



Wootton Community Primary School

21st April 2023

Dates for 2023

(subject to change):

This half term's clubs start W/C 24/04/2023

- **Monday 1st May**— Bank Holiday
- **Monday 8th May**— Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 9th**—
- Friday 12th May**— KS2 SATS
- **Tuesday 23rd** to **Friday 26th May**— Year 6 Residential

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 good break over the Easter holidays; it has been lovely listening to all the exciting things the children got up to and the number of Easter eggs they had! It is hard to believe that this is our last term of the academic year and for Year 6 their last term in primary school! I know the staff are working on providing the children with many different exciting activities and we look forward to seeing you at a range of events. The first of these is our Royal Disco on Friday 5th May. I met with three members of the PTA last night to plan this event, which will take place from 5-6.30pm. We are hopeful this will take place outside with DJ Wilford at the decks and the chance to purchase refreshments and items such as bubbles, glow sticks etc. The price will only be £1 per person, which will be payable at the gate as you enter. Children in Years 5 and 6 can attend on their own but they must be collected by an adult, whereas all the other children will need to be accompanied by an adult. If the weather is wet we will still go ahead but will hold the disco inside with refreshments sold under a gazebo! Let's hope the sun will shine for us all! If you have any bunting you can donate to school we would love to have it, thank you!

As a school we will celebrate the Coronation in a similar way to how we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee. We will have a 'street party' picnic style lunch, together with an afternoon of entertainment from each class. The children can come to school wearing red, white and blue and wear a crown if they wish! There will be NO HOT SCHOOL MEALS on this day but a chance to order the exciting King's Coronation menu if they wish. We are very grateful to Wootton Parish Council, who are giving all the children a small gift to celebrate the Coronation.

Thank you to the PTA for running PJs and Popcorn before the break, which made a fantastic profit of £350. After the disco, the next big event will be the summer fayre on Friday 14th July. We have some great ideas for this but this will only happen if we can be assured that we will have support to run the event. These events provide not just funding for the children, but also an opportunity for them to have fun so please offer some time to help the PTA. The next meeting is on **Wednesday 7th June at 6pm** to arrange the fayre.

We had a busy assembly today and welcomed our Reception class, who are now attending our celebration assembly. It was a morning for swimmers - we congratulated Phoenix E in Reception, Amira in year 1, Zach and Lucy in Year 2, Daisy in Year 3 and Alfie A in Year 4, all of whom had certificates and badges to share. We also heard from Phoenix E in Reception and Zach in Year 2, who have been awarded a trophy at their rugby club; Harry M in Year 2, Charlie in Year 3 and Sidney in Year 4 showed their football medals and we congratulated Lorenzo in Year 3 for passing his piano exam - well done everyone! Daisy in Year 2 showed us some fantastic writing she completed at home following the learning which had taken place in class and Sidney in Year 2 was congratulated for her amazing work completed over the Easter break.

We also congratulated our Numbots stars this week. Our top five children who have gained the most coins over the last 14 days are first place Patryk in Year 1, second place Owen in Year 2, third place Cassie in Year 2, fourth place Amira in Year 1 and fifth place Jessica also in Year 1. Super work!

This week we congratulated the top five overall lifetime earnings (most coins) so far in TTRS. First place is Koby in Year 5, second place Ella in Year 6, third place Alfie A in Year 4, fourth place Spencer in Year 5 and fifth place Rocco also in Year 5. Great work everyone!

You will no doubt be aware that there are two further planned days of strike action for one of the teacher unions, these being next Thursday, 27th April and the following Tuesday 2nd May. As with the other strike days we may need to close some classes with only children attending who have been invited to do so before. Therefore it is possible that Years 1, 3 and 4 will not be open, I will let you know as soon as I am able to do so.

During the Easter break many school email accounts have been hit by a phishing scam. If you have received an email from any school email account that has the title 'remittance advice' or 'pay policy' then please delete this as this is the scam.

Mr Wilford needs your help! We had hoped over the Easter break to get the reading shed furnished and up and running but sadly when it was blown over in the wind, it has been damaged. Mr Wilford needs to move this to place some floor supports and needs a few strong volunteers to help! If you are able to help next Friday morning at 8.15am can you please let the office know,

In the meantime, have a wonderful weekend.



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we got into our 'Key Person' groups and each had the opportunity to talk about something we did over the holidays. Easter egg hunts were a big discussion point and who was the 'Egg Master' in some families! Having spoken about our holidays we then did a little bit of writing related to this and worked incredibly hard to include 'tricky words' and use finger spaces. We are learning about pirates this half term so we had a good think and wrote down all the things we know about pirates and then read a pirate story to get us thinking even more about the topic. We have planted some seeds and are going to be using our new mini greenhouse which someone was giving away. We are excited to watch our seeds grow and then plant them in our raised bed.

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English we started reading our new book called Meerkat Mail. We discussed what we know about meerkats and wrote sentences about meerkats using the word 'and'. We also wrote adjectives to describe the meerkat in the book. In Maths we worked on multiplication. We practised counting in twos, fives and tens. Then we used numicon to make equal groups and counted in twos, fives and tens to find the total of the groups. In Geography we learnt about the seven continents and we identified these on a map. We started to think about the hot and cold places in the world. In Science we recapped the four seasons. We went outside to look at the trees to see how they have changed since winter. In Music we enjoyed learning a new song and practised clapping in time to the music.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 2 have had a great start to the Summer term and have all returned raring to go! We have begun our new class book - The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy - and have produced some amazing writing so far describing the setting of the story. We have also written a detailed set of instructions for the main character's job of collecting and sharing all the happy endings of stories each day. In Maths we have been looking at partitioning numbers into different combinations of tens and ones and have begun to read scales with different divisions in the context of temperature and capacity. I have also been impressed with the children's quick recall of their multiplication facts for the 10 times table - well done, everyone! We are looking forward to starting our new History unit all about the Great Fire of London and can't wait to get going :)

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 3 have come back and started the Summer term fantastically. In English, we started out new book 'I was there...Boudica's Army'. This week we focused on building our reading skills, particularly making inferences about the main characters.

In Math, we had a quick recap of place value before moving into counting up in 3,4,8,50 and 100s from 100. We then went on to link this to our multiplication and division.

In History, we will be looking at the Romans again, with a particular focus on the Isle of Wight. This week we thought back to our trip to Brading Roman Villa and recapped all the information we learnt.

In Science, we continued our plant topic and started planning an investigation into the use of leaves on a plant. We will be looking after two plants and removing the leaves of one to see what effect it has.

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

What an exciting first week back it has been in Year 4! In Maths, we have started our unit of work on time. We have used analogue clocks to record given times before applying this understanding to digital time. In English, we have retold the opening clip of a story. We started by gathering vocab about the piece before using our time line skills to order the events. We focussed on writing sentences using fronted adverbials before combining it all into a detailed piece retelling the opening. The highlight of the week has to be our history unit on WW2. Pupils have really enjoyed the opportunity to time line some of the key events from the war and are already brimming with questions they want answered. It is lovely to also to hear about the conversation and discussion this is prompting at home about relatives who have experiences. We have also started our RE unit by looking at signs and symbols.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

What a wonderful first week back after the Easter break! The children have settled well into their routines and have produced some very well constructed pieces of work. In English we are continuing to study our class novel 'The boy at the back of the class' and have written a wonderful diary entry to describe the characters journey from Syria to London. In Maths, we have begun learning how to translate and reflect shapes and recapped how to read coordinates. In Science, we researched the life cycle and adaptations of various mammals. However, the highlight of the week was our educational visit to the Wild Heart Animal Sanctuary. The children displayed amazing behaviour, learned lots of facts about a range of different animal species and relished the opportunity to ask questions to animal conservation and wildlife experts.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week the Year Six children have enjoyed working on a film clip 'Broken: Rock, Paper, Scissors' in English. We used our inference skills to explore the characters' feelings and track their emotions through the story arc. In Maths, we have reviewed various skills around understanding time, and have applied this revision to some problems and reasoning tasks. Our new Science unit is all about evolution and inheritance, and this week the children learned that we inherit many characteristics from our parents but that some of our traits are acquired rather than inherited. In Geography we began our unit on North America by ensuring we all knew where North America is located, which countries it includes, and which oceans surround it. We have made a brief start on our art topic by discussing what makes an effective cartoon and developing some self-portraits in a cartoon style!

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza, or Vegetable Pastry Roll with Oat Chocolate Cookie with Fruit for pudding.

TUESDAY– Chinese Chicken and Veg Rice or Macaroni Cheese, with Jelly for pudding.

WEDNESDAY– Roast Gammon , or Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast Chocolate and Banana Marble Cake for pudding.

THURSDAY - Beef Lasagne, or Vegetarian Lasagne, with Flapjack and Fruit for pudding.

FRIDAY– Fish Fingers and Chips, or Vegetarian Dippers, with a Ice Cream 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

Donaldson Year R

Murphy Year 1

Gravett Year 2

Hughes Year 3

Pullman Year 4

Horowitz Year 5

Blackman Year 6

Polly & William

Pippa

Daisy

Harry

Ewan

Elliot

Rueben

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	92.9	91.9
Murphy	95.9	93.7
Gravett	94.5	93.5
Hughes	96.3	93.8
Pullman	97.6	95.1
Horowitz	96.6	93.9
Blackman	94.1	93.0
Whole School	94.7	93.5

The class with the best attendance this week is:
PULLMAN

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	0	19
Murphy	0	31
Gravett	2	49
Hughes	0	48
Pullman	1	35
Horowitz	1	30
Blackman	0	37
Whole School	4	21
Total Minutes	45	4269

Our school target is 96.5%.

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

Run for Islanders affected by cancer



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CANCER TRUST

Entertainment village for a full day of fun



 RAINBOW RUN
BUBBLE FUN
2023

3k fun run through inflatables, powder paint and foam!



Video game themed!



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Azi

The Bandits

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New Reception Parents Coffee Meeting
We are holding a coffee meeting for parents
of our new Reception September 2023
intake on
Thursday 18th May @ 9.15am and 6.30pm



CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION

5th May 2023

SANDWICHES

Tuna and Cucumber

Ham and Salad

Cheese and Tomato

SIDES

Pizza Whirl

Potato Wedges

Carrot & Cucumber Batons

DESSERTS

Victoria Sponge Cupcake

Fresh Fruit

Schools Walk the Wight

with



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Sunday 14 May 2023

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SUMMER 1 2023 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer 1 edition of our outdoor learning newsletter.

After a sunny Easter, the signs of spring are all around us. As you head outside with your children to explore the sights, sounds and smells of spring, why not use the Tree ID sheets from the Woodland Trust to identify budding trees, blossoms and their tree leaves.

Their Tree Tools for Schools website also has a number of signs of spring activity sheets including Spring Spotter Sheet and Sounds of Spring.



The theme for our newsletter this half term is **Fieldwork**.

The Geographical Association is promoting **National Fieldwork Fortnight** from **26 June to 7 July 2023**, to encourage teachers and schools to return to organising fieldwork visits again after the challenges of recent years, which severely reduced activities both in and out of school. This year's theme is 'Environment'. You can be flexible as to when you celebrate fieldwork fortnight. The important thing is to go out and do some fieldwork! There are lots of fieldwork ideas for all ages on their website.

Read on to find an article by Kate Broadribb, Geography Advisor & Secondary Phase Inspector for HIAS. She considers the place of fieldwork in the National Curriculum, and with some brilliant examples and both Minstead and Stubbington Study Centres also share some fieldwork ideas.



Trailblazer Fieldwork Resources

We have a number of free **Trailblazer** activity sheets to help you safely deliver fieldwork this summer:



- **River Studies Fieldwork** - Advice and techniques for planning and conducting river fieldwork with follow up activities.
- **Beach Studies Fieldwork and Follow Up Activities** - Advice and techniques for planning and conducting coastal fieldwork with follow up activities.
- **Mud and Soil Activities** - Ideas to make playing in the mud fun and a variety of activities and investigations to understand soil and its importance.





**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).**
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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.

**To Book: Text your child's name, school, year group
and parent name to 07594 389531**