



Wootton Community Primary School

28th April 2023

Dates for 2023 (subject to change):

- **Monday 1st May**—Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 2nd May**—NEU Strike Day
- **Friday 5th May**—The Royal Disco
- **Monday 8th May**—Bank Holiday
- **Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May**—KS2 SATS
- **Tuesday 23rd May**—Y3 class trip
- **Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th May**—Year 6 Residential

Break up for half-term
Friday 26th May 2023,
return Monday 5th June 2023

- **Tuesday 6th June** —Y5 Class trip
- **Thursday 8th June**—Y2 class trip
- **Tuesday 27th June**—Y1 class trip
- **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 @ I I am 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 again for all your support and understanding with the industrial action yesterday and next Tuesday. I am sure you appreciate that the staff do not take their decision lightly as they are well aware of the impact this has on children and their families. School budgets are so hard to manage due to funding being reduced over the years and despite the Government sharing that schools will be given additional funding, this will potentially not be used to support education but to fund salaries so it is vital that the Government rethinks school funding!

Thank you to the few parents that have offered their help with the Royal disco next Friday. The PTA could still do with a few more people so please let us know if you can support this event. At the moment the weather is looking good so we are hopeful we can go ahead outside! Please don't forget next Friday children can wear red, white and blue clothes and that there will be no hot school dinners available, due to our street party.

We had another packed Celebration assembly today listening to all the wonderful achievements children gain outside of school. Football was the theme with Kenny in Year 3 being named 'man of the match' with his football club and Cohen, Sebby and Harry all from Year 3 who were awarded a medal for taking part in a football tournament last weekend. Emily-Rose, also in Year 3, has achieved the Brownie Bronze Award and other badges; Caleb in Year 3 has passed the brown stripe belt in martial arts and Sadie in Year 5 gained a merit for her performance at the Isle of Wight Arts and Drama Festival. Well done everyone!

We also congratulated our Numbots stars this week. Our top five children who have gained the most coins over the last seven days are first place Cassie in Year 2, second place Roxy also in Year 2, third place Willow in Year 3, fourth place Patryk in Year 1 and fifth place Jessica also in Year 1, super work!

This week we congratulated the top five coin earners over the last seven days in TTRS. First place is Koby in Year 5, second place Spencer also in Year 5, third place Oliver again in Year 5, fourth place Dylan in Year 3 and fifth place Tyler in Year 5, great work everyone!

Once a month a range of representatives from St Marks Church attend our Monday morning assembly to share a story or information with us. They are really keen to grow their numbers at church and in particular see young families attend their services and events. This Sunday their service is a Songs of Praise event when they will be singing a range of songs, several of which the children will know from school. If you would like to join the service then please go along on Sunday to St Marks.

Thank you to Dotty's dad in Reception, Jake's dad in Year 1 and Phoenix R's mum in Year 5 for their help this morning to move the reading shed. We can now get on with the furniture for this so that the children can use it.

Please remember that Years 1, 3 and 4 will not be in school on Tuesday, unless they have been allocated a place in the critical worker group.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the Bank Holiday.



Jane Wilford
Headteacher

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

WHAT RECEPTION HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week in Reception class we have been busy doing some writing related to our chicks that we had in class on Friday. A big focus for us this term is to remember to use finger spaces and be able to read our sentences back to an adult. We also now have tadpoles in our class so we have had the opportunity to write about these as well. Once the tadpoles are a bit bigger we will add them to our pond and hopefully the frogs will choose to stay in our pond area. In Maths this week we have been using gold pirate coins to work out our number bonds and recall them where possible. We have started to draw pirate maps and have been busy walking the plank using our tough tray, two tyres and a scaffold board. We also have some new sand for the sand pit so the children have enjoyed making castles and generally having lots of fun!

WHAT YEAR 1 HAVE BEEN UP TO

In English this week we wrote a postcard, using time words to explain the events in the story. We also practised writing the days of the week using capital letters. After this, we looked at the features of a fact file and started to think about the information we will include in our own fact files. In Maths we continued to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Then we solved problems by making equal groups of 2, 5 and 10. In Geography we learnt about the equator and identified hot and cold countries on a map of the world. After this, we learnt about the Sahara desert. We found out about the weather, the animals that live there and the plants that grow there. In Science we thought about the weather in spring and we have measured the temperature every day this week.

WHAT YEAR 2 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Wow, what amazing work Year 2 have produced this week! We have been incredibly busy in English writing character descriptions and WANTED posters for the witch who has stolen all the happy endings. Have you spotted her? Keep your eyes peeled...

In Maths we have shown off our expert skills in adding and subtracting two-digit numbers using number lines to represent our working, and have solved some very tricky problems with more than one step. In History we started exploring how life was different 400 years ago, comparing buildings, transport and jobs with the modern day. None of us fancied being a gong farmer back in 1666! In Science we have begun to investigate how we can categorise living and non-living things, including those which are dead or have never been alive. Finally in Art we have been looking at Monet's series of paintings of the Houses of Parliament in different lights and have begun to sketch an outline of this famous building for our silhouette pictures. Well done for a very busy and hard working week!

WHAT YEAR 3 HAVE BEEN UP TO

Year 3 has had another fantastic week! This week in English we looked at different sentence types. The children explored using a variety of conjunctions to turn simple sentences into compound sentences. We then applied these new skills to summarise the events that happened in Chapter 2 of our current book. The class has really been working on their writing pace, and the amount of quality writing they are producing each lesson.

In Maths, we have been looking at multiplication and division facts. We used our related facts to solve problems. We then introduced the concept of dividing and being left with a remainder. This was tricky but the whole class persevered really well and we will all continue to work on this next week.

In computing this week we looked at building our typing skills. The children used Purple Mash games to practice typing letters and words before moving onto exploring Microsoft Word. The children learnt how to open a new document and had a go at typing a few sentences.

In DT, the children started looking at Roman catapults. The children are very excited to design and create catapults of their own in the coming weeks.

Keep up the good work ,Year 3!

WHAT YEAR 4 HAVE BEEN UP

It's been a busy week in Year 4. The children have really enjoyed reading the first part of the story The Lion and the Unicorn. In their learning, they have sequenced the events and decided how to

group events together for their paragraphs, They have also gathered vocabulary and rehearsed Sentences using apostrophes. Finally on Friday, they retold the opening in their own words. In Maths, our focus has been on adding four digit numbers. Within this we have looked at securing our use of the formal method, solving missing number problems and beginning to answer 2 - step problems.

Alongside this, pupils have used code to move an image on a grid, they have learnt all about Operation Pied Piper and they have identified potential hazards in a kitchen.

WHAT YEAR 5 HAVE BEEN UP TO

It has been a fab week in year 5. In English we have spent a great deal of time exploring powerful vocabulary and improving our use of emotive language. This skill has been used to great effect by writing a persuasive letter. In Maths, we have explored translation, reflection, coordinates and have now moved onto our new topic of using a range of pictorial representations to solve multi step problems. In Science, we have researched the life cycle of a bird and learned the characteristics of what makes an animal a bird. In Geography, we began our topic by studying Australasia/Oceania. The children learned where the continent is on the globe, what oceans and seas surround it and what countries are part of it. However, the highlight of the week has been watching the children choreograph parts of our coronation dance for next week.

WHAT YEAR 6 HAVE BEEN UP TO

This week we have been working really hard on revising lots of different mathematical concepts. The children have shown how much their confidence has grown and how their accuracy has improved this year. In English, our focus has been on grammar revision and on reading skills. The children are particularly strong at making inferences and retrieving information from a text. In Science, we learned about how animals have adapted over time to better suit their habitats, and in Geography we have begun to focus on California. During our Art lesson, we started to develop simple cartoon strips to demonstrate how important it is to use different perspectives to keep a reader's interest. Well done Year Six, on a very busy but productive week.

DINNER MENU

MONDAY— Cheese and Tomato Pizza, or Vegetarian Bolognese with Berry Flapjack and Fruit for pudding.

TUESDAY— Pork Sausages and Mash or Tomato Vegetable Burger with Shortbread for pudding

WEDNESDAY— Roast Pork , or Cheesy Ploughman's Picnic Plate with Chocolate Brownie and Fruit for pudding.

THURSDAY - Fish Fingers and Chips, or Vegetarian Dippers and Chips with Ice Cream for pudding.

FRIDAY— King's Coronation Menu (see attached)

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

Ollie & Dotty

Poppy

Ronnie

Sebby

Eneah

Layla

Ben

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	94.8	92.0
Murphy	98.3	93.7
Gravett	87.1	93.4
Hughes	95.3	93.8
Pullman	98.5	95.2
Horowitz	98.9	93.8
Blackman	97.6	93.1
Whole School	95.8	93.6

The class with the best attendance this week is:
PULLMAN

	Lates This Week	Lates since September
Donaldson	1	20
Murphy	0	31
Gravett	1	40
Hughes	2	50
Pullman	1	36
Horowitz	1	31
Blackman	1	38
Whole School	7	28
Total Minutes	190	4459

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



WESSEX
CANCER TRUST

Entertainment village for a full day of fun



 RAINBOW RUN
BUBBLE FUN
2023

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



video game themed!



SUNDAY, 25 JUNE 2023 | IW COUNTY SHOWGROUND

With live entertainment from:

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CANDY

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The
Bandits

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Wessex Cancer Trust, a charity registered in England and Wales (1110216)

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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



WOOTTON PRIMARY INVITES YOU TO

THE ROYAL DISCO

WITH DJ WILFORD ON THE DECKS



FRIDAY, MAY 5TH, 5-6.30PM

£1 PP ON THE GATE
UNDER 1S GO FREE

DRINKS & SWEETS & BUBBLES & GLOW
STICKS AVAILABLE TO BUY!

IF THE WEATHER IS WET KS2 CAN ATTEND ON THEIR OWN



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.



Schools Walk the Wight

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Mountbatten



Sunday 14 May 2023

Register online: www.mountbatten.org.uk/swtw



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After School Clay Club

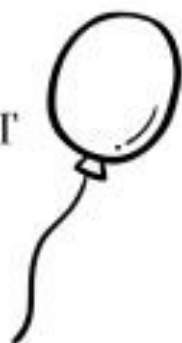
Mondays 4pm until 5:30pm
Sessions start 17th April
at Tregear Pottery, Niton

An exciting and unique opportunity for your child to learn a variety of making techniques in our working pottery studio. Over a 6 week period, we will explore wheel throwing, sculpting and modelling and follow the pottery processes through to completion, finishing with a range of glazed and fired pieces to take home.

Spaces are limited so please contact us as soon as possible to secure your spot, email us at:
isleofwightpottery@gmail.com

£108 for 6 weeks





Pottery Party!

A birthday to remember
at Tregear Pottery, Niton

Your child's celebration will include
two hours of creative fun and they will
get to:

- Throw a pot on the wheel.
- Sculpt an animal.
- Decorate a mug.

We'll glaze and fire the work, so they
can keep their masterpieces!

To book email us at:
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£150 for up to
six people

