



Wootton Community Primary School

25th November 2022

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had in school again, where are the weeks going? I am so proud of all of the children in school, and despite us starting to think about the end of term and Christmas, they are still keeping the same focus and drive with their school work. This was also validated this week during a monitoring visit completed by our Hampshire inspector. Following a learning walk and spending time in each class, she responded with 'I have really enjoyed that today', and went on to give me many positive points about teaching and learning throughout the school.

Sadly our attendance continues to be a concern with more children being taken out of school during term time for holidays. Whilst I really do appreciate the price difference taking holidays during term time and know how important family time is, children are missing key learning when being off for some time. Topics and themes are completed at different points and absences can lead to children missing a whole unit of work leaving gaps in their learning journey. This also applies to absence through sickness where we have seen a rise in children being kept off with just a runny nose or tummy ache. Please do not worry about sending your child in with these symptoms and be assured that we will send them home should their symptoms get worse. I do feel we are still seeing the impact of Covid when children were not mixing together and have not been able to build up their natural immunity. I am hopeful that after a lovely cold snap of weather the bugs will be attacked and we can get our attendance levels back where they need to be!

Thank you for all the wonderful donations today for the Christmas event next Friday. Several parents have asked how the split times work if they have children in both Key Stages. We are happy for people to come along to either event, the more the merrier! Please keep sending in your jolly jars so we have lots to sell. So just a reminder of the event next Friday:

Christmas disco with added activities for children to partake in, such as the chocolate tombola, Jolly Jar sale, lucky dip, face painting etc. The first disco will run from 3-4.15pm (parents come along please), the second from 4.30-6pm. The same items/activities will be available at both discos so that children are not missing out. There will be an entry fee of £1 per child for the event and then the vast majority of the activities will cost 50p a go. Raffle tickets will cost £1 a ticket, £5 a strip and will be available to purchase ON THE DAY, including during the school drop off. The PTA still need some support for this event so if you are able to help please let Layla Sinnick know either via the PTA Facebook page or at school (Callum in Year 3).

Talking of Christmas, thank you so much to Moles and Charley in Year 6's dad, for arranging the wonderful Christmas tree donation for the hall. If children would like to make a Christmas decoration to hang on the tree please send in with your child's name on with the chance to win a prize. We are also going to be supporting Age UK with an appeal they have running. There are so many elderly people living on their own or in care that have a very lonely Christmas and schools have been asked to make Christmas cards to be sent out. As a school we are going to support this appeal and would also like to send gifts. If you have a spare small gift suitable for the elderly then please send this into school before **Friday 9th**, thank you.

You should have received an email regarding the school Christmas dinner which is taking place on Wednesday 14th December. You will need to ensure you have booked this if you wish your child to have a school dinner on this day as this will be THE ONLY meal available and MUST be booked in advanced. Please contact Miss Holmes if you have not received this information. You will also have heard that our two evening performances are sell outs! We still have a few spaces for the afternoons but not everyone has booked yet. We will wait until the middle of next week after which time we will offer additional tickets to people on the waiting list. Please ensure you have sent your child's costume in a named bag by **NEXT FRIDAY** at the very latest, thank you.

Dates for 2022-2023 (subject to change):

- **6th December**—Christmas Performance 1:30pm and 6pm
- **8th December**—Christmas Performance 1:30pm and 6pm
- **9th December**—Christmas Jumper Day (details to follow)
- **14th December**—Christmas Dinner
- **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.

Next week we are going to look at the top 5 scoring children for TTRS and Numbots in a different category so that children are challenged in a different way. We will be looking at the children who are spending the most time practising and accessing the program over the week, however this week we will continue with the top 5 coin earners. Congratulations therefore to our Numbots winners first place Harry in Year 1, second place Patryk also in Year 1, third place Tyler D in Year 5, fourth place Lara in Year 1 and fifth place Jessica also in Year 1 and in TTRS first place Koby in Year 5, second place Oliver also in Year 5, third place Braedon in Year 4, fourth place Spencer in Year 5 and fifth place Ella in Year 6 - 5 House Points to each child, well done!

Also in assembly we congratulated our star pupils and those who have been busy outside of school too! Amira in Year 1 has achieved her level 1 and 2 trampolining certificates, and Caleb C in Year 3 has earned his 50m swimming badge.

Last week, TTRS launched a national tournament, open to every school in England. We decided to enter our KS2 classes and I'm delighted to inform you all that we did very well! Out of the 4,014 schools that entered, Wootton finished an impressive 732nd place. This means we beat 3,282 other schools! It was with great pride that I awarded the following certificates to the top two pupils in each enrolled class. In Year 3 - 1st Lorenzo, 2nd Sebastian Rose. Year 4 - 1st Breadon, 2nd Jack. Year 5 - 1st Koby, 2nd Oli and in year 6 - 1st Theo Lewis 2nd Owen. Well done to every pupil involved and a special well done to our overall top three players 1st place Koby, 2nd place Oli and 3rd place Lorenzo. Keep up the good work.

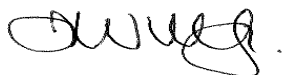
Well done to the children who took part in the 'brighten your bag' competition. The JTAs will announce the winners next week.

Thank you to the children who represented the School Council on Monday and came back to school to meet the Governors to share the work they completed during anti-bullying week. Pippa from Year 1, Emire from Year 2, Daisy from Year 3, Caleb from Year 4, Charlie and Kayden from Year 6 spoke about the actions we are taking to ensure that any bullying is addressed and that children know how to get help if they are worried and sad. The governors asked several questions and the children gave great answers, great work!

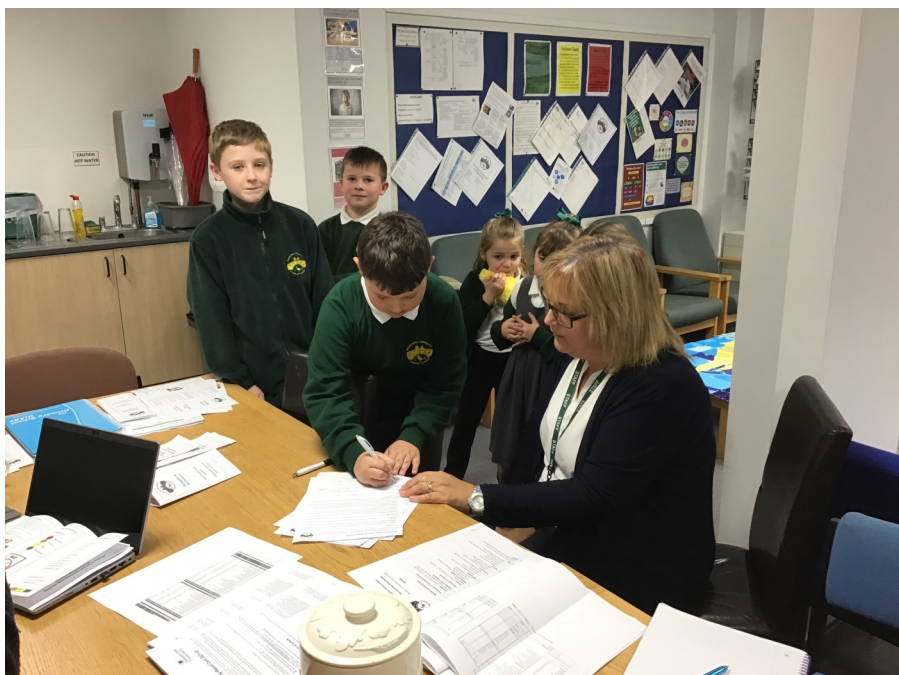
Thank you to all the parents who took the girls football team to their match on Wednesday. After a close game the score was 2-1 to St Saviours—well done everyone for your great teamwork!

Well done to Year 4 for excellent behaviour during their visit to Amazon World on Thursday. I have been informed that they had a fantastic day and were thoroughly engaged with their learning, thank you to the staff and Mr Tutton for supporting them.

In the meantime I hope you have a lovely weekend,



Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we started our new text 'The Gruffalo' which we read during one of our carpet sessions. In class we enjoyed exploring our 'Gruffalo cave' with the torches and took our books in there to read and share. We have made Gruffalos in the art area and have been using the phonemes we have learnt to match simple cvc words and pictures together. To consolidate some learning from last week we have used the numicon to identify the amount and match this with the correct numeral.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Maths this week we focused on reading, writing and ordering numbers to 30. Then we practised finding one more and one less than a number using concrete resources. We also practised writing number sentences. In English we started our new book called Man on the Moon. We made predictions then described the main characters and the setting. In History we compared the journeys made by Armstrong and Columbus and thought about the different equipment they used. In Art we continued to practise colour mixing and printing. We used vegetables to print repeated patterns.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have really excelled in their maths work this week, using different strategies to subtract 1-digit numbers from 2-digit numbers. Everyone has tackled some really tricky problems and persevered to achieve their best! We have also seen some beautiful writing in our English lessons, describing the setting for our new Arctic story including powerful adjectives to paint a vivid picture in the mind of our readers. In Science we have explored the recycling process and in Geography we continue to think about different climates around the world.

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 3 has done some AMAZING writing! We started writing our innovated versions of The Stone Age Boy and completed our beginning setting descriptions. The children included everything we have been learning in class and the final pieces of writing were just brilliant. In Maths we moved onto looking at shape and lines. We recapped right angles before exploring horizontal and vertical lines. The children used venn diagrams to sort a variety of regular and irregular shapes into these categories. In Science on Wednesday we explored how porous different types of rocks are. We weighed the rocks before placing them in water for 30 minutes. We then weighed them again and compared the start and end weights to see which rocks had taken on the most, if any, water. Next week the children will be doing some short assessments to see where we need to go with our learning journey next half term. On Friday 2nd, we also have our very exciting Stone Age day!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

We have had a fantastic week in Year 4 this week. Pupils especially loved their trip to Amazon World yesterday. They had the opportunity to see a variety of different animals, insects and plants finding out more about where they live and what their habitat is like. Pupils represented the school amazingly well and were rewarded with some time in the soft play at the end of the trip. Alongside this, in English pupils have begun to write the opening to their palm oil deforestation letter. They have created a class checklist of persuasive features recalling past learning around alliteration, emotive language and rhetorical questions. In Maths, pupils have been focussing on adding fractions. We have recapped key vocabulary including denominator and numerator as well as looking at representing their understanding. Pupils have also worked with fractions where adding numerators together gives them a top heavy fraction (improper fraction). Alongside this, pupils have looked at the journey of food through the digestive system and they have looked at digital wellbeing and the importance of staying safe whilst online.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have had another great week in year 5. We have finished writing our newspaper reports in English and have begun our new focus – writing an alternative ending to our class novel (Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning) based on our predictions of the story. In Maths, we have switched focus from statistics and time to measuring angles and understanding acute, obtuse and reflex angles. In addition, we also incorporated the use of technology in Maths by using Maths Shed quizzes to assess levels of understanding. In Science, we explored the phases of the moon and in music the children performed Yellow Bird on a ukulele. However, the highlight of the week was our class discussion on respect and prejudice in PSHE. It was fantastic to observe the class tackle this important topic with maturity and real interest!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week, the children in Year Six have been working really hard on both setting descriptions and character descriptions inspired by our new text - The Explorer. We have asked them to vary their sentence structures at the same time as including high quality language, and we have challenged them to 'show not tell' their character's personality traits through reactions, speech and body language. In Maths, we have had great success with our work on finding percentages of amounts. We have prepared our 'Ugly Dolls' in DT ready for next week's parent sharing event, and in Science the children designed and carried out their own investigation to answer the question: does wire length affect the components in a circuit? In History the children taste tested an Ancient Maya hot chocolate which included cinnamon and chilli!



DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza, or Chinese Veggie Noodles, with Jam Sponge for pudding.

TUESDAY— Pork Sausage and Mash, or Veggie Sausages, with Shortbread for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Gammon, or Vegetable Pie, with Ice Cream for pudding.

THURSDAY - Cottage pie, or Vegetable Lasagne, with Crumble for pudding.

FRIDAY—Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Dippers, with Frozen yoghurt for pudding.

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and therefore entitled to UIFSM, we are more than happy for them to order a school dinner to try and bring in a packed lunch as well, in case they do not like it.

Star Pupils

Murphy Year 1
Gravett Year 2
Hughes Year 3
Pullman Year 4
Horowitz Year 5
Blackman Year 6

Logan
 Frankie
 Florence
 Sidney
 Tyler W
 Cyenna

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 (%)
Donaldson	87.3	91.4
Murphy	94.2	93.6
Gravett	90	93.2
Hughes	96	93.5
Pullman	94.4	95.4
Horowitz	92.5	93.6
Blackman	92.4	94.1
Whole School	92.4	93.3

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Hughes

	Lates This Week	
Donaldson	0	5
Murphy	0	4
Gravett	1	22
Hughes	2	20
Pullman	1	7
Horowitz	3	9
Blackman	0	9
Whole School	7	96
Total Minutes	52	1230

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

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**Friday
2ND DECEMBER
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**KS1 DISCO: 3-4.15 (CHILDREN MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)**

KS2 DISCO: 4.30-6 (ADULTS WELCOME)

**CHOCOLATE
TOMBOLA!**

**SWEET &
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**GUESS THE
NAME OF
THE ELF
AND
MORE!!**



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Seasonal Stalls
Festive Refreshments

The Wight Brainsy Bunch

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1ST DECEMBER

Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
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Great Gifting Idea
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15TH DECEMBER

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AND BESPOKE ISLE OF WIGHT DRAWING

courtesy of Gruffalo illustrator, Axel Scheffler

Includes Zog, the Tales of Acorn Wood book and puzzle set, The Room on the Broom Cookbook, The Gruffalo Sound Book, plus a hand-drawn A4 picture of Pip and Posy.

**Raffle tickets
£1 each.**

Tickets can be purchased until December 4th from Farnsworths Newsagents, Town Choice Cafe, Harwoods Garage or at the Beacon Magazine office, 8-10 Dodnor Park, Newport.

Raffle will be held on December 5th, at midday.

All funds raised from the raffle will be used to purchase toys for the Toy Appeal. The Isle of Wight Radio Christmas Toy Appeal aims to spread festive cheer to thousands of less-fortunate children across the Island every Christmas.

As you may be aware from news reports, there is a severe lack of NHS Dentists up and down the country no where more so than here on the island. At Damira East Cowes we are seeing a rise in child emergency patients, and because of this we have decided to do something about it. All children should have access to better oral health and the knowledge to go forward knowing they are doing their best for their own oral health. We will be opening our NHS books to all children on the island, this is anyone under the age of 18 or 18 years of age and in full time education

To book an appointment with us please go to <https://damiradental.co.uk/practice/east-cowes-isle-of-wight> and click on the 'book an appointment' tab.



Ryde Academy Transition

Please see below a link to Ryde Academy's transition page for any students coming to Ryde to start getting themselves ready.

<https://sites.google.com/a/aetinet.org/ryde-academy/parents/transition-ks2-to-ks3>

PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Do you qualify for any of the following benefits? If so, you may be eligible for additional school funding and free school meals that continue through Key Stage 2. Please ask for an application form from the office, or download one from our website if you do.

- A) Income Support (IS)
- B) Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- C) Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- D) Guaranteed Pension Credit
- E) Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- F) Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7400)
- G) Child Tax Credit, provided the parent is NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC, which does not exceed £16,190
- H) Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone received for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)