



# Wootton Community Primary School

23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

**Dates for 2022-2023 (subject to change):**

- **23rd Sept**—Cauliflower cards home, return by Monday 3rd October.
- **4th October**—Harvest Service at St Marks Church (Children only)
- **4th October**—PTA AGM @6:45pm
- **7th October**—Go Yellow Day—more details to follow
- **14th October**—Year 4 Educational Visit (see letter)

**Half-term Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October, return**

- **Monday 31st October**
- **1st November**—Parents Evening (more details to follow)
- **1st November**—Flu Immunisations (more details to follow)
- **2nd November**—School Photos
- **2nd November**—Parents Evening (more details to follow)
- **4th November**—Vision and Hearing checks for Reception class
- **15th and 17th November**—Open Day for 2023 New Entrants
- **6th December**—Christmas Performance 1:30pm and 6pm (more details to follow)
- **8th December**—Christmas Performance 1:30pm and 6pm (more details to follow)
- **14th December**—Christmas Dinner (more details to follow)
- **15th December**—Christmas Parties (more details to follow)
- **16th December**—Christingle Service (children only)

**Break up for Christmas Friday 16th December, return Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

**Break up for half-term Thursday 9th February, (Friday 10th February Staff Development Day, school closed to pupils), return Monday 20th February 2023**

**Break up for Easter Friday 31st March 2023, return Tuesday 17th April 2023 (Monday 17th April Staff Development Day, school closed to pupils)**

- **15th to 18th May 2023**—End of Key Stage 2 SATs

**Break up for half-term Friday 26th May 2023, return Monday 5th June 2023**

- **4th and 5th July 2023**—Transition Days
- **12th July 2023**—KS1 Sports afternoon (tbc)
- **13th July 2023**—KS2 Sports afternoon (tbc)
- **14th July 2023**—End of Year reports home
- **19th July 2023**—Parents Open Evening 3:15-5pm
- **19th July 2023**—5:30-7pm Year 6 Leavers Treat (tbc)
- **20th July 2023**—Year 6 Leavers Presentation @11am and Whole School Family Picnic with class performances at 12pm, school finishes at 1:30pm
- **21st July 2023**—School closed to children, staff development day.

It has been another very busy and full week with the start of after school clubs which have been very well attended. Please can I remind you that if your child is unable to attend their club you inform their teacher so that the member of staff running the club is aware that they will be absent, however, please encourage your child to attend when they sign up as it is often that we have waiting lists for clubs so we need full commitment from the children, thank you for your support with this.

Your child will hopefully have brought home their Cauliflower Card work today for you to order Christmas cards and other exciting goods should you wish to do so. Please follow the instructions on the sheet and **return to school no later than Monday 3rd October.**

I have really enjoyed meeting with various children both last week and this week for our 'Golden Ticket' sessions. Children are selected at random to receive a Golden Ticket which involves them in a chance to share their work with myself and talk about their learning. Their favourite part of the session is when they tell me something their teacher may need to get better at or something the whole school needs to improve on! At the end of the session the children receive a sticker, certificate and questionnaire to bring home. If you are able to complete this with your child and return to school I would be most grateful as we are continuing to drive the school forward and always value your thoughts and feedback.

This afternoon the children joined their House Groups for our weekly BIG Think sessions. The children have the opportunity to work with different staff and different year groups to explore a philosophical question, piece of art or music and discuss this as a group with a different group sharing their thoughts in assembly each week. This week our question was 'Should everyone in the world speak English?'

During the summer holidays I received an email from a resident in Wootton Lodge regarding the parking and rubbish left by parents in their parking area. The parking area in Wootton Lodge is private for residents and I have been asked to remind you that this should not be used as convenient drop off point for parents and please note that there are signs that clearly indicate this. The residents have complained that parents parking here causes congestion at peak times, both morning and afternoon, and in turn this has led to altercations between parents and residents reflecting badly on the good name of Wootton Community Primary School. Please use alternative places to park such as the car park in Footways, adjacent to the rear of the school, within walking distance. I have been asked to share that the Landlords of the properties in Wootton Lodge are aware of the illegal parking and are in the process of reinstalling fines for unofficial vehicles so please do not park here, thank you.

It is so lovely to see the children arrive so keen and eager to start school in the morning but please can I ask that children are supervised whilst waiting to come in or if your child is older and walks on their own, that they line up sensibly. We have had a few complaints regarding some disruptive behaviour and children running around the recycle clothes bin at the bottom of the drive. Can I also really encourage you to get your child to school as close to 8.35am as you can. Whilst, at present, this is not the compulsory start time, teachers use these first 20 minutes of the day as an

opportunity to revisit learning, read with the children, practise key skills etc. so this time really benefits learning.

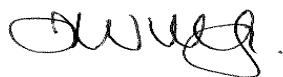
Mrs Cowell is in need of some compost for her growing area to plant some lovely seedling donations she has received. If you have any compost surplus to your requirements please drop it round to Mrs Cowell, thank you.

In assembly today we congratulated Sydney in Year 2 on her swimming success. In just 6 weeks she has moved from Level 1 to Level 2 - great work! We also presented Callum in Year 3 and Kristen in Year 4 a certificate each from Mrs Grimes for showing such bravery at hospital this week, well done!

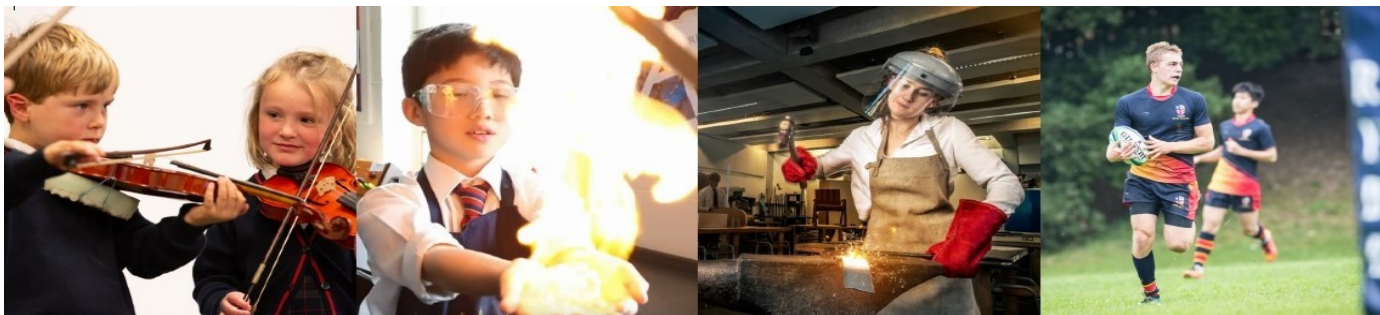
It is great to see that many children are accessing both Numbots and TTRS for their homework and we are keen to award progress as well as outcomes. Many children are finding Numbots more accessible whilst they improve their times tables so are keen to celebrate all years accessing Numbots. So this week are top 5 Numbots achievers are 1st place Florence in Year 3, 2nd place Sebby also in Year 3, 3rd place Jessica in Year 5, 4th place Oliver in Year 2 and 5th place Eneah in Year 4. All TTRS top 5 coin earners this week are 1st place Koby, 2nd place Rocco, 3rd place Spencer, 4th place Ayla all from Year 5 and 5th place Dylan in Year 3 - 5 House Points to each child, well done!

We are so pleased to have our Year 6 office workers back at lunchtime so please do not be shocked if you call school at lunchtime and are greeted by one of our wonderful Year 6 helpers!

Please can we ask that parents of children in Year 2 and Year 3 stand at the top path whilst waiting for their children at home time as Year 1 parents with pushchairs are struggling to access the slope being forced to go down the grass bank which is becoming slippery and dangerous, thank you for your help with this.



Jane Wilford  
Headteacher



## WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER 10.00AM UNTIL 12.30PM

Join us for tours of the School, a Q&A session with the Head Master and senior team and an opportunity to talk to pupils, staff and parents. Enjoy displays, live music and drama rehearsals and join in with science experiments.

*An island school with a global outlook*



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## WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class I have been busy working with the children on a 1:1 basis as we start our Baseline assessment. The children have worked really hard and stayed very focused during these short sessions. We have also been doing lots of number songs and have started to make our own 'Evil peas' using paper plates and green paint. We hope to use these as a display. We have also opened up more areas in our classroom including the sandpit which the children have really enjoyed. The children have also created their own slides this week using our scaffold boards.

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## WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we practised writing lists by writing a list of how Mr Bear feels at different points during the story. Then we thought about the different noises we hear around the school and compared this to the noises the bears hear in the book. In Maths we continued to practise counting in tens and then we learnt how to find one more than a number, using counters and a number line to help. In Art we followed instructions carefully to make penguins. In PSHE we thought about different ways to be helpful at home and at school. We thought about how other people feel when we are helpful. In Science we thought about the 5 senses again, with a focus on hearing and we went on a listening walk around the school. Well done year 1 for another fantastic week!

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## WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow, what a lot of learning we have squeezed in to our four-day week! We have been delving further into the exciting adventures of Traction Man in English, thinking all about nouns and when and why they might need a capital letter - ask your child to sing you the noun song :)

In Maths we have continued our work on representing numbers on the number line, and have worked outside chalking blank number lines and estimating the position of different numbers, giving reasons for our answers. We have enjoyed talking more about making good material choices for everyday objects in Science and explored chronological language in History. Phew! Have a lovely weekend everyone to recover from our busy week.

## WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 3 have been working hard on their spellings in English. We've been doing lots of different spelling activities during our morning time and have started independently using a purple pen to correct spellings in our writing. In line with reading the next part of our book, the BFG, we've been instruction writing on how to make our own dreams. We've had lots of whacky ideas and the children have all enjoyed sharing them. In Maths we have been ordering numbers and using our place value knowledge to explain how we know what order numbers go in. We've looked a lot at the vocabulary used in Math and have all done a brilliant job of using terms such as 'greater than', 'less than', 'fewer' etc. In Art this week we explored our shadows. Luckily it was a beautiful sunny day, so we were able to go outside and experiment at making different shapes and positions with our own shadows. We then used charcoal to create a shadow effect of a person.

## WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

In Year 4 this week we have been continued reading our story Beowulf. We have mapped out the journey so far on the school playground and used it to help us retell the story. Within the writing we tried to include the powerful vocabulary and speech punctuation work we had previously studied. In Maths, we have looked at rounding to 10 and 100. Today we applied this learning to some estimation work. Alongside this we have created our cauliflower cards, found out about homes in the Anglo Saxon period and continued to develop our tennis skills of forehand and back-hand.

## WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year five has had another successful week. This week, we delved further into Kensuke's Kingdom and in English the class planned their own story and began to write lovely fictional tales. In Maths, we have moved onto addition working with both concrete and pictorial representations of numbers to calculate four digit addition calculations with up to two exchanges. This week, the children also began their ukulele lessons which seemed to go down a treat! The highlight of the week was our practical maths lesson where the children got to draw on their tables to create place value charts.



## WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week the children have worked hard to identify persuasive devices in different texts, so that they can write their own pamphlet persuading the horse owners of 1914 to sell their horses to the army - just like Joey in our 'War Horse' text. In Maths, Year Six has impressed me with their formal addition and subtraction, and we are starting to consider how to choose between written methods and mental methods. Our artwork around the landmarks of London is now complete, and in geography we have analysed different cities of the UK to decide if London really is the best choice of capital city. We tackled ordinal numbers in French, allowing us to discuss in what order things happen.

## DINNER MENU

**MONDAY** - Macaroni cheese or vegetarian sausage with mashed potato and gravy. Oatie biscuit for pudding.

**TUESDAY** - Chicken Korma or veggie balls in tomato sauce with pasta. Apple and carrot muffin for pudding.

**WEDNESDAY** - Roast pork or butternut squash and potato pastry slice. Strawberry ice cream for pudding.

**THURSDAY** - Beef meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta or Quorn hot dog with potato wedges. Chocolate sponge cake with chocolate sauce for pudding.

**FRIDAY** - Fish fingers and chips or BBQ veggie burger and chips. Crispy crackle bar for pudding.

## Star Pupils

**Murphy Year 1**

Isabelle

**Gravett Year 2**

Emire

**Hughes Year 3**

Max

**Pullman Year 4**

Kristen

**Horowitz Year 5**

Phoenix R

**Blackman Year 6**

Lexi

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.



## Wootton Community Primary School Open Days for September 2023 Admission

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

Tel: 01983 882505

Email: [office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk)

Website: [www.woottonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.woottonprimaryschool.co.uk)

Tuesday 15th and  
Thursday 17th  
November 2022

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.*



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## Year 7 Open Evening

Thursday 6th October 2022, 5.00-8.00pm

Presentation at 5.00pm and 6.00pm followed by tours of the Secondary School

Open Morning: Tuesday 11th October, 9.00-11.00am, please call to book an appointment.



Contact us for more information: Telephone: 01983 403284

Email: [office@bayceschool.org](mailto:office@bayceschool.org)

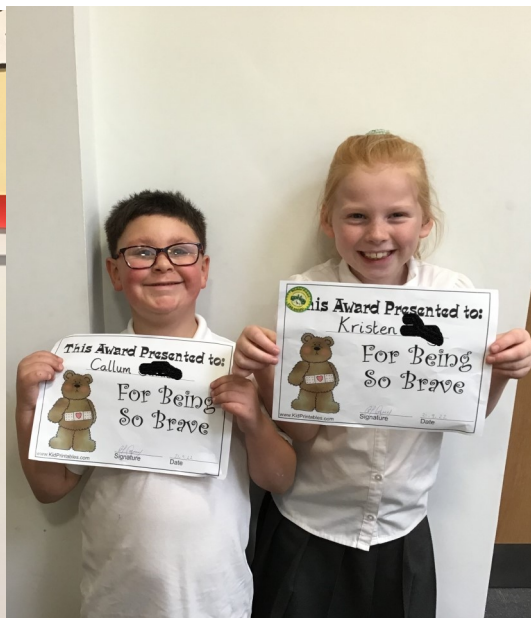
Website: [bayceschool.org](http://bayceschool.org)

You may have seen the recent press release regarding the launch of the latest project from the connect4communities scheme, providing food vouchers to eligible households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support. Vouchers are being offered to households in receipt of the benefit that also meet one of the following criteria:

- In receipt of Pension Credit Guaranteed Credit
- In receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals / EYFP
- Have no children or pensioners living in the house

To apply for a voucher, residents would need to complete a short form which will then be processed by a small council team.

**Please let us know if you require a copy of this form, electronically or printed.**



**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 (%) |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Donaldson           | 91.7                     | 94.7                              |
| Murphy              | 96.2                     | 96.3                              |
| Gravett             | 93.5                     | 96.3                              |
| Hughes              | 96.7                     | 97.6                              |
| Pullman             | 91.7                     | 95.6                              |
| Horowitz            | 96.4                     | 97.7                              |
| Blackman            | 99.2                     | 98.7                              |
| <b>Whole School</b> | <b>94.3</b>              | <b>95.9</b>                       |

**The class with the best attendance this week is:**  
**Blackman Class**

|                      | Lates This Week | Lates since Sept |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Donaldson            | 0               | 1                |
| Murphy               | 0               | 0                |
| Gravett              | 3               | 8                |
| Hughes               | 1               | 3                |
| Pullman              | 0               | 3                |
| Horowitz             | 2               | 4                |
| Blackman             | 0               | 2                |
| <b>Whole School</b>  | <b>6</b>        | <b>21</b>        |
| <b>Total Minutes</b> | <b>53</b>       | <b>219</b>       |

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

# Open evenings

| School/College                           | Date                       | Time                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Carisbrooke College                      | 27/09/2022                 | Y6 open evening 5-8pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Christ the King College                  | 21/09/2022                 | Y6 open evening at 3.30pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                          | 02/11/2022                 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening 4pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Cowes Enterprise College                 | Week commencing 17/10/2022 | No specific dates, parents make appointments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Island Free School                       | 8/10/2022                  | Timings and further details to be confirmed in September                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Medina College                           | 20/09/2022                 | Y6 open evening 5-8pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Ryde Academy                             | 05/10/2022                 | Y6 open evening 4-7pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                          | 10/11/2022                 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening 4-7pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Ryde School                              | 08/10/2022 & 04/02/2023    | 10-12.30pm<br>Parents are requested to register via website <a href="https://www.rydeschool.org.uk/admissions/open-days-visits">https://www.rydeschool.org.uk/admissions/open-days-visits</a> or by emailing <a href="mailto:admissions@rydeschool.net">admissions@rydeschool.net</a> |
|                                          | 24/11/2022                 | 6F open evening 6.30-9pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| St George's School                       | n/a                        | Specifically arranged visits                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| The Bay CE School                        | 06/10/2022                 | Y6 open evening – time tbc                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| The Island VI Form                       | 03/11/2022                 | 6 <sup>th</sup> Form open evening 5-8pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham | n/a                        | Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Marion Ahmed – Tel: 861222 or email: <a href="mailto:mail@prioryschool.org.uk">mail@prioryschool.org.uk</a>                                                                                                    |



THE ISLAND FREE SCHOOL

## Year 6 Open Day

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 2pm

Headmaster's Talks at 11am, 12pm & 1pm – booking now open



## SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION 2022

**'The Sea'**

**Are You A Budding Author?**

**Enter our competition for a chance to have your  
story published and recorded by a celebrity!**

### **ENTRY FEE (per story)**

£8.00 for:

Adults (1500 - 2000 words)

£2.00 for:

12 - 17s (up to 750 words)

8 - 11s (up to 500 words)

Under 8s (up to 250 words with pictures)

### **ENTRY FORMS FROM:**

Waterstones, Newport

Sight for Wight, Carisbrooke

Dress for Less, Newport

Email: [admin@iwsb.org.uk](mailto:admin@iwsb.org.uk)



BETHANNIE HARE



DOMINIC MINGHELLA



MARK SIMMONS



RICHARD CADELL

**For more information visit: [sightforwight.org.uk](http://sightforwight.org.uk)**

**Award Ceremony on Monday 5th December 2022**

**Riverside Centre, Newport @ 7pm**

**ENTRIES MUST BE RETURNED BY 5PM ON FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

*Sight for Wight is the working name for Isle of Wight Society for the Blind*

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**Please speak to the office if you  
would like a copy of the Entry  
Form.**

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Wootton Community Primary School,  
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Chair: Emily Dodds  
Treasurer: Toni Streets  
Secretary: Lucy Benton

16<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Members,  
Wootton Community Primary School PTA  
Annual General Meeting (EGM)

I would like to invite you to our AGM, which will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6.45pm at the School.

The AGM is your chance to hear how the funds we have raised have been used for the benefit of the children at our school. It is also an opportunity for you to elect the committee to represent the association for the 2022-2023 academic year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM. Nominations can be made by emailing the PTA on [woottonprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:woottonprimarypta@gmail.com).

The current committee are unable to stand for re-election, so we are keen to hear from anybody who would be interested in the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These roles could be split between more than one member, and there could also be a Vice Chair if required.

The Chair is responsible for leading the meeting and steering the committee towards its aims. The treasurer is responsible for keeping funds in line and producing floats for events. The Secretary will use their skills to record minutes, keep records and produce information for events.

If you would like any further information about what is involved in being a committee member, please use the email above to get in touch.

Straight after the AGM, we will hold a more informal open meeting where we can discuss our plans for the next year. You do not have to stay for both meetings.

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6.45pm.

Kind regards,

Emily Dodds  
Chair