



Wootton Community Primary School

27th January 2022

Dates for 2023 (subject to change):

- 12th January—23rd March—Year 3 Swimming
- 30th January—Year 4 Viking Workshop
- 2nd Feb—NEU Strike day
- 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
- 2nd March—NEU Strike Day
- 15th and 16th March—NEU Strike 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,

I hope you have had chance to read the various letters that we have sent home this week regarding the NEU strike. If you have not had sight of these it is vital that you do as there are implications for some classes next Wednesday. If your child's class is closed and your child is in receipt of a free school meal due to Pupil Premium, please contact the office as there will be the option to collect a packed lunch on the day. I appreciate the inconvenience that the strike may bring, however a national strike by teachers is very unusual. Taking strike action is not something that any teacher would undertake lightly. Those on strike will have thought long and hard about their decision and will also lose pay for the days that they are on strike, fighting for school budgets to support education. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact number for you in the event that we may need to contact you at short notice, thank you.

I am sure you are aware of the increase in young offenders on the Island, now with an increase in crime amongst children as young as ten. Part of our curriculum ensures that we teach children about online safety and making the right choices, but with the role social media and technology has these days, it is often hard to know what is really going on! Parents have the opportunity to attend a workshop on Monday 6th Feb 7-8.30pm at Gatten and Lake Primary School. This is for adults only and will include a speaker delivering a talk 'Eyes Wide' which addresses gang and youth violence giving an awareness for parents.

Talking of parents, we will be holding our next PTA meeting on Wednesday 8th February 7pm at school for a chance to have a chat about some upcoming fundraising ideas and events for the children. Please come along to hear the plans and if you are able to give any offer of help.

Please note that there will be a one-way restriction put in place from Friday 3rd February to Friday 17th March along Church Road. The road will only be accessible from the High Street with Rectory Drive also only accessible from the High Street.

It was another lovely celebration assembly today, hearing from the various swimmers in school. Many congratulations to Sydney and Sophie both in Year 2 and to Dylan and Travis both in Year 3 all gaining a range of grades and badges, well done!

Mr Billington also shared the ongoing success with our football teams. The under 11s team played against St Marys school last Friday with a win of 4-0, Poppy in Year 6 scoring all 4! Then on Wednesday this week our under 9s played St Thomas of Canterbury school with a 3-1 win. Max in Year 4 was named man of the match for his outstanding wing play. Good luck to our under 9s girls team who play St Blasius today.

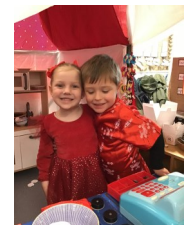
We congratulated our top TTRS and Numbot achievers this week. Our top five coin earning children for TTRS are Ella in Year 6 in 1st place, in 2nd place Millie in Year 4, 3rd place Spencer in Year 5, 4th place Rocco also in Year 5 and 5th place Oliver in Year 5. Our top 5 children whom have played the most time over the week on Numbots are 1st place Everlyn in Year 1, 2nd place Zach in Year 2, 3rd place Patryk in Year 1, 4th place Cassie in Year 2 and 5th place Elodie in Year 4 - well done everyone each earning 5 House Points, keep up the great additional homework you are doing!

In the meantime have a lovely weekend,

Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE

We have had a fun filled week learning about Chinese New Year. We learnt about the animals having a race across the river and how the rat cheated and jumped over the ox's back to win the race. We each found out what animal year we were born in and have enjoyed cooking rice and other Chinese food in our role play area. On Tuesday we welcomed all our grown ups into class and made things such as dragons and lanterns, wrote our name in Chinese letters, wrote Chinese numbers in the glitter and ate prawn crackers. We had a raffle and made roughly £65 to use on resources for our Reception class and we would like to thank Robin Hill for kindly donating a family ticket to use as a one off visit. All in all a great week!



WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we wrote the story The Three Little Pigs. We thought carefully about adding detail to the story and our spelling of tricky words. All of the class put a lot of effort into their stories and I really enjoyed reading them! After this, we read the book The True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We discussed our opinions and wrote questions about the story. In Maths we practised counting in twos and tens and then we used this to help us solve problems. In Science we thought about the different properties of materials and learnt lots of new vocabulary such as transparent and waterproof. In Geography we looked at maps of the local area then created our own map, using a key and symbols. In Computing we learnt about pictograms and created a class pictogram about how we would like to travel to school.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have been enjoying their learning all about different animal groups in Science this week, considering which animal offspring look like their adults and suggesting reasons why this might be. They have also learned more about the events which led to the sinking of the Titanic and begun to think about what has changed as a result of what happened. In English we have been exploring the beginning of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, using descriptive language to re-tell the discovery of Narnia - amazing work from everyone! We have continued our tricky work in Maths around adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers and solved some problems using different strategies. Great job, Year 2 :)

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week Year 3 have started writing their own information leaflets. The children have worked really hard to research animals, look at the layout of leaflets and plan out their own designs. The children have all done an amazing job and I can't wait to see the finished product next week! In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers. We started the week using practical resources to solve problems before moving onto place value grids and number lines. The children did a brilliant job at this, really showing and applying their understanding of place value. In DT, we designed our own Roman bread. We looked at a Roman bread recipe and compared it to how bread is made nowadays. The children are all very excited to get to make our bread next week. In History, we continued looking at the Romans. We looked at the changes made by the Roman Empire and whether they improved life for the people living in Britain or made it worse. As a class, we all decided that Roman Britain was a huge improvement on Celtic Britain.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

Year 4 are really enjoying our English learning journey at the moment and have been writing all about dragons in their writing this week. Pupils have planned a "dragonatomy" page identifying features from an example text to help them. They have looked at and understood what technical language is and have applied it to their own writing. In Maths pupils have been focusing on multiplying. We have looked at multiples of 25 at the start of the week before moving on to known facts and then linking this to our grid method. Alongside this, pupils have made switches ready to test in their circuits, they have looked at the daily life of a Viking and had their very first brass lesson with instruments.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Year 5 the children have worked incredibly hard to write short stories in English. We learned how to use line breaks, colloquial language, direct speech and several different types of figurative language to upskill writing. I was thoroughly impressed with the quality of work produced! In Maths we have learned how to add and subtract fractions with the same and different denominators and applied our knowledge of common multiples and number bonds to do this. In Science we explored the uses and differences between pulleys, levers and gears. In Music we continued to develop our playing of the ukulele and began to learn a new song - Somewhere over the rainbow. In Art we experimented with mono printing to create different western scenes based on our class novel. However, the highlight of the week was watching the children learn how to create simple codes in computing to program a 'sprite' to move across a screen and change direction. The excitement emanating from our classroom during that lesson was electric!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English we have been writing contrasting diary entries as two different characters from our book. The children revised modal verbs as well as the use of semicolons to separate two independent clauses and they were challenged to include these in their writing. Our Maths focus recently is the equivalence of fractions, decimals and percentages. The children have been learning how to convert between them and solve problems. In Science, we learned about the importance of exercise and the children carried out a survey on time spent exercising each week. Our Geography lesson involved researching Copacabana in Brazil and comparing it to our own region. In Music, we wrote reviews for our favourite or familiar songs - analysing lyrics, vocals, instrumentation and style.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Macaroni Cheese, or Vegetable Chilli, with Flapjack for pudding.

TUESDAY— Pork Sausage and Mash, or Vegetable Korma, with Ice Cream for pudding.

WEDNESDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips, or Quorn Dippers and Chips, with a chef's choice of pudding.

THURSDAY - Beef Bolognese, or Vegetarian Cottage Pie, with Chocolate Shortbread for pudding.

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips, or Tomato Veggie Burger, with Crispy Crackle Bar 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	Casey	Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.
Gravett Year 2	Eden	
Hughes Year 3	Callum	
Pullman Year 4	Matthew	
Horowitz Year 5	Rocco	Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.
Blackman Year 6	Laura	

**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	89.7	91
Murphy	95.2	92.6
Gravett	93.2	93
Hughes	94	92.3
Pullman	94.8	94.1
Horowitz	94.4	92.7
Blackman	94.3	91.6
Whole School	93.6	92.5

*The class with the best
attendance this week is:*
Murphy

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	1	16
Murphy	2	24
Gravett	2	40
Hughes	3	38
Pullman	1	31
Horowitz	2	24
Blackman	1	28
Whole School	12	201
Total Minutes	153	3448

**Our school target is
96.5%.**

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

Has your child received their flu vaccination since Sept 2022?

flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



2. Protect you, your family and friends

3. No injection needed

4. It's better than having flu
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu i mmunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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**Available for
children with
underlying health
need in Years 10 & 11**

Last community clinic will be 11th Feb at the Riverside Centre in Newport

Children aged 2yrs-4yrs also eligible, please contact us for information

CONTACT:

School Aged Immunisation Team:

0300 123 5074

snhs.schoolagedimmunisations-iow@nhs.net

Why high attendance is important for education

As a parent/carer you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Did you know that:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with attendance rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all
- poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable

All absence at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- mean that they fall behind in work
- affect their motivation
- affect their enjoyment of learning
- lead to poor behaviour
- affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

Supporting your child's school attendance

Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child.

For hints, tips and advice on how you can support your child with their school attendance, check out the website: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/council/OtherServices/Attendance-at-School/School-Attendance>



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)

'EYES-WIDE' Gang and Youth Violence Awareness Training for Parents and Carers

**When: Monday 6th February
7pm - 8:30pm**

**Where: Gatten & Lake Primary School,
Oaklyn Gardens, Shanklin PO37 7DG
Tel: 01983 869910**

This training event is informative about street crime, including language as well as signs and symptoms of gang involvement. Do you want to find out more about county lines, CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation) and knife crime? Then come along to this informative, proactive session for awareness.

**Presenter: Dean Cody
Urban Solutions**

There will be an opportunity for informal discussions at the end of the main information session for parents/carers to ask robust questions for advice.
This evening session is for adults only.