



Wootton Community Primary School

13th January 2022

Dates for 2023 (subject to change):

- 12th January—23rd March—Year 3 Swimming
- 30th January—Year 4 Viking Workshop
- 6th February—Year 3 visit to Brading Roman Villa

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

- 2nd March—World Book Day
- Tuesday 28th and Thursday 30th March—Parents Evening

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

- Monday 8th May—Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May—KS2 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.

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for returning your children to us on Tuesday evening so that we could conclude the Christmas performance and ensure it got filmed. I am sorry if you did not get chance to watch any of the shows but we have a maximum number of seats we are allowed to have in the hall hence us limiting the number of tickets per family. Unfortunately despite us having sold all the seats for the evening, several parents did not come so we did have some empty places which I understand upset some parents. Also I am aware that several parents did turn up without tickets despite being told we had sold out, also causing some upset for families who had asked during the day if we had any spaces and were told we didn't. All of this was beyond our control but we will endeavour to find a better system where it is fair how tickets are shared to ensure that everyone is treated equally. I am sure the DVD will be great to watch and give you a lovely lasting memory of the great work the children did. Thank you again to Mr Parsons for filming and to all the staff for giving up more time to ensure that the show went ahead!

It has been great to get the children back into clubs this week and we are so pleased that we can continue to offer these for such a minimal charge. I am grateful to the staff for providing the children with these additional opportunities and just ask that if your child has signed up for a club that they do attend each week, thank you.

Over the Christmas break no doubt your child has had a growth spurt and you may have had to purchase new uniform. Please ensure all items are labelled as the lost property is starting to grow again and with the cost of living continuing to rise, we really want to get clothing back to their owners!

At the start of the week I moved my gate duty to the bottom of the drive and was extremely concerned with the number of parents stopping on the yellow lines to drop their children off, several parents even stopping on the yellow zig zag lines and children struggling to see around cars to cross the road safely. Please do not use the private parking spaces in Wootton Lodge which is opposite the school. These spaces are for residences only and may lead to you receiving a parking fine. I cannot encourage you enough to use the free carpark off the rec. There are so many parking spaces here and takes just a few minutes to walk to school from here. It is great that several parents are using this but I am confident if many more families did so we would see less traffic along Church Road making it much safer for everyone.

Please keep looking at our school website where you will find updated information about school, letters and a planning overview of the things your child will be learning about this half-term. Teachers are planning a range of additional visits to enhance learning too and also providing opportunities for you to come into school and share in your child's learning.

It was another lovely celebration assembly today, I always enjoy hearing about the various reasons children have been chosen as the Star Pupil for their class. It was also great to hear from Max in Year 4 who won a super skateboard at a recent competition, from Lucia in Year 1 who has gained a swimming level, from Lucas and Joseph in

Year 2 who have been invested at Beavers, also Joseph has gained a swimming certificate too, from Oliver in Year 3 who has completed another stage in gymnastics and from Darrell who shared his swimming certificates - well done to everyone!

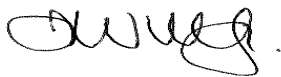
We congratulated our top TTRS and Numbot achievers this week. Many congratulations to Ella in Year 6, Koby in Year 5, Oliver also in Year 5, Millie in Year 4 and Sebby in Year 3 for being the top 5 TTRS coin earners and to Zach in Year 2, Cassie also in Year 2, Ewan in Year 4, Patryk in Year 1 and Freddie J in Year 2 for being the top 5 Numbot coin earners. I also gave a special mention to Ella who has made incredible progress with TTRS. She completes the 3 minute mixed tables game several times a day and has smashed her record with 272 correct sums with a response time of 0.67 seconds! This is such a great achievement and will stand Ella in a really strong place when completing her maths, well done Ella!

Mrs Cowell is need of a children's wheelbarrow! IF you have a children's wheelbarrow surplus to your requirements at home, Mrs Cowell would be most grateful, thank you.

Please keep an eye on the dates in the diary section too for any updates we may add or change. Wherever possible we try to inform you as soon as we can and continue to use email and the text service, it is therefore vital that we have the correct details for you. If you have changed your mobile number or email address recently and not notified school, please contact Miss Holmes with these details to ensure we are all up to date, thank you.

In the meantime have a lovely weekend,

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have enjoyed using some props to retell the story of 'Whatever Next'. The props we had included a cardboard box, a colander, 2 teddy bears of different sizes, an owl plus some food! We used these in our space area. We have worked hard to apply our phonics this week and had a series of pictures from the book 'Whatever Next' and we had to identify what was in the picture and then say the word and write the sounds we could hear. We used phoneme mats to help us. We also did an excellent job at singing and dancing in the postponed Christmas show. Well done everyone.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English we read Three Billy Goats Gruff. We started by sequencing the story and retelling it in our own words. After this, we read sentences from the story and drew pictures to show we understood the sentences. We then practised using question marks by writing a list of questions about the troll. In Maths we learnt about time. We each made a clock then we used it to help us tell the time (o'clock and half past). We then ordered pictures of our daily routines and thought about what time we do each of these activities. In Science we thought about the four seasons and went outside to look at the trees in winter. We then drew a picture of a winter tree. Well done to all of Year One for their fantastic singing and dancing in the Christmas performance!



WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have really enjoyed exploring more of their portal story in English - Journey by Aaron Becker. The main character has now been transported to a new world and we have worked hard on describing the new surroundings and the actions which take place there. Will the girl manage to free the beautiful captured bird...? In Maths the children have also worked super hard, applying their ones knowledge to add different multiples of ten - well done for persevering with this tricky challenge! In Art we finished our clay models which are looking amazing, and we have started our exciting new topic all about the Titanic in History. Keep up the super work!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Hughes class, we have continued to look at fractions. We started the week by comparing fractions and introduced equivalent fractions. This was a tricky concept to understand, but the class did an amazing job of using bar models to find which fractions make equivalents. We have now moved onto adding fractions using a number line and will continue this into next week. In English, we have been looking at varying pronouns in our writing. The children have been experimenting using different pronouns to see the impact it has on the reader. We also recapped using conjunctions and then applied these skills when writing paragraphs of information about our chosen animal. The children were very excited to start our new computing topic, coding. The children were all eager to give coding a go, and picked it up really quickly. Finally, we started our swimming lessons. Lots of the children were nervous about this but all the children were fantastic and did the school very proud.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Our week started with the reveal of our book and one of the characters in English. The children used their reading skills to gather evidence about the character from the text. They combined their appearance descriptions from last week with this new information to create a piece of writing using paragraphs. We have also looked at the use of apostrophes and rehearsed using them ready for our next piece of writing. In Maths this week we have continued to use the formal method to add in the context of money. The children have also used the method to subtract and have learnt how to exchange. Alongside this, pupils have looked at the meaning of the word risk and applied it to situations, they have learnt what being devoted is and used it to explain how Mother Teresa was devoted and they have begun to understand how, when and where the Vikings came from.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in year five we have continued our study of the novel *Holes* in English. The students have created wonderful persuasive advertisements to promote Camp Green lake and used their recently acquired knowledge of Microsoft Word, taught in computing, to create their adverts. In Maths we have learned how to convert between decimals, fractions and percentages and have explored how to round decimals to two places. In History we explored crime and punishment in Roman Britain and in Music we continued with our ukulele lessons. The highlight of the week was our science investigation, where the children explored gravity and air resistance; learning how the size and weight of an object affects the rate at which it falls to earth.



WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In Year 6 this week we have had a distinctly South American emphasis on our learning. In English we have planned for our next narrative, which is based on one of the characters in the Explorer book. In Geography we have been investigating the physical and human geography of the area and how atlases portray these features. In Art we have been looking at the work of Frank Bowling and have had a go at one of his techniques, where paint is poured on to a canvas. Finally, in Maths we have been looking at the basics of algebra.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni Cheese, or Vegetarian Sausage, with Ice Cream for pudding.

TUESDAY— Chicken Pie, or Cheese and Tomato Pizza, with Apple Crumble for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Roast Turkey, or Vegan Sausage Casserole, with Oat Cookie for pudding.

THURSDAY - America Day Menu (see menu attached)

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Dippers, with Shortbread 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	Florence	Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.
Gravett Year 2	Alfie	
Hughes Year 3	Isaiah	
Pullman Year 4	Layla S	
Horowitz Year 5	Layla W	Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.
Blackman Year 6	Poppy	

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	96.3	91
Murphy	97	92.2
Gravett	98.9	92.7
Hughes	98.7	92.4
Pullman	98.4	94.4
Horowitz	95.2	92.2
Blackman	91	91.4
Whole School	96.8	92.4

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Gravett

	Lates This Week	
Donaldson	1	10
Murphy	1	15
Gravett	1	35
Hughes	2	27
Pullman	4	23
Horowitz	1	16
Blackman	3	19
Whole School	13	145
Total Minutes	232	2409

Our school target is 96.5%.

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



Interested in cricket? In School Years 2, 3 or 4?



FREE Junior Coaching Every Friday (term time only)
at Ryde Private School Sports Hall
Booking is **ESSENTIAL** as places are limited.

WHEN: First session Friday 13th January

TIME: 5.30pm-6.30pm

COST: FREE



To book and more information please contact Andrew Jasper at admin@isleofwightcricket.co.uk

The coaching will be delivered by the Isle of Wight County coaches who are qualified, and DBS checked



It's not easy being wheezy
Join our winter **wheeze**
webinar

- Does your child suffer with wheeze when they have coughs and colds?
- Have they been given an inhaler?
- Are you unsure what any of this means?



The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team from Frimley Health are running an online education session where you can learn more about your child's symptoms



Friday 27th January 2023
1pm – 2pm via Teams
Sign up today - bit.ly/JanWheeze



Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Family life can be a challenge. Could you be a home visiting volunteer and help a family with young children in your area?

How much time do I need to give? Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week.

Where would it be? At the family home

What does it involve? The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- Having fun with children
- Supporting families to get out and about
- Practical help

Do I need any special skills or experience? Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, great organisational skills, practical, enthusiastic. Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided. Training is a combination of online and face to face sessions. All volunteers receive regular support from a named co-ordinator.

All home visiting volunteers are subject to an enhanced DBS check and references are required.

For more information or an application form please email admin@homestartioiw.org call 01983 533357, or visit our website www.homestartisleofwight.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you

Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Becoming a new parent can be a challenge and at Home-Start we know the value of supporting parents as early as possible. We are looking for, Bumps & Babies home visiting volunteers in your area?

How much time do I need to give? Most home visitors give a couple of hours each week.

Where would it be? At the family home

What does it involve? The role is varied as every family is different. A Home-Start volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Your time with the family could include:

- Talking and listening
- Helping parents feel more prepared for parenthood
- Practical help & emotional support before baby comes along
- Supporting parents to feel more confident
- Practical help & emotional support after baby is born
- Supporting parents to get out and about
- Cuddling a baby!

Do I need any special skills or experience? Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, great organisational skills, practical, enthusiastic. Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided. Training is a combination of online and face to face sessions. All volunteers receive regular support from a named co-ordinator.

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Hello, is it you we're looking for?



Family life can be a challenge. Home-Start runs Family Group sessions for parents and their young children. Could you volunteer in a group and help make their time together special?

How much time do I need to give? Group sessions are 2 hours each week during term time.

Where would it be? Groups take place in Newport, Ryde, East Cowes & Shanklin

What does it involve? A Home-Start Family Group volunteer is a helping hand and a listening ear. Working alongside the Family Group staff you will:

- Provide a warm welcome to parents & children
- Support children to enjoy the fun activities on offer
- Help with setting up and packing away
- Offer a listening ear to parents who need time to talk
- Give practical help to parents with more than one child to give them the opportunity to spend 1:1 time with each of their children

Do I need any special skills or experience? Non-judgemental with an understanding of the challenges of family life, kind and compassionate, practical, enthusiastic, creative, an understanding of child development would be an advantage and most importantly a willingness to join in with the singing! Most volunteers have parenting or caring experience, for everything else, full training is provided.

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THE ALL AMERICAN

MAINS

Burger in a bun OR Quorn Hot Dog

SIDES

Chips, Peas and Baked Beans

DESSERTS

**Strawberry Jelly, Honey Cookie
and Vanilla Ice Cream**





WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 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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WITH UPPER CHINE**

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) 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)