five to ten years old. Email: ventnorcommunityearlyyears@gmail.com or call (01983) 856868.

Starling Songwriters

Song writing and recording workshops for ten to 16 year olds. Absolutely no musical experience required. Please use the following form to sign-up: <https://tinyurl.com/4y9whbt6>

If you have any enquiries, email: starlingsongwriters@gmail.com or call Chris on 07432739733 or Maria on 07868651050.

Island Riding Centre

Riding sessions with a healthy lunch provided for ages six to 14. Bookings: (01983) 214000 or haf@islandriding.com

Aspire Ryde

Kids play sessions and healthy meal in the Kingdom play activity centre for five to 18 year olds. Email: info@aspireryde.org.uk or call (01983) 716020.

CM Foundation's Youth Days Out

CM Foundation are providing four activity days including watersports and street cooking. Especially for young people ages 11 to 16 attending secondary school. Email: sam@cm-foundation.co.uk for more information and bookings.

CM Sports

CM Sports is offering sports coaching and arts and crafts activities for eligible children aged five to 11 at Barton Primary and Nine Acres Primary. Bookings: 02392 987881 or visit: <http://www.cm-sports.co.uk>

Theatre Educational

Theatre Educational has a range of professional, experienced community arts tutors who will provide arts and theatre themed activity for seven to 16 year olds at Oakfield Primary and Barton Primary schools. Visit www.theatreeducational.co.uk for full details or call 07984 170014.



Easter holiday activities

Free places available for children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

A wide range of engaging activities with a nutritious meal are on offer for school ages (5 to 16) during the Easter holidays.

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

To find out more and book, visit: www.connect4communities.org



Vaccinations for 5-11 year olds



Find your nearest vaccination site via the NHS website, by calling 119 or by calling our Hampshire and Isle of Wight helpline on 0300 561 0018



We're working hard to increase our capacity and ensure all children have access to the vaccine.



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