



Wootton Community Primary School

24th February 2023

Dates for 2023 (subject to change):

- 12th January—23rd March—Year 3 Swimming
- 2nd March—NEU Strike Day
- 3rd March—World Book 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 18th April 2023 (Monday 17th April Staff Development Day, school closed to pupils)

- Monday 1st May—Bank Holiday
- 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 had a great half-term week and enjoyed time with your children. It has been wonderful to have them back in school this week, with so many children engaged and enthused to learn. On the last Friday before half-term, all staff attended training about our new reading scheme 'Little Wandle' which uses phonics to teach children to read fluently and accurately. Whilst this begins in Reception, many children will be accessing the program to support any gaps in reading. We remind the children daily how reading is the 'key' which unlocks their learning for life. Within their assessments, many children are not able to demonstrate their full knowledge and ability as their reading restricts their access to the papers. It is therefore vital that children develop their reading ability. I cannot stress enough how important it is that children need to be reading at home. Whilst in school we do all that we can to support reading, by them also reading daily at home, they will consolidate their skills which are required for life long learning. Therefore, please ensure you are listening to your child read - this can be reading in any form and does not need to be for long periods of time each day.

Talking of reading, next week is World Book Day. Due to the potential strike action we have decided to move our Book Day celebrations to Friday instead of Thursday. So next Friday children can come to school dressed as a book character but please ensure THIS IS a book character and that children do not just come to school dressed in their usual clothes or football kits! Your child will need to bring along the book that their character is from as they will do some work about this during the day. Please do not feel you have to go out and buy costumes, in particular when there are so many financial constraints at this time. Please make use of any dressing up clothes you may have at home or adapted home clothes with accessories or home-made items, we will look forward to seeing how imaginative the children can be! We will also be running a photograph competition too. If you would like to take part we ask that you take a photograph of yourself, or any family member, reading with your child in an usual place! If you are unable to print the photograph, please email this to Miss Holmes and we will print this out in school. **Entries must be sent into school by next Thursday, 2nd March, thank you.** We also encourage the children to design a potato! We would like children, if they want to, to make a book character out of a potato! Please bring in on Friday too. Next Friday your child will also bring home their book token which can be used towards the cost of a book or in exchange for a short book in most supermarkets and bookshops.

Due to the change in our World Book Day activities, our celebration assembly next week will be THURSDAY instead of Friday.

As you are aware there may be some further disruption next Thursday if any of the teachers are supporting their Union with the strike action. As before, teachers are not required to inform me of their intention to strike but I will keep you updated should I receive any information. If we need to partially close as before, the school will hopefully be able to provide spaces for vulnerable children and those of whom have a parent working within the CRITICAL sector, parents whose work is critical to an emergency response. Please note this is not the same as the Key Person criteria in place during Covid. I will update you as soon as I can.

Our Reception class, Donaldson, are so grateful to Toby's Gramps who made an amazing pulley system for their sandpit. The children have already enjoyed this and have made a lovely card to thank Toby's Gramps. He also offers his time as a volunteer at the 'Repair Café' based at Quay Arts. They encourage people to take any broken household items along to be repaired in return for a donation to the charity, so please feel free to go along!

In assembly today we congratulated our new School Council for the rest of the academic year. Children's names are chosen randomly out of a hat and the children then work together to plan events such as fundraising, their first one being on Monday 13th March. Our Year 6 children, Charley, Charlie and Kayden remain the same and they will support Isabella and Eddie from Year 1, Queenie and Eden from Year 2, Hayley and Caleb from Year 3, Piper and Harley from Year 4 and Layla and Koby from Year 5. Well done everyone, I look forward to working with you all.

We look forward to meeting with you on either Tuesday 28th or Thursday 30th March for your child's next parents evening. This will be in school from 3pm to 6.30pm, sign up will be via the Teachers2Parents App like last year. We will let you know next week when you are able to start signing up. The meetings will take place in the school hall where you will have the chance to look through some of your child's work too. Please ensure you sign up for a meeting as your child's teacher will also share the targets for your child this term which need to also be supported at home, thank you.

As well as congratulating the new School Council in assembly today, we congratulated the various achievements children have made within their out of school activities. Adeline in Reception and Lexie in Year 1 both performed a ballet routine at the weekend dancing in a show at Medina Theatre, Rocco in Year 5 has been invested in to the 1st Wootton Scouts, Faye in Year 4 completed her first ski lesson in Germany and Arya in Year 2 has gained two swimming certificates as well as Phoenix C in Year 5 who has achieved a swimming certificate too. Lucas in Year 2 was awarded 'man of the match' from his Vectis football team and Isabelle in Year 1 received a certificate from her swimming teacher for maximum effort in her classes over the last few weeks. We ended watching a clip of Summer in Year 6, who has advanced in her horse riding lessons, we got to see her complete a jump - well done everyone!

Our TTRS top 5 coin earners this week are first place Ella in Year 6, second place Spencer in Year 5, third place Oliver in Year 5, fourth place Rocco also in Year 5 and fifth place Sadie in Year 5, well done!

Our Numbots 5 highest correct answers achievers this week are first place Zach in Year 2, second place Cassie in Year 2, third place Patryk in Year 1, fourth place Freddie in Year 5 and fifth place Casey in Year 1, super work!

You may have seen a new face around school this week. We are delighted to welcome Miss Kaitlyn Scriver to the team. She will be completing her Teaching Assistant apprenticeship with us, working in both Year 2 and Year 5 but also support some clubs too. Talking of apprenticeships, 4 years ago Miss Holmes joined us to complete the admin apprenticeship which she successfully did so and went on to complete further training too. Sadly for us she has now decided that she would like to spread her wings and develop her skills further so will be leaving us on Friday 10th March. I am sure you will agree she will leave a big hole when she goes as she plays such a significant part of the day to day running of the school, we will really miss her but we are so pleased that she is using all that we have taught her!

With our various sporting teams competing more and more against other schools our various kits are looking tatty and tired! We are looking for a local business to sponsor our kits and would like to ask if you have a business or know of anyone with a business that can offer support. We are looking for around £1,500 and in return the business logo/name will be printed on the tops. Please let me know if you can help.

In the meantime have a super weekend!

Jane Wilford
Headteacher



WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

We have settled back into school well after the half term break and the children have enjoyed learning about our new text 'The 3 Little Pigs'. We have read the story and used the story sack to tell the story ourselves. We have made little house books in our writing area and have attempted to write words such as 'pig, pot, chimney, wolf'. In the art area we used paper, pegs and googly eyes to create our own pigs and we also made houses using sugar cubes and then sprayed them with water to see what happened to the cubes. Clara used the word 'dissolve' to describe what she saw and said that this word meant 'disappear'. Well done everyone.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in English we read the book Lost in the Toy Museum. We wrote questions for the author and shared our opinions on the story then we described the characters in the book. In Maths we practised writing numbers to 50 and continued to practise counting to 100. We also practised finding one more and one less than a number, using number lines and concrete resources to help. After, we found ten more than a number, using hundred squares to help. In Science we investigated which material would be best to make an umbrella. We poured water onto a variety of materials to help us find out which one is waterproof. In History we started our new topic about toys. We shared our favourite toys with each other and discussed what they are made from and how they are used. We started to think about how toys were different in the past.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have loved starting our new book - The Night Gardener - in English and have explored some of the intricate illustrations, making in depth inferences and predictions. We then zoomed off "on holiday" to Grimloch Lane but found to our dismay that this wasn't the best place to visit. We swiftly wrote some very stern trip advisor reviews complaining about our terrible experience! Great writing in role, everyone :) In Maths we have been tackling dividing by sharing and by grouping, in Science we have revised our knowledge about plants from Year 1, and in Art we have produced some amazing sketches of flowers using all the techniques learned last term. A super start!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 3 has had a great first week back. We've got stuck straight into our new topic, looking at volcanoes. This will be covered across our Geography and English topics and will also dip into our Science learning on plants. In English we introduced our new book and started writing diary entries as the main character Tranio. We looked at using apostrophes for possession and then applied this to our writing. The children were really interested in the words used to describe the different parts of the story, so we explored these further ready to use in our own writing next week. In Maths we finished our last unit of work on rounding and moved onto multiplication and division. We recapped the variety of ways we can represent and solve times tables and then moved onto using these methods to solve inverse division problems. In Geography we started exploring the Democratic republic of Congo. We used Atlases to find out where it was in the world and planned our own journey on how we could get there.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

In Year 4 this week we started with a short poetry unit all about rain. We gathered lots of exciting vocabulary before organising it into word families. We investigated what shape poetry is and then wrote our own shape poem. In Maths, we have started with our fraction unit. We have looked at tenths and hundredths this week. We have shown we can represent them in lots of different ways and completed some problem solving looking at spotting errors. We have finished the week by understanding tenths as decimals. Alongside this, we have started our Geography unit with a lesson on mountains. The children enjoyed searching for the mountains on the maps and drawing contour lines onto potatoes. They also had the brass instruments out and have begun to read and play along music by reading music notation.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been a lovely first week back after half term. All of Year 5 have settled back quickly into their routines and have had a productive week. We have begun to explore our new class novel, The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q. Rauf, by learning about the thoughts and feelings surrounding new and uncomfortable situations. We have used this powerful language to write a recount from the perspective of Ahmet – the main character. We have also enhanced our learning by focussing on different sentence structures to add effect. In Maths we have applied our knowledge of fractions, decimals and percentages to solve problems and in computing we have begun to learn about how databases work. However, the highlight of the week was our Geography lesson, where we learned what sorts of products are imported and exported and the countries they originate from. It was a joy to watch the shock and interest on the children's faces to learn just how many products come from abroad!

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have enjoyed beginning our new class text: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. We have already met some interesting characters and in English we have started looking at the suspense techniques that the author uses. In History, we have started to learn about Ancient Greece and in Art we are studying Greek pottery. Our new Science topic is all about the classification of animals and we've begun to organise living creatures into different categories. Our French vocabulary is all about family members this half term and the verb 'travailler' (to work).

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— Roast Pork, or Vegetable Pastry Roll, with Jelly for pudding.

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

FRIDAY— Fish Fingers and Chips, or Tomato Veggie Burger, with a Crispy Crackle Bar for pudding.

In addition to the menu above, children can order pasta with tomato sauce or a jacket potato or baguette with a choice of fillings

Star Pupils

Murphy Year 1	Ellie	Star Pupil parents may join Friday's Celebration Assembly to see their child presented with their Star Pupil certificates at 9am.
Gravett Year 2	Sydney	
Hughes Year 3	Caleb	
Pullman Year 4	Elodie	
Horowitz Year 5	Ellie-Mai	Please sign in at the office before making your way around to the hall.
Blackman Year 6	Kayden	

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	94	91.1
Murphy	90.4	92.9
Gravett	92.9	93.1
Hughes	94.7	92.8
Pullman	93.9	94.4
Horowitz	97.5	93.2
Blackman	95.7	92.3
Whole School	92.8	94.1

The class with the best attendance this week is:
Horowitz

	Lates This Week	
Donaldson	1	18
Murphy	4	29
Gravett	0	43
Hughes	0	45
Pullman	1	32
Horowitz	0	25
Blackman	3	33
Whole School	9	210
Total Minutes	246	4012

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

**IS YOUR CHILD TOO YOUNG
TO JOIN A TEAM?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO BUILD THEIR
CONFIDENCE IN A SPORTING ENVIRONMENT?**

**DOES YOUR CHILD WANT
TO PLAY FOOTBALL
BUT NOT IN A TEAM YET?**

**IF YOU'VE ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS, WE'VE GOT
THE PERFECT SOLUTION!**

**WE PROVIDE A SAFE, ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT WHERE
CHILDREN CAN HAVE FUN WHILST IMPROVING THEIR FOOTBALL SKILLS.**

OURS AIMS ARE:

- **TO ALLOW CHILDREN TO HAVE FUN THROUGH FOOTBALL**
- **TO IMPROVE CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS.**
- **TO LEARN AND IMPROVE BASIC FOOTBALL SKILLS: CONTROL, PASSING, DRIBBLING.**
- **TO DEVELOP AGILITY, BALANCE, CO-ORDINATION, SPEED (ABC'S).**

Our fully FA qualified coaches have up to date First Aid training and are DBS checked. Each session will be packed full of fun games played in teams, and as individuals, to help children build friendships as well as independence.

Storytime at Ryde Castle

Every second Tuesday between 4-5pm - Free Entry

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March 7th- Wednesday

March 21st- Elsa

April 4th- Harley Quinn

April 18th- Ariel

Every second Tuesday between 4-5pm - Free Entry

PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY

Vectis Rugby club have spaces open in our
Under 8s (Year 3) and Under 12s (Year 7).
Every Sunday at IWRFC in Wootton at 10am.

First two session are free
Email for more information

Email: vectisrfccoaching@gmail.com
www.vectisrugby.co.uk



Sessions are all delivered by experienced coaches with first aid qualifications and DBS Checks.

The Lord Lieutenant's Isle of Wight Youth Coronation Project

We invite all young people of 18 or under to submit a composition to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty The King. (closing date for entries 31st March 2023)

The composition should be a poem or prose composition celebrating the Coronation, suitable to be read out at the Isle of Wight Coronation Celebration Service on Sunday 7th May 2023. It should be no less than 50 and no more than 250 words long. We welcome all compositions: serious, spiritual or humorous and ideally would like them to reflect youth and age and our diverse population. All suitable contributions will be included in a booklet that will be produced as a lasting legacy of young people's writings.

Name of
Composition

Composition:

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Name of Author

Age

School or Youth
Organisation

Name of
Authorising Adult

Email

Phone

Please send to: Lieutenancy@IOW.gov.uk or by Post at The Lieutenancy Office, Isle of Wight Council, County Hall, High Street, Newport, PO30 1UD

From the Isle of Wight NHS Trust

We are offering the following Children's COVID Vaccination Clinics for Years 5-11 and Years 12-15. Appointments must be booked in advance using the National Booking Service, we are unable to offer walk-ins.

Please note that these will take place in the **Children's Outpatients Department, North Hospital, St Mary's** and NOT the Hospital Vaccine Hub. Accessible parking is available in the North Car Park.

For information about eligibility and how to book your Child's vaccination, please use the online link below, you will need your child's NHS number:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

All vaccines offered will be the Pfizer (Comirnaty 10) for 5-11 years or Pfizer (Comirnaty 30) for 12-15 years.

Child Vaccine Doses Offered:

For children 5-11 years - 1st dose and 2nd dose only.

For children 12-15 years - 1st dose and 2nd dose.

A 3rd dose is offered if your child is at high risk because of a health condition or because of a weakened immune system, or living with someone who has a weakened immune system.

Children's Clinics in February:

Thursday 27 February 2023, 08:00 – 11:00

Children's Clinics in March:

Thursday 09 March 2023, 08:00 – 11:00

Thursday 30 March 2023, 08:00 – 11:00

Children aged over 16 who require a 1st, 2nd dose or eligible for a 3rd dose, are welcome to 'walk-in' to the St Mary's Hospital Vaccine Hub in South Block, opposite the Duck Pond, on Mondays AND Thursdays 07:40 – 13:00

For any other information regarding Children's vaccination clinics, please email the Hospital Vaccine Hub Team: iownt.vaccine-hub@nhs.net.

Schools Walk the Wight

with  **Mountbatten**



Sunday 14 May 2023

Registration opens 1 March!



A registered charity no: 1039086



World Book Day at Wootton Primary is on **Friday 3rd March**

We will be celebrating the



of books

- Come to school dressed as your favourite book character – the more magical the better!
- Enter our Extreme Reading competition! Send your photo to office@woottonpri.iow.sch.uk
- Decorate a potato as a book character and bring it in for the chance to win a prize!



We are looking forward to seeing all your magical creations!